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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	2 Mar 04	<p>Priority Treatment for War Pensioners</p> <p>This letter has been issued as a reminder about the arrangements for priority treatment of war pensioners</p> <p>General practitioners and relevant hospital staff are reminded of arrangements for priority treatments; and Directors of Finance, General Practitioners, Dentists, Opticians, Chiropodists and staff responsible for payment of invoices and travel expenses are reminded of the arrangement shown in Annex A.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL(2004)7</p> <p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Chief Executive, Common Services Agency; Chief Executive, State Hospitals Board for Scotland.</p> <p>For Information: Local Health Councils; Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS Education for Scotland.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Sandra Falconer 0131 244 2434</p> <p>Email: sandra.falconer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	2 Mar 04	<p>Supplementary Prescribers - Pharmacist Practitioners - NHS Stationery</p> <p>Pharmacist Prescribing</p> <p>Advice to NHS Boards/Trusts about the arrangements to enable pharmacist supplementary prescribers to register with the Primary Care Information Group of the Common Services Agency and obtain supplies of NHS prescription forms.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL(2004)8</p> <p>Category: Information/Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards, NHS Trusts, Common Services Agency.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, State Hospital; Executive Director, NHS Education for Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS QualityImprovement Scotland; Chief Executives, NHSScotland; Directors of Primary Care.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Mary Waugh 0131-244-2870</p> <p>Email: irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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3	1 Mar 04	<p>Uprating of residential care charging rules; National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2004; National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004</p> <p>Residential Care Charging</p> <p>Gives notice of the uprating of the Personal Expenses Allowance (PEA) and capital limits and the maximum Savings Disregard for residential care charging from 12 April, as well as of a minor correction to the regulations on the Savings Disregard and a proposed disregard of the new compensation payments for people infected with hepatitis C.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: CCD3/2004</p> <p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Local Authority Directors of Social Work.</p> <p>For Information: Relevant Voluntary Organisations; COSLA; ADSW.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Peter Stapleton 0131 244 3506</p> <p>Email: peter.stapleton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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4	1 Mar 04	<p>Exemptions from Restrictions on Parental Administration of Medicines</p> <p>Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) consultation on a) proposals to extend the range of prescription only medicines which can be administered parentally for the purpose of saving life in an emergency and b) proposal to permit the administration of smallpox vaccine by an individual in an emergency occasioned by a confirmed or suspected case of smallpox. The MHRA would welcome comments from NHSScotland. The consultation period runs from 1 March until 26 March 2004. The consultation can be accessed here. Please respond direct to the MHRA.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: MLX 301</p> <p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Trusts.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 26 March 2004</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Norma Darroch 0131 244 2516</p> <p>Email: norma.darroch@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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5	1 Mar 04	<p>National Mental Health Services Assessment - Final Report</p> <p>Mental Health</p> <p>Announces publication of Dr Sandra Grant's final report of the National Mental Health Services Assessment.</p> <p>- click to view news release; click to view report</p>		<p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and 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 45207</p> <p>Email: david.bolger@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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6	9 Feb 04	<p>Corrigendum to NHS(HDL)2003/47: Grading of Sonographers</p> <p>Grading of Sonographers</p> <p>Amendment to HDL 2003/47.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: Corrigendum to NHS(HDL)2003/47</p> <p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Trusts, NHSScotland Boards, Island Health Boards and Special Health Boards; Chief Executive, Common Services Agency; Chief Executive, State Hospital.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland; Members, Scottish Partnership Forum; Members, HR Forum.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Judith Ballantine 0131-244 3778</p> <p>Email: Judith.ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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