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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	21 Jan 04	<p>Appliance Contractors</p> <p>Appliance Contractors</p> <p>We are reviewing the results of the Appliance Contractors consultation undertaken last year and, to better evaluate the implications of the central tendering option, further information is required.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Trusts.</p> <p>For Information: Finance Directors; Trust Chief Pharmacists.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 27 February 2004</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Mr James H White 0131 244 3433</p> <p>Email: James.White@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	21 Jan 04	<p>New GMS Contract - Implementation Schedule of Key Tasks, Milestones and Responsibilities</p> <p>Human Resources</p> <p>This circular includes a schedule of key tasks, milestones and responsibilities which describes what needs to be done, by whom and when, primarily in the period up until 1 April 2004 in preparing for the introduction of the new GMS Contract on 1 April 2004.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: PCA(M)(2004)3</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, Primary Care Trusts; Chief Executives, Island NHS Boards; Chief Executives, NHS Boards; General Medical Practitioners.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Director of Practitioner Services Division, Common Services Agency.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: John Hannah 0131 244 2465</p> <p>Email: john.hannah@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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3	19 Jan 04	<p>Pharmaceutical Services</p> <p>Pharmaceutical Services</p> <p>Further to the recent allocation letter for 2004-2005, additional guidance on the provision to be made in respect of pharmaceutical services.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Finance Directors, NHS Boards.</p> <p>For Information: Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; Trust Chief Pharmacists; Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 27 February 2004</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Mr James H White 0131 244 3433</p> <p>Email: James.White@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
4	13 Jan 04	<p>Community Health Partnership Development Group (CHPDG)</p> <p>Community Health Partnerships</p> <p>Following the launch information circulated by Trevor Jones in November 2003, there has been substantial interest in, and a range of enquiries about, the developing work programme of the group, and support available in local areas. The purpose of this letter is to provide further information, and clarification responding to some of the issues raised.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>Category: Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Trusts, Local Authorities.</p> <p>For Information: Medical Directors; Chair of Association of LHCCs; NHS Board Clinical Forums; Members of CHPDG; also copied to SEHD, Directors and Head of Branch.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Vicky Irons 0131 244 3025</p> <p>Email: vicky.iron@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

5	12 Jan 04	<p>Developments in the Provision of Domiciliary Oxygen Therapy Services (DOTS)</p> <p>Advises of forthcoming changes to the domiciliary oxygen therapy service (DOTS). Service arrangements are to be revised in accordance with an announcement made by the Minister for Health and Community Care on 6 October 2003.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL(2004)01</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</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: Mrs Maureen McFarlane 0131-244 2597</p> <p>Email: maureen.mcfarlane@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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