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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	22 Nov 07	<p>Consultation on Options for Improvements to the Consultant Recruitment Process</p> <p>A consultation on the best way to improve and modernise the recruitment process for consultants working in the NHS was launched on 22 November. It follows research into contemporary recruitment practice and discussions with key stakeholders on the current system, which found a number of areas where it could be improved..</p> <p><a href="#">click here to view</a></p>	Review of the Appointments Process for Consultant Recruitment in Scotland	<p><b>Category:</b> Consultation</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> NHS Boards, Royal Colleges, Voluntary Sector, Professional Bodies.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> Yes <b>Response Deadline:</b> 15 February 2008</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Jenny Simons 0131 244 3482</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jenny.simons@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">jenny.simons@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
2	21 Nov 07	<p>Drug Alerts No 24, 25 and 26 2007: Class 2</p> <p>Recall of FDC International Ltd Timolol, Hypromellose and Chloramphenicol eye drops due to rough tip on the end of glass applicator.</p> <p><a href="#">click here to view</a></p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Irene Foster 0131 244 2528</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

3	20 Nov 07	<p>Update to Drug Alert No 21 2007: Drug Safety Information</p> <p>Details of where to return lumiracoxib following suspension of UK licences.</p> <p><a href="#">click here to view</a></p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Irene Foster 0131 244 2528</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
4	19 Nov 07	<p>Drug Alert No 21 2007: Drug Safety Information</p> <p>Immediate suspension of UK licences on the basis of CHM advice about the risks of severe liver reactions.</p> <p><a href="#">click here to view</a></p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Irene Foster 0131 244 2528</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

5	19 Nov 07	<p>Lumiracoxib: Suspension of UK Licences</p> <p>Attaches a message from Professor Gordon Duff, Chairman, Commission on Human Medicines, about the suspension of UK licences (marketing authorisations) due to the risk of severe liver reactions associated with lumiracoxib.</p> <p><a href="#">click here to view</a></p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Medical Directors in NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Irene Foster 0131 244 2528</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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