

CARENOTES CRS**Innovation in Mental Health**

A complete Mental Health Care Record Solution designed by Social Workers and Mental Health clinicians that covers all aspects of the Care Programme Approach, inpatients, outpatients, day care, community and administration.

CARENOTES CAMHS**Innovation in Child and Family Mental Health**

A specific electronic care record solution that records, monitors and shares information regarding the care provided to children and their families.

CARENOTES SM**Innovation in Substance Misuse**

An Electronic Care Record solution designed specifically for the specialist requirements of Substance Misuse services.

CARENOTES NEX**Innovation in Needle Exchange**

An easy to use, secure, web based solution that logs Needle Exchange transactions without compromising client confidentiality in any way.

More choice for NHS Trusts updating IT systems

Golden opportunity to decide the way forward



NHS Trusts in Southern England are now able to choose future IT systems and have a golden opportunity to return to 'local choice'.

Following the termination of the £896million Fujitsu NHS IT upgrade contract, Trusts can use the NPfIT local ownership programme to decide their own way forward.

This new direction offers an opportunity for many Trusts to replace ageing systems which do not allow them to provide the level of patient care aspired to, and in some cases, make the completion of reporting requirements very difficult.

Strand Technology, a leading NHS software development company, is currently experiencing an upsurge in enquiries for its proven NHS care records solution CareNotes.

The solution, developed for the NHS mental health sector, has a proven track record and gives rich functionality that is ahead of the Connecting for Health plans.

When a Trust uses an interim solution like CareNotes, there is a clear migration route if or when the Trust wants to move to the National Programme.

Report by [NICOLA DUFTY](#)

David Hannam, Sales Director of Strand Technology, said: "The frustration and difficulties faced by Trusts is clear and we are now talking to a number of PCTs in the South of England who wish to move forward.

"CareNotes delivers levels of excellence that Trusts are now keen to tap into as they move away from the constraints of the past and look forward to Foundation status."

Strand Technology is also a named supplier for mental health solutions in the NHS Connecting for Health ASCC Framework Contract.

For more details, contact Strand on 0845 66 079 67.

Comments recently reported in E-Health Insider

Report in E-Health Insider Summer 2008

A series of industry analysts and experts have recommended a return to local trust choice of systems, potentially through use of CfH's recently completed Additional Supply Capability and Capacity (ASCC) framework catalogue, rather than handing the contract to an existing LSP.

Richard Bacon MP, a member of the Commons public accounts committee.

"It's time the Department of Health stopped forcing NHS trusts to wait for triple-decker buses that haven't left the drawing board. The original approach of handing over monopolies to a handful of local service providers was never going to work and has been shown not to work."

Shadow health minister, Stephen O'Brien.

"The government's attempts to ram through a top-down, centralised, one size fits all NHS supercomputer system have come crashing down."

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Leading Trust opts for proven interim IT solution

Devon PCT moves to CareNotes

Devon Primary Care Trust, which is part of the Southern cluster, chose to implement an interim CareNotes solution in Spring 2008 due to delays and uncertainty surrounding the National Programme.

The PCT introduced leading computer-based care records solution CareNotes for its Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

The system, for 350 users, gives Devon PCT a solution with rich functionality for CAMHS – including CAMHS mapping and outcomes.

It also gives a robust interim solution which fits with the PCT's strategy for the National Programme.

Alex Boa, from Strand Technology, said: "CareNotes CAMHS is designed by clinicians for clinicians – no other solution provides its breadth and depth of functionality.

"The solution can help Trusts care for clients from initial contact, through all of their spells of care and contacts with other disciplines and agencies on to their ultimate discharge."

It also provides a case note structure that can be tailored to Devon PCT's requirements and features Outpatients, Inpatients, Day Care and Community modules.

As well as CareNotes CAMHS, Strand offer three other solutions:

- **CareNotes CRS** – a complete mental health care record solution.
- **CareNotes SM** – a care record solution designed for Substance Misuse services.
- **CareNotes NEX** – a secure, web based solution that logs needle exchange transactions.



Live web demonstrations available for busy NHS professionals

HEALTHCARE professionals keen to learn more about CareNotes can take advantage of live web demonstrations – without having to leave their desks.

The demonstrations give busy NHS professionals the chance to see cutting edge technology that is now available for hospitals and mental health services.

Using just a standard PC, connected to the internet, the demonstrations are easy to

arrange and show the CareNotes 'best of breed' software in action.

Graham Phillips, Managing Director of Strand Technology, said: "Health organisations have a golden opportunity to improve the quality of care for patients by embracing best practice. The live demonstrations give a flavour of what is achievable with today's technology."

To arrange a live demonstration, please contact Alessandra Manfredi on 0845 66 079 67.



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