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Information Prescriptions

A generic template based on findings from the National piloting programme

Following your appointment, you have been given this information prescription. We hope the extra information given here will provide you with the further help and support you want.

Name and contact details of the person giving you this information prescription:

Your local information and support centre is:

Lists of local agencies providing support and advice are available from:

National sources of information and support

NHS Choices - <http://www.nhs.uk> your gateway to health information including a directory of GP, pharmacy and hospital services, a Health A-Z, medicines information, NHS Guides including linked national information prescriptions plus much more.

NHS Direct – <http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/> provides 24hr telephone, e-health and digital TV information services direct to the public and includes an interactive self-help guide.

DirectGov – <http://www.direct.gov.uk> brings together the widest range of public service information and services online. Topics include benefits & housing advice and support for carers. DirectGov also provides direct links to directories of local advice and support services that are available through local authority websites.

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/SupportAtHome/DG_10026190

During your appointment you were asked about the information and support you feel would be most useful for you today and on the next page there is a list of the booklets, organisations and further sources of help and advice that were discussed with you.

<p>Managing conditions and how things may change - any information relating to a specific condition - such as treatment options, medicines and information on managing symptoms</p>
<p>Social care - information on social services such as respite, specialist equipment, adaptations and fittings, homecare, domiciliary and residential care, supporting carers & housing services</p>
<p>Local health & social care services – information on how to access local services</p>
<p>Voluntary and community sector organisations – information on local and national local voluntary and community sector organisations</p>
<p>Benefits, legal and finance – unemployment and housing benefit, pension information, carer's benefits, power of attorney and legal aid</p>
<p>Carers information & support – carers' advice, local support for carers, emotional support, roles for carers caring for those with specific conditions</p>
<p>Leisure and other – information about local leisure and facilities, local transport, libraries, helpful local websites, community centres, clubs and societies</p>
<p>Employment & training – condition management programme, other back to work schemes, child care services, skills and re-training programmes</p>

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