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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	24 Nov 03	<p>NHSScotland Best Procurement Implementation (BPI) Programme</p> <p>Procurement</p> <p>To inform Senior Managers of the key objectives and benefits of the BPI Programme and to engage their support of the programme.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives and Directors of Finance, NHS Trusts and Boards and Special Health Boards.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Alison Meldrum 0131 244 2271</p> <p>Email: nhssbpi@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
2	21 Nov 03	<p>Personal Medical Services in NHSScotland</p> <p>Personal Medical Services</p> <p>The legislative context and policy direction for PMS (which will, in future, be referred to as Section 17C arrangements) in Scotland.</p> <p>The future use of the PMS investment and support funding, quality markers in Section 17C arrangements and the extent of services to be provided.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill</p>	<p>Category: Information</p> <p>For Action: PMS Contacts</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: John Petrie 0131 244 2680</p> <p>Email: john.petrie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

3	20 Nov 03	<p>Modernising NHS Dental Services in Scotland: Consultation</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Consultation paper seeking views on a range of issues concerning the future of NHS Dentistry in Scotland.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Consultation</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Trusts; Scottish Association of Health Councils Committee; Scottish Health Council Communicators; Unions.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 5 Mar 2004</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Eric Gray 0131 244 2467</p> <p>Email: eric.gray@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
4	17 Nov 03	<p>Talking Matters - Developing the Communication Skills of Doctors</p> <p>Health - Professional Education and Development</p> <p>Talking Matters has been written to stimulate debate and raise awareness of the issues surrounding the benefits of good communication skills and the need for further development of these with doctors.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information and Awareness Raising</p> <p>For Information: NHS Medical Directors; Chief Executives and HR Directors; Royal Colleges; Postgraduate Deans; NES.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Alison Hampton 0131 244 2377</p> <p>Email: alison.hampton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

5	6 Nov 03	<p>NHS National Priorities and Local Health Plan Guidance: 2004/05</p> <p>Health Improvement</p> <p>HDL sets out 12 NHS National Priorities for 2004/05 and outlines minor changes (textual), arising from this year's review of Local Health Plan Guidance, to the timetabled procedures for LHPs.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL(2003)56</p> <p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, Special Health Boards.</p> <p>For Information: none</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 16 Jan 2004</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Andy Smith 0131 244 6918</p> <p>Email: andrew.smith2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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