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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	29 Aug 03	<p>Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.</p> <p>Continuance of associated planning work.</p> <p>Click Here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action / Information</p> <p>For Action: Directors of Public Health: Medical Directors, NHS Trusts: CPHMs(CD&EH): SCIEH Alert: NHS Alert.</p> <p>For Information: LHCC Leads: GPs: Lead Clinicians in A&E Departments, Intensive Care Units, High Dependency Units: Consultant Microbiologists & Neurologists: Infection Control Teams: Consultant Physicians: Consultant Paediatricians: Nurse Directors, NHS Trusts: Chief Executives, NHS Boards & Trusts.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Dr Andrew Fraser (DCMO) 0131 244 2270</p> <p>Email: andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	29 Aug 03	<p>Fireworks Injuries.</p> <p>The figures released on the 28th August 2003 by the Information and Statistics Division for the Scottish firework injuries showed a second yearly rise of 35%, (total injured was 120), of whom 55% were aged under 16 years old. In response, the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr Andrew Fraser has alerted NHS Boards and Trusts and requested support in terms of targeted publicity from the Association of Chief Police Officers and Chief Firemasters in Scotland.</p> <p>Click Here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action/Information.</p> <p>For Action: Directors of Public Health: Medical Director, Scottish Ambulance Service: NHS24 Alert: SCIEH Alert.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Boards & Trusts: Dr Rod Muir</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Dr Andrew Fraser (DCMO) 0131 244 2270</p> <p>Email: andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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3	1 Sep 03	<p>Consultation Workshops on OHS Peer Review System and Minimum Dataset.</p> <p>HR, Occupational Health & Safety.</p> <p>The letter provides information about three forthcoming workshops on the occupational health and safety peer review system and occupational health and safety minimum dataset collection .</p> <p>Click Here to view</p>	Towards a Safer Healthier Workplace	<p>Category: Action / Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives NHS Boards, Special Health Boards, CSA, State Hospital and NHS Trusts.</p> <p>For Information: Human Resources Forum, Local Partnership Forums and Occupational Health Directors.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Claire Faichney 0131 244 3006</p> <p>Email: claire.faichney@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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4	3 Sep 03	<p>Replacement of Single Adsorbed Diphtheria Vaccine for Adults and Adolescents by Combined Tetanus/Low Dose Diphtheria Vaccine.</p> <p>Adsorbed diphtheria vaccine for adults (d) is being replaced by the combined Tetanus/lowdose diphtheria vaccine for adults and adolescents (Td) for all routine uses.</p> <p>Click Here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action / Information</p> <p>For Action: Medical Directors, NHS Trusts: Immunisation Co-ordinators: Scottish Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health: NHS24: Clinical Director SCIEH.</p> <p>For Information: GPs and out of hours services, Practice Nurses, Non-Principals: Immunisation and Travel Clinics: Community Pharmacists.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Dr Andrew Fraser (DCMO) 0131 244 2270</p> <p>Email: andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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5	3 Sep 03	<p>Thiomersal.</p> <p>Response to press coverage about thiomersal-containing vaccines.</p> <p>Click Here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action / Information</p> <p>For Action: Directors of Public Health:Medical Directors, NHS Trusts: Consultants in Public Health Medicine (CD&EH).</p> <p>For Information: LHCC Leads: GPs: Lead Clinicians in A&E Departments, Intensive Care Units, High Dependency Units: Consultant Physicians: Consultant Paediatricians: Nurse Directors of NHS Trusts: Chief Executives, NHS Boards: All those participating in NHS Board Immunisation Programmes.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Dr Andrew Fraser (DCMO) 0131 244 2270</p> <p>Email: andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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