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Dear Colleagues

Policy for the Identification and Labelling of Invasive Lines and Tubes

Further to our letter of 29 November 2016, please note the Regional Line Labelling Policy has recently been amended.

Please see attached the revised policy at Appendix 1.

New guidance for the Correct Placement of Labels for Line Identification has also been developed and is attached at Appendix 2

Please ensure that any previous drafts of the policy are removed and replaced with the version included with this letter.

Yours sincerely

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- Appendix 1: Policy for the Identification and Labelling of Invasive Lines and Tubes
- Appendix 2: Identification and Labelling of Invasive Lines and Tubes Poster
- Appendix 3: Guide for the Correct Placement of Labels for Line Identification
- Appendix 4: Identification and Labelling of Invasive Lines and Tubes - Label Order Prices from Henley Medical Supplies
- Appendix 5: Identification and Labelling of Invasive Lines and Tubes - Label Order Prices from Henley Medical Supplies – Henley Medical Supplies – Standard Conditions of Sale