

Creative ways of working keep Trusts at 'cutting edge'

Helping Trusts achieve Foundation status



MENTAL Health Trusts preparing for NHS Foundation status face a difficult challenge to meet the expectations of Connecting for Health while waiting for adequate solutions to be delivered by the agency.

Despite this, forward-thinking Trusts have been able to overcome the issue by opting for CareNotes, as an interim solution.

CareNotes is a well proven and robust solution that has been delivering administrative clinical benefits for many years, allowing Trusts to deliver levels of excellence required to achieve Foundation status.

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national solution when there is parity in functionality.

NHS Foundation Trusts have been created to devolve decision-making from central Government control to local organisations and communities.

A selection of Trusts using CareNotes, who have been assessed by Monitor and have achieved Foundation status include: South London and Maudsley; and Tavistock and Portman, and Cheshire and Wirral.

David Hannam, a Director of Strand Technology, said: "We are proud that many Trusts that have been awarded Foundation status already use CareNotes. They have chosen CareNotes as a robust interim solution that can deliver the high standards required by Foundation Trusts."

For more information, please contact Strand Technology on 0845 66 079 67.

CareNotes gives Trusts the power to decide when to take a national solution.

By using CareNotes, Trusts can use functionality now, that Connecting for Health only plans to deliver in 2009 and onwards.

Trusts are then free to move to a

Forward-thinking Trusts opt for 'interim solution' to meet the challenges of Connecting for Health

Costly Legacy systems can now be scrapped

NHS Trusts that are 'stuck' with legacy systems, while awaiting delivery of the new Connecting for Health software solution, now have a fresh opportunity to move forward. Despite having little or no capital expenditure budget, Trusts can bring

in a 'state-of-the-art' interim care record solution.

In some cases this can be achieved by utilising the Trust's existing expenditure on support and maintenance contracts associated with their legacy systems.

Strand Technology has recently signed a deal with specialist NHS finance supplier Syscap which allows Trusts to enjoy the benefits of a new solution, in a way that can be completely 'cost neutral'.

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Talks underway with NHS Security Management Service PRISM used to tackle violence against NHS staff



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The NHS Security Management Service is in discussions with Prism software developers to help tackle violence in healthcare settings.

The move will enable Prism users to electronically communicate details of security breach incidents directly to the Security Management Service (SMS) – helping Trusts to continue in their efforts to protect staff.

Initially the focus will be on physical assault incidents, with plans to extend this in the future.

The Prism dataset for capturing Incidents, and the Security Breach extension, already make the system a useful tool for security managers in NHS Trusts.

Nick Dann, from the Security Management Service, said: "NHS local security management specialists can benefit from having access to the Prism system in order to use the security incident tools."

Information sent from Prism to SMS will be registered in the SMS central database and will be accessible by



Physical assaults on NHS staff are decreasing, but there is still work to be done. The Prism risk management system is helping security specialists to make a difference.

accredited NHS security management specialists using the online tools provided by SMS.

Nick Dann added: "The Prism Risk Management system is working towards providing a communications gateway between the Trust and SMS."

Encourage

The main objective is to encourage organisations to use the security incident tools built into their local risk management system to capture and manage incidents, and also to enable SMS to be aware of these incidents.

Adrian Hibbert, Technical Manager at Strand Technology which develops the Prism risk management system, said: "This is an exciting enhancement to the Prism product.

"This will extend its reach to security staff who can now benefit from the integrated nature of the tool set."

Gateshead chooses CareNotes solution

GATESHEAD Alcohol and Drug Services has implemented the new CareNotes solutions that support work with patients being treated for Substance Misuse. CareNotes Substance Misuse is being used by around 60 staff members across a variety of NHS sites in Gateshead. The web based solution is

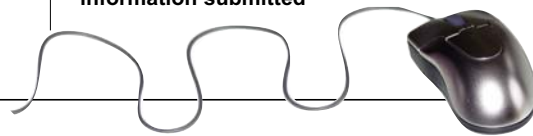
used for work including:

- Fully care planned case management.
- Prescribing for controlled drugs such as Methadone and Buprenorphine.
- Batch printing of prescriptions.
- Harm reduction interventions including needle exchange.
- NDTMS reporting.

CareNotes CAMHS delivering real benefits

THE annual CAMHS mapping exercise has always been a significant overhead for services, however services using CareNotes CAMHS have reported not only a significant improvement in the quality of information submitted

but also a reduction in the time taken to manage this annual return. To find out more, please contact Strand Technology on 0845 66 079 67.



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