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Patients suffering with mental health problems benefit from new technology

DOCTORS treating patients with mental health problems can now use state-of-the-art technology to dramatically improve the way treatment is given.

Cutting down on time-consuming paperwork, making clinical appointments on line, and arranging text messages to remind patients to take medication are just some of the benefits of the technology.

The software – called CareNotes – has been developed by UK company Strand Technology and is now being used by 14 NHS hospitals across the country, in the specialist mental health sector.

Graham Phillips, Managing Director of Strand Technology, said: “World Mental Health Day, on October 10, is held to raise awareness about mental health issues – and we believe the new technology now being used in many of our NHS hospitals is worth celebrating.

“Telemedicine is the key to the future in healthcare and the CareNotes system is now proving how this can transform the way people are cared for in the complex area of mental health.”

Caring for people with mental health problems often involves a range of care professionals such as psychiatrists, psychologists, teachers, counsellors, and carers.

CareNotes stores a patient’s records on a secure web-based system – so case notes can be accessed by all the specialists involved in the care process.

If you have a combination of people, for example from an NHS Trust and Social Services, who are caring for a patient, the system is ideal.

A member of the specialist team can visit the person in their own home and have direct access, if they are authorised, to the patient’s records.

More importantly, they also have access to services within hospitals – so, on a home visit, can arrange a referral and confirm the time with the patient.

Graham added: “This technology is making a real difference to the lives of people suffering with mental health problems which will ultimately lead to more successful and effective treatment of often complex conditions.”

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List of hospitals using CareNotes