

Information Prescription Pilots – details of plans post January 2008

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1	Pilot site	Darlington PCT
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3	<p>Will you still have DH funding left at the end of Jan 2008?</p> <p>When will this funding run out?</p> <p>Will you also be using further funding from other sources to continue your work?</p> <p>What are these sources and how long will this funding last?</p>	<p>Yes. Funding has been arranged to continue healthclick until December 2008.</p> <p>Discussions are being held as to the PCT continuing to fund healthclick after December 2008 by way of a budget and staff.</p>

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4	How many information prescriptions have been issued?	May	October 800
		June	November 400
		July	December 200
		August	January 2008 300
		September 400	Total : 2100
5	How many staff have been involved in issuing information prescriptions?	Primary Care – GPs/Nurses (over 50)	Social services and other community based services & centres (starting Feb 08 – over 15)
		Secondary Care – hospitals (starting Feb 08 – 5)	Information & advice centres (over 20)
		Mental health care services (starting April 08 – 6)	Libraries (20 staff within two libraries)
6	How do you plan to consolidate and mainstream your work with current health conditions and existing staff?	<p>New conditions are being added to the website and in April 08 we aim to increase the prescribing list to evaluate it. Staff training is ongoing and events around the area will continue. Healthclick will be institutionalised within the PCT by way of incorporating it's introduction within induction and customer care training.</p> <p>With the introduction of healthclick within secondary care and social services, there will be a clear procedure laid out for the prescribing and dispensing of IPs amongst health and social care professionals. The evaluation of such work will continue to be undertaken and feedback attained from the website.</p> <p>We are looking into using SAP, once fully functional, for health and social care staff to record the provision of IPs.</p> <p>The use of IPs amongst staff in the community is already well established, especially with the community matrons and district nurses. They utilise patient held records at present and</p>	

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		<p>will continue to update PALS (or which ever department continues to host healthclick) with information for evaluation. Healthclick assists community matrons in their day to day work and also contributes towards their long term objectives of reducing hospital admissions.</p> <p>The governance of the information we use will continue to be audited and approved and a policy put in place with integrated and information governance on the process used.</p> <p>The PCT board will continue to receive updates, either annually or upon request, as to the use of and good practice learned from healthclick.</p>
7	If you intend to expand your work what are your plans?	<p>Incorporating other pilot schemes work into the search engine (ie a referral system to more supported information prescription like cancer and parkinsons) has begun and will continue throughout 2008.</p> <p>Extending the list of LTC to include glaucoma, asthma, thyroid problems and more. We get asked regularly on the website for information on other LTCs and so are making a list of those for inclusion as per patient demand.</p> <p>Currently we are in primary care and about to go live within Social Care and Secondary Care.</p> <p>We are also looking to extend healthclick to cover Co Durham once funding has been agreed for 2009.</p>

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8	Do you have the full backup and buy in of your local host organisations?	<p>Yes, support has been given from our Chief Executive, PCT Chair and a variety of Directors and Assistant Directors. All of whom are in discussion regarding funding arrangements for the future.</p> <p>The inclusion of healthclick within induction following the agreement of funding provides evidence that there has been buy in from the organisation.</p>
9	Is there any support and advice you would like from DH to help you implement your plans?	<p>Looking forward to seeing the resource pack and guidance on 'information prescriptions'.</p>