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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	1 Dec 04	<p>Reforming Mental Health Law Newsletter Issue 6</p> <p>Reforming Mental Health Law newsletter provides an update on current work and initiatives related to the implementation of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003. This edition covers a range of topics including: short topic guides; local authority functions; local implementation plans; training; details of a coming Learning Network event; and details of the September announcement on the headquarters location for the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>	Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003	<p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Joint Local Implementation Co-ordinators.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Local Authorities; Directors of Social Work; Voluntary Organisations; Service User and Carers; other mental health interests.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Mental Health Law Team 0131 244 2591</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:mentalhealthlaw@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">mentalhealthlaw@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

2	1 Dec 04	<p>Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy Agents: Safe Working and the Prevention of Infection: Publication of Revised ACDP Guidance</p> <p>Guidance for healthcare laboratory workers on safe working with TSEs.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> SEHD/CMO(2004)22</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Directors of Public Health; CPHMs (CD&amp;EH); NHS Board Chief Executives; NHS Board Medical Directors; Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service; Clinical Director, Health Protection Scotland.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Dr Peter Christie 0131 244 2800</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:peter.christie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">peter.christie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
3	30 Nov 04	<p>The Risk Management of HAI: a Proposed Methodology for NHSScotland Consultation Document</p> <p>The HAI Taskforce has published a guide to be used by NHSScotland for managing the risk of infection, to increase patient and workplace safety. The guide outlines ways to assess, prioritise and target those risks.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> NHSScotland.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Voluntary sector.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> Yes <b>Response Deadline:</b> 28 February 2005</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Chris Bergin 0131 244 2627</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:christopher.bergin@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">christopher.bergin@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

4	30 Nov 04	<p>Agenda for Change</p> <p>This circular notifies employers of the introduction of Agenda for Change.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCS(AFC)2004/1</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Operating Divisions and Special Health Boards; Directors of Finances, NHS Boards and Special Health Boards; Directors of Human Resources, NHS Boards and Special Health Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Members, SPRIG; Members, Scottish Partnership Forum; Members, HR Forum.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Grace Brash 0131-244 4192</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:grace.brash@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">grace.brash@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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5	26 Nov 04	<p>NHSScotland: Sterile Services Provision Review Group: Survey of Decontamination in General Dental Practice</p> <p>Following the discovery in the UK in the 1990s of variant CJD (vCJD), much work has been done to reduce the potential risk of person-to-person transmission of vCJD via re-usable surgical instruments that have been inadequately decontaminated. The Glennie Group (tasked with reviewing and upgrading NHSScotland sterile services provision) was formed as a result of the recommendations contained in the Old Report (2001), and produced the Glennie Framework in 2001.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>	<p>CDO/CMO Letter entitled: Important Information for All General Medical and Dental Practitioners, and others Engaged in Local Decontamination of Surgical Instruments</p>	<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> B37786</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Scottish Ambulance Service; State Hospitals Board for Scotland; Directors of Public Health; CPHMs (CD&amp;LEH); Care Commission; Scottish Healthcare Supplies; Clinical Director, HPS; Directors of BMA, BDA and MDDUS; General Managers of Independent Hospitals; Private Dentists, Doctors and Independent Specialist Clinics.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Mrs Colette Templeton 0131-244 2271</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:colette.templeton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">colette.templeton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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