

Major developments announced as patient record solution moves to a Microsoft platform

# CareNotes Version 4 unveiled to wide acclaim



**Chris Tyler, Technical Director of Strand Technology, addresses the seminar at London's Regent's College.**

**SPECIALIST NHS software company Strand Technology has announced a major re-development of its leading electronic patient record solution CareNotes.**

CareNotes Version 4 was unveiled at a special seminar attended by 40 senior IT managers from some of the UK's leading Mental Health Trusts.

The new solution includes significant enhancements including a move to Microsoft's .NET Framework to provide a robust, scaleable and mainstream platform.

Chris Tyler, Technical Director of Strand Technology, said CareNotes had undergone a 'revolution' behind the scenes – but an 'evolution' at the front end.

He explained: "Evolution is an important factor in what we have done over the last eight years – but evolution can only go so far, and we

have now implemented a significant shift in terms of the underlying technology platform."

CareNotes Version 4 infrastructure utilises Microsoft ASP.NET and SQL Server 2005. Interfacing within the new version uses open standard Web Services and XML.

## New enhancements within CareNotes Version 4 include:

- An easy to use Tabbed Table View
- Support for IE7, Firefox
- PDA / Smart-Phone Interface
- Administration through the browser
- Partial Case-Note Print
- Closer National GP Database integration

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**Graham Phillips, Managing Director of Strand Technology, presents CareNotes Version 4 to existing users.**

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CareNotes is a powerful and focused patient record solution developed for the specific needs of mental health organisations.

Due to the long term care associated with mental health conditions, CareNotes has been designed to manage complex case-loads and case notes.

**Core forms**

There are 120 core forms: covering demographics, patient administration, clinical notes, assessments, care plans, prescriptions and outcome rating scales. Multi-disciplinary care teams, from clinicians to social workers, are also able to use CareNotes, increasing communication and enhancing patient care.

Graham Phillips, Managing Director of Strand Technology, said: "Version 4 provides Trusts with a state of the art administrative and clinical solution that will meet both their and the Connecting for Health requirements.

"Strand Technology's commitment of significant resources to a major re-development of its CareNotes product demonstrates that we're in this for the long-haul. "We believe that the National Programme is coming to realise that the only viable way to provide IT systems to specialist areas of the NHS is via 'best-of-breed', because the 'one-size-fits-all', acute PAS systems approach simply does not meet the needs of mental health organisations. "CareNotes Version 4 is a key step in this direction."



**John Turp, of South London and Maudsley NHS Trust.**

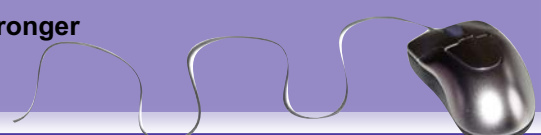
**Existing CareNotes users wishing to migrate to Version 4 are able to do so at no extra cost to their Trust – using current support packages in place. Ring 0845 66 079 67.**

**The verdict: What NHS IT professionals say..**

**A really exciting development that supports the objectives of my Trust and positions CareNotes light years ahead of anything else that is being offered to us.**

**Impressive – it's a better product than anything the National System can offer at the moment.**

**Because CareNotes is so flexible we are in a stronger position than many Trusts without this system.**



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