

**Information Prescription Pilots – details of plans post January 2008**

		<b>Activity</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Pilot site</b>	Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust Cystic Fibrosis Unit, Heartlands Hospital
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<b>3</b>	<p><b>Will you still have DH funding left at the end of Jan 2008?</b></p> <p><b>When will this funding run out?</b></p> <p><b>Will you also be using further funding from other sources to continue your work?</b></p> <p><b>What are these sources and how long will this funding last?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Estimated end of 2008</p> <p>Supplementary funding will come initially from the Health Information Centre Budget, but individual directorates within the organisation will be encouraged to contribute resources from their own areas to support the implementation of the Information Prescription trust wide.</p> <p>There is no specific funding for patient information, but there is funding for the health information centre. This centre plays a role in the issuing of Information Prescriptions via the postcard system of referral. The work that has taken place on the electronic information delivery system for the Information Prescription will become imbedded in the Trusts patient information strategy and opened out to include other areas as they implement the prescriptions in their areas.</p>

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<b>4</b>	<b>How many information prescriptions have been issued?</b>	May	October 48
		June	November 47
		July	December 29
		August	January 2008 19
		September 4	<b>Total 147</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>How many staff have been involved in issuing information prescriptions?</b>	Primary Care - GPs	Social services and other community based services & centres
		Secondary Care – hospitals All CF Unit staff (approx 35)	Information & advice centres All Information Centre Staff (4)
		Mental health care services	Libraries
<b>6</b>	<b>How do you plan to consolidate and mainstream your work with current health conditions and existing staff?</b>	<p>Use of the electronic patient information system is now embedded on the Cystic Fibrosis Unit and has become a regular part of the patient experience. The provision of laptops for patients in isolation bays has been a resounding success, and the feedback from the patients using this equipment has been totally positive.</p> <p>Responsibility for the Heartlands CF website has been allocated, so this should ensure that the information is regularly updated.</p> <p>The information touch screen project is nearing completion with the final editing underway. This has been designed to assist patients who are making the transition from childhood to adult care, and includes video clips of representatives from each of the areas involved in patient care i.e. Physio, Dieticians, nursing staff etc. It will also include a “virtual tour” of the Cystic Fibrosis unit, showing the various facilities available for patients. It is hoped that this information will be well used, as people can use the equipment at their own pace, and in private/</p>	

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7	<p><b>If you intend to expand your work what are your plans?</b></p> <p><b>List the health conditions involved</b></p> <p><b>List the settings and locations involved</b></p> <p><b>List the professionals and organisations involved</b></p>	<p>We will approach other directorates that have patients with chronic and/or long term conditions and invite them to participate in building up directories of information relevant to their patients. Work is already underway in a lot of areas as interest in the electronic method of storing and printing information “on demand” makes this a cost effective exercise.</p> <p>We can offer them the support of typing and producing the information, and help them to use the Health information centre as a distribution point for any other information not available in paper format i.e. CDRoms, .video etc. We are looking at providing training in writing in Plain English to assist clinical staff to author information.</p> <p>Some of the areas included in this are Diabetes, Renal, Elderly Medicine, Rhuematology and Cardiology.</p> <p>The majority of information will be available via the Patient Information Database, and this will be given to the patient by the health care professional as part of the consultation at the point of contact. Some reception areas will be pickup points for information.</p> <p>Health information request Post cards will be made available throughout the Trust for patients, relatives and carers to “self refer”. The Health information centre will act as one of the main pickup points for information.</p> <p>In the long term this approach should involve almost all clinicians who have patient contact as they should be able to make the decision as to what information is appropriate for the patient at this point in their care pathway.</p>

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<b>8</b>	<p><b>Do you have the full backup and buy in of your local host organisations?</b></p> <p><b>What senior staff support and endorse your work? Please supply names, positions, tel nos and e-mail addresses</b></p>	<p>We have worked with the CF Trust during the pilot project and this has been beneficial. We would seek to establish similar contacts with other local and national groups to support the further roll out of the information prescription to other areas.</p> <p>Dr David Honeybourne is the clinical director for Respiratory Medicine, and has been the main support through the project. Tel: 0121 424 2261.</p> <p>Jonathan Daniels is the IT Lead for the project. Tel: 0121 424 3134</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Is there any support and advice you would like from DH to help you implement your plans?</b></p>	<p>I am very interested in sharing our experiences with others in similar situations, and would like to assist with the toolkit if I can.</p>