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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	13 Jun 03	<p>Handling Complaints about the Funding of Continuing Health Care</p> <p>NHS bodies and the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman are receiving complaints about the funding of continuing health care. The letter sets out guidance generally on how complaints to NHS Scotland should be handled.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>NHS Responsibility for Continuing Health Care MEL (1996) 22</p>	<p>Category: Action/Information</p> <p>For Action: NHS Chief Executives, NHS Directors of Finance, NHS Directors of Public Health.</p> <p>For Information: LA Directors of Social Work/Chief Social Work Officers, NHS CLO.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: George Whitton 0131 244 5403</p> <p>Email: George.Whitton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	16 Jun 03	<p>Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy Agents: Safe Working and the Prevention of Infection: Publication of Revised ACDP/SEAC Guidance</p> <p>Information on TSEs has been updated and published on the English Department of Health's website.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: SEHD/CMO(2003)7</p> <p>Category: Action.</p> <p>For Action: NHS Boards, Directors of Public Health, Consultants in Public Health Medicine(CD&EH); Chief Executives, NHS Trusts, SNBTS, Scottish Ambulance Service; Medical Directors, NHS Trusts,SCIEH.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Dr Peter Christie 0131 244 2806</p> <p>Email: Peter.Christie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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3	17 Jun 03	<p>Monitoring and Addressing Waiting Times to Drug Treatment and Care Services</p> <p>Substance Misuse.</p> <p>Outlining specific action for Drug and Alcohol Action Teams and statutory and voluntary sector agencies to : - Improve access to, and reduce waiting times for, drug treatment and care services in their area; and - Improve local data collection and monitoring arrangements for drug treatment waiting times , within a national information framework.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS HDL(2003)27</p> <p>Category: Action/Information</p> <p>For Action: Drug and Alcohol Action Team Chairs, Co-ordinators and Development Officers; Chief Executives, NHS Trusts & Local Authorities; Directors of Social Work.</p> <p>For Information: National Officer, Drug Action Team Association; National Alcohol Liaison Officer; Scottish Advisory Committee on Drug Misuse members; Scottish Drugs Forum; Scotland Against Drugs.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Sally Thompson 0131 244 2137</p> <p>Email: sally.thompson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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4	17 Jun 03	<p>Psychological Interventions</p> <p>Mental Health.</p> <p>A description of the contributions to all fields of healthcare which can be made by various forms of psychological intervention.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: SEHD/CMO(2003)8</p> <p>Category: Action/Information.</p> <p>For Action: Directors of Public Health; Consultants in Public Health Medicine (CD&EH); NHS Trust, Chief Executives, Medical Directors, Directors of Nursing; NHS Boards, Chief Executives, Directors of Nursing.</p> <p>For Information: Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; SMASAC.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Dr John Loudon 0131 244 2805</p> <p>Email: john.loudon@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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5	19 Jun 03	<p>Nurses' and Midwives' Pay for 2003/2004 Pay.</p> <p>Increases to Pay Scales and Cash Based Allowances.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: PCS(NM)2003/1</p> <p>Category: Action./Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHSScotland Boards, Special Health Boards, CSA, NHS Trusts.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, Health Education Board for Scotland Executive; Director NHS Education for Scotland; SPF Members; HR Forum.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Judith Ballantine 0131-244 3778</p> <p>Email: Judith.ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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6	19 Jun 03	<p>Clinical Psychologists, Trainee Clinical Psychologists, Assistant Psychologists, Child Psychotherapists, Trainee Child Psychotherapists and Assistant Psychotherapists (Child)</p> <p>Increases to National Salary Scales for 2003-04.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: PCS(SP)2003/1</p> <p>Category: Action/Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Trusts, Special Health Boards, CSA, State Hospital.</p> <p>For Information: Health Education Board for Scotland; Executive Director, NHS Education for Scotland; SPF Members; HR Forum.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Judith Ballantine 0131-244 3778</p> <p>Email: Judith.ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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