

Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Single Assessment Process

NEWSLETTER

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Implementation of SAP to support Delayed Discharge

Since the start of the New Year, the SAP Contact Assessment Form, and Delayed Discharge Supplement Form have been in use to support Delayed Discharge Assessment (Section 2) and Discharges (Section 5) notifications from Health to Social Services in the acute hospital settings across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

As this is the first implementation of this part of the SAP Toolset, a review of Process and use of forms is now underway, involving a Post Implementation Review Questionnaire and culminating in an all day event on Wednesday 25th February at Buckfast Abbey, where representatives from all over the patch will have the opportunity to give their feedback.

Overview Assessment Coming Soon!

Much work has been done this month on the SAP Overview Assessment. This has been designed for completion by health or social care professionals to record a detailed view of the person and their needs **in the context of their whole life**.

The form itself is currently under review by many of the project stakeholders, including the Practice Reference Group and forums such as Senior Voice. Guidance for use of the Overview Assessment is also under development, allowing initial implementation to take place in April 2004.

The Personal Overview of needs form has also been produced to allow the person to describe their need, in their own words, and to suggest potential

solutions. It is intended for use as a lead into the more formalised Overview Assessment.

Local Implementation Event - 30th January 2004

On the 30th January this year, an event was held at Buckfast Abbey attended by nominated Leads from each PCT, Acute Trust and Social Services department across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, and the Devon Partnership Trust. The object of the day was to determine the most viable framework for the local implementation of the SAP. A number of options were discussed in groups, before unanimous agreement on the option of basing implementation around local agency clusters was reached. The Project Team would like to thank all involved for their contributions to this very successful day.

Over the coming months, Local implementation teams will form, and meet, with the aim to deliver their own plans on how paper-based and IT solutions will be implemented in their areas.

SAP IM&T- Procurement Begins!

After approval was given at the December South West Peninsula Chief Executives Meeting to proceed to the Full Business Case and initiate the process for procurement of an IT system to support the SAP, an advert was placed in the Official Journal of the European Union and over 55 expressions of interest received. A short list of seven potential suppliers has now been compiled with the intention to continue the tendering process once a Lead Contracting Organisation has been named.

If you would like more information on any of these items, or any aspect of the project, please contact Gill Stanway, SAP Project Assistant, email gillian.stanway@exeter-pct.nhs.uk, phone 01392 687142, or visit the SAP Website at www.swdhis.nhs.uk/SAP