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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	11 Dec 07	<p>Improvement and Support Team: national improvement programmes 2008 - 2011</p> <p>The Improvement and Support Team is currently finalising the scope of 3 national improvement programmes to run from April 2008 to March 2011 in support of 'Better Health, Better Care' and delivery of new HEAT Targets. These programmes are: Long Term Conditions Collaborative Programme, Mental Health Collaborative Programme and 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment Time Improvement Programme.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>CEL/Other Code: CEL(2007)19</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: NHS Chief Executives.</p> <p>For Information: Heads/Directors of Service Improvement; OD Leads; Mental Health Service Managers; Long Term Conditions Leads/Managers.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Nicki McNaney 0131 244 3235</p> <p>Email: nicki.mcnaney@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
2	10 Dec 07	<p>Care and Support for People with Co-occurring Substance Misuse and Mental Health Problems</p> <p>Encloses a copy of "Mental Health in Scotland: Closing the Gaps - Making a Difference: Commitment 13". This is the report of an Advisory Group which was established to review and update available guidance on care and support for people with co-occurring substance misuse and mental health problems.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>Commitment 13 from 2006 published mental health targets and commitments -</p>	<p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Local Authority Chief Executives.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Alex McMahon 0131 244 2970</p> <p>Email: alex.mcmahon@scotland.gsi.goc.uk</p>