

## IP in different care settings

<b>Primary care</b>	
<b>How IPs are offered</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prescribing usually takes place in GP practices, but can also take place through home visits, day care centres, and in libraries.</li><li>• IP templates can be very quick to administer, using a simple tick box approach or signpost</li><li>• Practice nursing staff, rather than GPs, are most often involved directly in prescribing</li><li>• Much use made of self dispensing websites, pharmacies, telephone help-lines and libraries</li><li>• Additional support to disadvantaged groups provided by health visitors, volunteers and community nurses</li><li>• In-care planning sessions for those with long term conditions</li></ul>	<b>Challenges/issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Users are likely on average to spend less time with professionals than in acute, mental health and social care</li><li>• Users are likely to be able to manage their own care at the point of making contact with care professionals (although their conditions can of course become more high risk or complex)</li><li>• It can be challenging to find ways of engaging GPs in the IP process</li></ul>
<b>Secondary care</b>	
<b>How IPs are offered</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prescribing takes place during hospital consultations</li><li>• IP templates are more likely to be highly tailored, with options linked to care pathways</li><li>• Consultants can conduct initial assessment of information needs, followed by more detailed tailoring carried out by specialist nurses</li><li>• Information is made available in information centres and users have the opportunity to have information explained</li></ul>	<b>Challenges/issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The time spent by a user with a care professional is likely on average to be longer than in primary care</li><li>• The majority of users' conditions when they come into contact with secondary care will be high risk or highly complex</li><li>• Consultants and specialist nurses are generally keen to engage with the IP process</li></ul>

## Mental health

### How IPs are offered

- Prescribing takes place through care planning sessions
- Prescribing is carried out by consultants, specialist nurses or care managers
- IP templates are more likely to be highly tailored, with options linked to care pathways
- Prescribing and dispensing can take place at same sessions
- Information is made available in information centres and users have the opportunity to have information explained

### Challenges/issues

- The time spent by a user with a care professional is likely to be longer than in primary care
- Mental health consultants, nurses and care managers are generally keen to engage with the process

## Social care

### How IPs are offered

- Prescribing takes place in a range of situations, including care planning
- Prescribing is conducted by social care co-ordinators or social workers as part of existing assessment processes, such as the Single Assessment Process for older people
- Prescribing and dispensing can take place at the same time, with information handed out at assessment
- Dispensing can take place through self dispensing websites and help-lines

### Challenges/issues

- The time spent by a user with a care professional is likely to be longer than for other professionals in primary care
- Social workers are generally keen to engage with the IP process