

4. National Service Frameworks

All [national service frameworks](#) published in the last few years have highlighted the importance of providing information to patients and carers as an integral part of the care they receive.

The [NSF for long-term neurological conditions](#) published in May 2008, includes a section on information prescriptions as part of the package of care to be provided to patients and carers.

[Cancer Reform Strategy](#) – November 2004 Section 5 includes recommendations for commissioners stating that above guidance should be fully implemented into commissioning strategies by December 2008. Information prescriptions are mentioned in some detail

[The National Dementia Strategy](#) was published by the DH in February 2009. There are a 17 objectives highlighted in the strategy. Objectives 3 and 4 highlight the value of good quality information and support services.

- Objective 3 - Good-quality information for those with diagnosed dementia and their carers. Providing people with dementia and their carers with good-quality information on the illness and on the services available, both at diagnosis and throughout the course of their care.
- Objective 4 - Enabling easy access to care, support and advice following diagnosis. A dementia adviser to facilitate easy access to appropriate care, support and advice for those diagnosed with dementia and their carers.