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A resource to help you introduce information prescriptions within your local organisations

From 2008, information prescriptions should be offered to everyone with a long-term condition or social care need by their health and social care professionals.

The web resource provides...

...your opportunity to learn from the challenges overcome by health and social care professionals during the piloting phase

...a step by step guide to successfully implement information prescriptions

...tips for securing buy in and endorsement from key groups

...the tools needed for you to address health inequalities and ensure information prescriptions are available to everyone

www.informationprescription.info/resource contains:

- getting started – how to win your organisation over
- project management – the coordinated approach
- FAQs, hot tips and check lists
- information prescriptions benefits
- a wealth of examples from pilots
 - information directories – the sources of information
 - information templates - how these sources are gathered together
 - prescribing and dispensing methods
 - engaging stakeholders
 - patient leaflets and other communications tools



Keep checking the site throughout the year as new resources and information will be added.

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Information prescriptions benefits to patients and carers

- Patients and carers feel in control
- The information prescriptions process and culture gives them permission to ask for what they need
- information can be personalised
- informed choices can be made about care
- Evidence-based treatment information is readily available
- Can choose how much information to have and when to have it.



Information prescriptions benefits to professionals

- Simple and systematic process
- Easier to find more relevant information
- Encourages self care
- Focuses on individual need
- Encourages effective multi-agency working across care pathways
- Builds patient/professional relationships and trust



Information prescriptions guide people to relevant and reliable sources of information that allows them to

- feel more in control
- better manage their condition
- maintain their independence.

Information prescriptions are becoming nationally recognised as a key source of information on services and care that is part of the overall care process.

“Information prescriptions are what people need at diagnosis, some basic idea of what it’s all about.” *Service user with Parkinson’s Disease*

“This is the first time I’ve seen information about local support services for me. I have felt so alone and this is such a relief.”
Carer for patient with Dementia

“The information prescription is written very well because sometimes it can be very scary. If you have a life threatening disease you feel afraid all the time...but then they tell you about this radiotherapy treatment and it’s not as bad as it sounds.” *Service users with prostate cancer*

If you would like to hear more from patients, carers and professionals talking about information prescriptions, request your free DVD via informationprescriptions@dh.gsi.gov.uk