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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	10 Dec 03	<p>Mental Health Services Assessment</p> <p>Mental Health</p> <p>Announces publication of the National Mental Health Services Assessment Interim Report and 15 individual locality reports.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, Local Authorities</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Social Work; Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Chief Executive, CoSLA; Chief Executive, ADSW.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: David Bolger 0131 244 3749</p> <p>Email: David.Bolger@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
2	10 Dec 03	<p>Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors - Use in Children and Adolescents with Major Depressive Disorder</p> <p>Safety of Medicines</p> <p>The outcome of the review by the Expert Working Group of the Committee of Safety of Medicines on the safety and efficacy of the SSRI class in the treatment of paediatric major depressive disorder.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information</p> <p>For Action: Directors of Public Health; Medical Directors, NHS Trusts and Boards; Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; NHS24</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Mr W Scott 0131 244 2270</p> <p>Email: Bill.scott@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

3	9 Dec 03	<p>Community Health Partnerships and Mental Health Services</p> <p>Mental Health</p> <p>Attached announces the appointment and planned work of a multi agency representative Short Life Working Group to provide (by April 2004) a core set of principles for service planners with guidance on models of good practice for jointly planned and delivered mental health promotion, prevention and care services within local Mental Health systems and partnerships.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, Local Authorities.</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Social Work; Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Chief Executive, CoSLA; Chief Executive, ADSW.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Tim Montgomery 0131 244 3613</p> <p>Email: Tim.Montgomery@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
4	3 Dec 03	<p>Further Advice on Safety Risk of HRT: Risk:Benefit Unfavourable for First-Line Use in Prevention of Osteoporosis</p> <p>HRT Benefits and Risks</p> <p>Further advice on detailed review of recent studies regarding long term risks and benefits of HRT.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Public Health; Medical Directors, NHS Trusts and Boards; Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; NHS24.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Marion Collins 0131 244 2292</p> <p>Email: cmo@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

5	2 Dec 03	<p>New Category of Prescribers of Medicines and Appliances – Appropriately Qualified Nurses and Pharmacists</p> <p>Prescribing</p> <p>Advises NHS Boards and Trusts of the administrative and procedural steps needed to enable registered nurses and registered midwives to act as supplementary prescribers.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL (2003) 61</p> <p>Category: Information and Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Chief Executive, Common Services Agency.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, State Hospitals Board for Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland; Executive Director, NHS Education; Chief Executive, NHS Quality Improvement; Directors of Primary Care</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Maureen McFarlane 0131-244 2597</p> <p>Email: maureen.mcfarlane@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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6	26 Nov 03	<p>Supplementary Prescribing by Nurses within NHSScotland - a Guide for Implementation</p> <p>Prescribing</p> <p>This guide sets out the administrative and procedural steps needed to enable registered nurses and registered midwives to act as supplementary prescribers. It also provides advice on good practice for supplementary prescribers and their independent prescriber partner (doctor or dentist).</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Trusts.</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Primary Care.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Gillian Overton 0131-244 3573</p> <p>Email: gillian.overton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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