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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 NHS Boards and Local Authorities. Please find the information .

Enquiries have been received in connection with two alerts which were issued around the same time.

Philips Respironics issued field safety notice *FSN86600050A* to their customers and MHRA published *NatPSA/2020/007/MHRA* a few days later. IRIC distributed the MHRA alert in Scotland.

The advice given in both documents did not align and the Philips field safety notice was not referenced in MHRA's alert. Both documents are attached for ease of reference.

IRIC has consulted with MHRA and is able to clarify that the actions detailed in the MHRA alert, *NatPSA/2020/007/MHRA*, should be carried out where possible until the replacement parts have been installed.

Any further enquiries should be raised with Philips Respironics on 0870 532 9741 or email [safetynoticeuki@philips.com](mailto:safetynoticeuki@philips.com)

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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