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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	26 Sep 03	<p>Review of Specialist Paediatric Services.</p> <p>The letter outlines arrangements for a Scotland-wide review of specialist paediatric services to support development of regional planning in Scotland, led by the Child Health Support Group. It describes the background to the review, the methodology, and the proposed timescales and outputs.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>Making It Work For Scotland's Children - an overview report of the Child Health Support Group.</p>	<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL(2003)43</p> <p>Category: Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chairs, Regional Planning Group; NHS Board Chief Executives.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Directors of Public Health; Directors of Finance; Nursing Directors, NHS Boards; Directors of Planning, Medical Directors/ Nursing Directors, NHS Trusts; Chairmen, Regional Cancer Advisory Groups.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Robert Stevenson 0131 244 4088</p> <p>Email: robert.stevenson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	26 Sep 03	<p>Protecting Women against Rubella: Switch from Single Rubella Vaccine to MMR</p> <p>Imminent and unavoidable change in vaccines availability.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: SEHD/CMO(2003)11</p> <p>Category: Action/Information</p> <p>For Action: GPs; Community Pharmacists; Health Visitors; Practice Nurses; District Nurses; Consultants in Public Health Medicine/ Immunisation Co-ordinators; Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Trusts; Directors of Occupational Health; Chief Pharmacists, NHS Trusts.</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Human Resources; Directors of Public Health; Director, SCIEH; Scottish General Practitioners Cttee; Scottish Pharmaceutical General Cttee; Director, CSA; General Manager, Practitioner Services Division; Directors of Social Work; Medical Directors, NHS Trusts; Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; Directors of Nursing, NHS Boards and Trusts.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Wendy McKendrick 0131 244 2503 Dr E Stewart 0131 244 2158</p> <p>Email: wendy.mckendrick@scotland.gsi.gov.uk dr.elizabeth.stewart@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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3	25 Sep 03	<p>The Code of Practice - Consultation Document.</p> <p>Health – HAI.</p> <p>The code of practice defines local management powers and responsibilities for delivering safe clinical care through high standards of hygiene in the healthcare environment.</p> <p>Response deadline.....19 December 2003</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action.</p> <p>For Information: For Professional Healthcare Recipients.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 19 Dec 03</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Chris Bergin 0131 244 2629</p> <p>Email: christopher.bergin@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
4	24 Sep 03	<p>Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS), discussion paper.</p> <p>Department of Health consultation document titled "Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme, discussion paper" invites interested parties to contribute to a review of the current scheme and formally consults on the Government's proposals for the PPRS. The consultation can be accessed here. Please respond direct to the Department of Health at www.doh.gov.uk/pprs.</p> <p>Response deadline.....31 October 2003</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Consultation.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Primary Care Trusts.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 31 Oct 03</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Norma Darroch 0131 244 2516</p> <p>Email: norma.darroch@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

5	22 Sep 03	<p>General Dental Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction of Pension Credit2. Revised Forms GP17 nd GP17PR3. Form GP14. <p>This letter advises NHS Boards, Primary Care Trusts and Practitioner Services of a change in entitlement to free NHS dental treatment as a result of the introduction of Pension Credit with effect from 6 October 2003.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS: 2003 PCA(D)15</p> <p>Category: Action, Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, Primary Care Trusts; Director, Practitioner Services.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, Common Services Agency.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2469</p> <p>Email: Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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6	22 Sep 03	<p>General Ophthalmic Services 1. Introduction of Pension Credit 2. Revised GOS(S) Forms.</p> <p>This letter advises NHS Boards, Primary Care Trusts and Practitioner Services of a change in entitlement to free NHS sight tests and vouchers towards the cost of glasses or contact lenses as a result of the introduction of Pension Credit with effect from 6 October 2003.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS: 2003 PCA(O)4</p> <p>Category: Action, Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts and NHS Boards; Director, Practitioner Services.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS Boards and Common Services Agency .</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2466</p> <p>Email: Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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7	22 Sep 03	<p>General Medical Services: Supplementary Medical Lists Removal of Patients from General Practitioners' Lists.</p> <p>This circular provides additional guidance on supplementary medical lists. It also revokes the requirement to remove patients from their GP's list where they suffer mental illness and spend 2 years in hospital as a consequence of their condition.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: PCA(M)(2003)18.</p> <p>Category: Action/Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives of NHS Primary Care Trusts& Boards; General Practitioners.</p> <p>For Information: Director of Practitioner Services, Common Services Agency; General Manager, Common Services Agency.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: John Davidson 0131 244 2331</p> <p>Email: John.W.Davidson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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8	19 Sep 03	<p>Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Related Leave.</p> <p>This circular notifies employers of change to General Whitley Council agreements.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: PCS(GC)2003/1</p> <p>Category: Action/ Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Special Health Boards, CSA, State Hospital Board for Scotland, NHSScotland Trusts.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland; Executive Director, NHS Education for Scotland; Members, SPF; Members, HR Forum.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Ms Judith Ballantine 0131-244 3778</p> <p>Email: judith.ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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9	19 Sep 03	<p>Safety of Venlafaxine in Children and Adolescents under 18 Years in the Treatment of Depressive Illness.</p> <p>Copy of a message from Professor Gordon Duff, Chairman, Committee on Safety of Medicines, regarding Venlafaxine.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action/Information.</p> <p>For Action: Directors of Public Health; Medical Directors, NHS Trusts; Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; NHS 24.</p> <p>For Information: GPs; Practice Nurses and Non-Principals; Deputising Services; Consultant Psychiatrists; Consultant Paediatricians; Trust Chief Pharmacists; Medicines Information Pharmacists; Directors of Nursing; Medical Prescribing Advisers; Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Community Pharmacists.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Pamela Warrington 0131 244 2270</p> <p>Email: pamela.warrington@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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10	18 Sep 03	<p>Decontamination - NSSScotland Sterile Services Provision Review Group (Glennie Group).</p> <p>Sterile Services Provision - reiteration of deadlines for interim and full compliance of Glennie TRs; achievement of TRs in Primary Care, Dental Hospitals and Independent Hospitals; decontamination of endoscopes; instrument tracking systems; and a reminder of the requirements on risk categorisation for all types of CJD.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS HDL(2003)42</p> <p>Category: Action/ Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Trusts, Common Services Agency, Scottish Ambulance Service, State Hospitals Board for Scotland; Directors of Finance, NHS Boards and Trusts; General Managers, Independent Hospitals; Chief Administrative Dental Officer, Dental Hospitals.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS QIS; Director, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS Education for Scotland; Medical and Nursing Directors; Medical Director, SCIEH.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Ross Scott 0131 244 2363</p> <p>Email: ross.scott@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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