

Information Prescription Pilots – details of plans post January 2008

		Activity
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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</p> <p>It is envisaged that this funding will be used up by the end of 2008.</p> <p>There will be no additional funding from other sources. However, I will continue to develop and implement IPs as part of my NHS funded role. I envisage that in the long term, the IP system will be an integral part of the Patient Information Service.</p> <p>N/A</p>

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4	How many information prescriptions have been issued?	May 19	October 43
		June 10	November 31
		July 12	December 13 (lower number because of Christmas break)
		August 35	January 2008 15 (IPs are now being offered through the breast unit. However, two factors have affected a lower number of IPs offered in January. The fire at the beginning of January has impacted on practice in some clinical areas while services have been returning to normal.)
		September 13	Total 191
5	How many staff have been involved in issuing information prescriptions?	Primary Care – GPs	Social services and other community based services & centres
		Secondary Care – hospitals 32	Information & advice centres 1
		Mental health care services	Libraries

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6	How do you plan to consolidate and mainstream your work with current health conditions and existing staff?	<p>1. Identifying specific information and support resources We are developing a Patient Information Prescription system, which incorporates a management interface to maintain the patient information titles and a user interface that displays all the published titles. The user interface will appear as a selectable menu of titles organised according to a predefined hierarchy. The titles of the selected documents are then inserted into the patient information prescription template, categorised according to their availability. These are either titles that can be printed or titles that are hard copies (booklet, leaflet, CD, video etc.).</p> <p>This system will initially be piloted within the clinical units used for the paper pilots and extended to other clinical groups once any teething problems have been resolved. At this stage, IPs will be promoted widely and training sessions organized for clinical staff. During the pilots, training had been arranged on a local basis.</p> <p>The system will be accessed initially on the RMH Intranet. Once it is established, we hope to offer it to our Network partners through NHS.net or our website until it can be hosted on the South West London Cancer Network website.</p> <p>2. Piloting the use of “tablets” with clinical staff We are going to pilot “tablet” computers, initially in the lung unit, for clinical staff to access the Patient Information Prescription system. This will offer the flexibility of selecting information titles while with the patient.</p> <p>3. Recording information offered to and received by a patient We are also working towards accessing the Patient Information Prescription system from within the EPR. Once documents have been selected, the offer of an information prescription needs to be recorded. Recording information offered to and received by a patient in the EPR system will enable the Trust to build up a record of a patient’s information history.</p>

7	<p>If you intend to expand your work what are your plans?</p> <p>List the health conditions involved</p> <p>List the settings and locations involved</p> <p>List the professionals and organisations involved</p>	<p>We are currently offering IPs to four clinical groups of patients. However, we plan to implement IPs so that all patients at The Royal Marsden Hospital are offered an IP in the future. We are also working with our local cancer network to explore what aspects of the IP project are transferable to other Network Trusts. Our approach is based on generating and recording an IP electronically through the EPR system and the other Network Trusts are at different stages of developing their EPR systems.</p> <p>All diagnosed cancers.</p> <p>Cancer services in local Network hospitals.</p> <p>The Royal Marsden Hospital St George's Hospital Kingston Hospital Epsom & St Helier Hospital Mayday Hospital Chelsea & Westminster Hospital South West London Cancer Network</p> <p>Clinical staff (including clinicians, specialist nurses and AHPs) who are involved in providing support and information to patients and carers.</p>
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8	<p>Do you have the full backup and buy in of your local host organisations?</p> <p>What senior staff support and endorse your work? Please supply names, positions, tel nos and e-mail addresses</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Chief Nurse fully supports the information prescription project and its ongoing development and implementation within the Trust. It has also been supported at board level.</p> <p>Shelley Dolan, Chief Nurse 020 7808 2121 (PA) shelley.dolan@rmh.nhs.uk</p>
9	<p>Is there any support and advice you would like from DH to help you implement your plans?</p>	<p>The IP website would be a useful ongoing resource for pilot sites continuing their IP work.</p> <p>It would also be helpful if the DH could clarify what national resources will be available at the end of the pilot.</p>