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# IRIC Incident Reporting & Investigation Centre

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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 local authorities and health boards.

Please find the information below:

## Changes to IRIC Safety Alerts

On 10 September we issued IM/2020/021 to advise that MHRA planned to make the Medical Device Alert (MDA) format obsolete and replace it with a new format called a National Patient Safety Alert (NatPSA). The first NatPSA was subsequently issued on 23 September.

We also informed you that not all safety issues fulfil MHRA's criteria for issuing a NatPSA and we therefore expected to see a second safety alert format. MHRA introduced the new format today. It is called a Medical Devices Safety Bulletin (MDSB) and it is expected to be issued fortnightly on a trial basis.

IRIC continues to issue MHRA safety alerts in Scotland and we will issue the new MDSB later today.

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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