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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	15 Nov 07	<p>Drug Alerts No 22 and 23 2007: Class 2</p> <p>FDC International Ltd are recalling any remaining stock of Betaxolol Hydrochloride eye drops 0.5% and Sodium Cromoglicate eye drops 2.0% due to rough surfaces on the bottle delivery tip.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Directors of Pharmacy.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Irene Foster 0131 244 2528</p> <p>Email: irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
2	13 Nov 07	<p>Implementation of Immunisation Programme: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine</p> <p>This letter is to provide NHS Boards, Chief Executives with information about the implementation of the HPV immunisation programme, following a recent Scottish Government press release on 26 October 2007. The new immunisation programme is intended to protect girls in Scotland against developing cervical cancer and is an exciting new development.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>CEL/Other Code: CEL(2007)17</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: NHS Board Chief Executives.</p> <p>For Information: NHS Board Communication Directors; Local Authority Chief Executives and Directors of Education.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Amanda Adams 0131 244 2278</p> <p>Email: amanda.adams@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

3	9 Nov 07	<p><i>Consultation on A Safe Prescription: Developing Nurse, Midwife and Allied Health Profession (NMAHP) Prescribing in NHS Scotland</i></p> <p>Whilst the non-medical prescribing scheme is bedding down well in certain parts of Scotland, research shows the NHS Boards would benefit from a high level strategic framework from which they can develop local NMAHP prescribing services.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Medical Directors, NHS Boards; Directors of Nursing, NHS Boards; Directors/General Managers, Community Health Partnerships; Chief Executives, Local Authorities; Chief Officers, Local Health Councils; Directors, Higher Education Institutes; Community Practitioners' and Health Visitors' Association; Alzheimer's Scotland - Action on Dementia; Association of Directors of Social Work; BDA Scotland; BMA Scotland; Community Pharmacy Scotland; Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association; Convention of Scottish Local Authorities; Disability Rights Commission; Equalities and Human Rights Commission; GMC Scotland; Help the Aged; Mental Health Foundation; NHS 24; NHS Education for Scotland; NHS Health Scotland; NHS National Services Scotland; NHS Quality Improvement Scotland; Nursing and Midwifery Council; Royal College of General Practitioners; Royal College of Midwives; Royal College of Nursing; Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh; Royal College of Psychiatrists; Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Scotland; Scottish Ambulance Service; Scottish Association of Health Councils; Scottish Consumer Council; Scottish Health Council; Scottish MEPs; Scottish NHS Confederation; Scottish Older People's Advisory Group; Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee; Scottish Pharmaceutical Federation; Scottish Pharmaceutical General Council; Scottish Practice Nurse</p>
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