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Dear Sir/Madam

DEVICES IN PRACTICE: A GUIDE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS

Summary

Device Bulletin DB9904(NI), "Medical Device Equipment Management for Hospital and Community Based Organisations", issued in October 1999 provides guidance to all those persons who have responsibility for equipment management, purchasing, maintaining and repairing medical devices. It is primarily intended for use by HSS Trusts and Private Clinics.

Increasingly, Medical Devices play a crucial role in the care and treatment provided by health and social care professionals working in primary care. The enclosed booklet, "Devices in Practice", provides a practical guide to medical devices for these professionals. In addition, this booklet can be used to support HSS Trust policies concerning medical device management (based on DB9904(NI)), for HSS Trust staff working in primary care practices.

Distribution

As it is intended for health and social care professionals working in a range of primary care settings, it has been initially distributed to each General Medical Practitioner, General Dental Practitioner and Optometrists.

HSS Boards should ensure that it is distributed to all persons having the responsibility for the premises registered under "THE REGISTERED HOMES (NI) ORDER 1992.

HSS Trusts and Boards should also make the booklet available to those voluntary and charitable organizations who provide medical devices direct to individuals or Health and Social Care organisations.

HPSS Chief Executives have been issued one copy for information and NIAIC Liaison Officers in HPSS organisations have been issued with a standard number of copies for their use. Should you require further copies or further information about this letter, please contact NIAIC at:

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