

Safety Information Message

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NHS National Services Scotland Standard Form of Indemnity

Summary

The NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) Standard Form of Indemnity is issued and developed by NHSScotland Assure Equipping Services.

This Safety Information Message is issued to advise of changes to the NSS Standard Form of Indemnity to include compliance with Data Protection Legislation.

Action

1. NHS Medical Equipment Management System (MEMS) contacts should
 - a. bring this notice to the attention of the relevant managers and staff.
 - b. update procedures to ensure that the latest version of the NSS Standard Form of Indemnity is used where applicable.
2. NHS Incidents and Alerts Safety Officers (IASOs) should ensure this notice is brought to the attention of the local Medical Device Committee.

Background Information

The NHSScotland Master Indemnity Agreement (MIA) is issued and developed by NHSScotland Assure Equipping Services Team. It indemnifies health boards in respect of equipment and other goods supplied on-loan and free-of-charge (including for trial and testing).

The NSS Standard Form of Indemnity is available for use where a supplier is not registered on the MIA and is supplying goods on-loan and free-of-charge (including for trial and testing) to NHSScotland bodies.

The NSS Standard Form of Indemnity has been recently updated to include compliance with the requirements of Data Protection Legislation.

The NSS Standard Form of Indemnity can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.nss.nhs.scot/health-facilities/equipping-services/how-the-master-indemnity-agreement-works/>

The MIA register can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.nss.nhs.scot/health-facilities/equipping-services/access-the-master-indemnity-register/>

Enquiries

Enquiries relating to the NHSScotland Master Indemnity Agreement or NSS Standard Form of Indemnity should be addressed to:

NHSScotland Assure Equipping Services. Email: nss.miascotland@nhs.scot

Information about IRIC

Incident Reporting & Investigation Centre (IRIC), Facilities Division, NHSScotland Assure
NHS National Services Scotland, Tel: 0131 275 7575, email: nss.irc@nhs.scot

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IRIC remit: general information about adverse incidents, safety alerts and IRIC's role can be found in [CEL 43 \(2009\)](#), *Safety of Health, Social Care, Estates and Facilities Equipment: NHS Board and Local Authority Responsibilities*, issued 30 October 2009.

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