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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	5 Nov 03	<p>Influenza Notice</p> <p>Influenza</p> <p>Rise in lab and clinical report of influenza, particularly in the younger age group. Reminder re immunisation and antivirals.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Medical Directors in NHS Boards and Trusts; Directors of Public Health; Consultants in Public Health Medicine; Scottish Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; Clinical Director SCIEH; NHS24 Alert.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> General Practitioners; A&amp;E Departments; Acute Paediatric and Adult Medical Services; Consultant Microbiologists; Clinical Directors of longer stay services; Chief Executives of NHS Boards and Trusts; Community Pharmacists.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Dr Elizabeth Stewart 0131-244 2158</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:dr.elizabeth.stewart@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">dr.elizabeth.stewart@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

2	31 Oct 03	<p>Consultants Distinction Awards: a Guide to the Scheme in Scotland</p> <p>Consultants Distinction Awards</p> <p>A Guide to the Scheme in Scotland (2004 Awards Round).</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCS(DD)2003/7</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives of NHS Trusts and Boards; Chief Executive of CSA; Chief Executive of NHS Education for Scotland; Postgraduate Medical Deans; Deans of Dental Schools; Deans of Faculties of Medicine.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive of NHS Health Scotland; General Manager of State Hospitals Board for Scotland.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Ms Judith Ballantine 0131-244 3778</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Judith.ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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3	31 Oct 03	<p><b>Consultation Document</b>  Draft Guide to the Production and Provision of Information about Health and Healthcare Interventions. Originally issued under cover letter from CNO.  <b>Responses requested using the feedback form supplied within the document, and available on-line.</b></p> <p>Healthcare</p> <p>Good quality information is an integral part of good quality healthcare. The Scottish Executive Health Department regards good quality information as an essential feature of the patient-focused services that the NHS in Scotland is striving to provide.</p> <p>Click to view <a href="#">letter</a> – <a href="#">draft guide</a> – <a href="#">feedback form</a></p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Consultation</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Widely across health care professionals.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b></p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> Yes:  <b>Deadline:</b> January 31 2004</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> 0141 249 6576</p> <p><b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:Sushee.Dunn@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Sushee.Dunn@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
4	29 Oct 03	<p>Casodex 150 MG (bicalutamide): no longer indicated for treatment of localised prostate cancer</p> <p>Prostate Cancer Treatment</p> <p>Following the review of new clinical trial data, Casodex 150mg (bicalutamide) is no longer licensed for the treatment of localised prostate cancer.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Directors of Public Health; Medical Directors in NHS Trusts and Boards; Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; NHS 24.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Pamela Warrington  0131 244 2270</p> <p><b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:pamela.warrington@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">pamela.warrington@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

5	28 Oct 03	<p>Amendment to GP Appraisal Circular PCA 2003/5</p> <p>GP Appraisal Scheme</p> <p>This Circular advises the amendment to Paragraph 8 of the Circular PCA 2003/5 on the GP Appraisal Scheme.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCA(M)(2003)24</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives of NHS Trusts and Boards; HR Directors, NHS Trusts; Medical Directors, NHS Trusts; Director of Practitioner Services Division; Chief Executive, Common Services Agency; Chief Executive, State Hospital; Chief Executive, HEBS; General Practitioners.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, NES; Directors of Postgraduate GP Education.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Dr Johnstone Shaw 0131 225 4365</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Johnstone.Shaw@nes.scot.nhs.uk">Johnstone.Shaw@nes.scot.nhs.uk</a></p>
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6	28 Oct 03	<p>Performance Assessment Framework 2003/4</p> <p>Performance Management</p> <p>This letter encloses the PAF which the Department proposes to use as the basis for reviewing NHS Boards' performance for 2003/4.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> HDL(2003)53</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, Special Health Boards; Chief Executive, COSLA; Scottish Health Council.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Andy Smith 0131 244 6918</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:andrew.smith2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">andrew.smith2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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7	23 Oct 03	<p>NHS (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No 2) Regulations 2003</p> <p>Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges</p> <p>This letter advises NHS Boards and Primary Care Trusts of the newly considered NHS (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (no 2) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No 460).</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> HDL(2003)52</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Trusts and NHS Boards; Chief Executive, Common Services Agency.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, State Hospitals Board for Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland; Executive Director, NHS Education; Chief Executive, NHS Quality Improvement; Directors of Primary Care.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Mrs Maureen McFarlane 0131 244 2597</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:maureen.mcfarlane@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">maureen.mcfarlane@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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8	23 Oct 03	<p>Special Health Boards - Revisions to Capital Approvals Process</p> <p>Capital Approvals Process</p> <p>N/A</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> HDL(2003)51</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executive, Common Services Agency; Chief Executive, State Hospitals Board for Scotland; Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service Board; Chief Executive, National Waiting Times Centre; Chief Executive, NHS 24.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS Education for Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Mike Baxter 0131 244 5041</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:michael.baxter@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">michael.baxter@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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9	15 Oct 03	<p>Pay Modernisation: National Leadership</p> <p>Appointments</p> <p>Announcement of key appointments that will provide national leadership on pay modernisation and service reform.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> SEHD HDB; SEHD Heads of Branch; NHS Chairs; NHS Chief Executives; Directors of HR; Directors of Nursing; Directors of Finance; Medical Directors; Members, SPF; Members, HRF; Members, SPRIG; Members, National Workforce Committee; Regional Workforce Development Champions; Presidents of Scottish Royal Colleges; Chairs of Scottish Academy of Royal Colleges; Postgraduate Deans; Chair of Undergraduate Deans; Communications Managers.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Mark Butler 0131 244 2036</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:mark.butler@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">mark.butler@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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