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This information message is sent to draw the attention of Equipment Co-ordinators to information which may be relevant to the safety of equipment and facilities in NHS Boards and Local Authorities. Please find the information below:

Changes to IRIC Safety Alerts

Medical Device Alerts (MDAs) are published by MHRA and distributed in Scotland by IRIC. However, MHRA plans to make the MDA format obsolete in September and replace it with a new format called a National Patient Safety Alert. An official announcement is expected shortly.

Some of you will be familiar with the National Patient Safety Alert format as it has been used by NHS Improvement since late 2019. The MHRA version will use the same template so they will appear very similar.

Not all safety issues fulfil MHRA's criteria for issuing a Patient Safety Alert so we expect to see a second safety alert format, although plans have not been finalised as yet. Further details will be issued shortly.

As the Equipment Co-ordinator for your organisation, we recommend that you assess whether or not to forward this information to managers and staff within your area of responsibility who might benefit from being aware of it.

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