

Single Assessment Process (SAP) Newsletter Sept. 2005

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Have YOU been

SAPPED!

yet?

Implementation plans are now being drawn up by each LIT with a view to agreeing the sites and timescales for implementation of paper and eSAP. This will enable you to be familiar with the process and tools before the electronic version is introduced.

Learning & Development

Welcome Vivienne Barker, the SW Peninsula's newly appointed SAP L&D Lead. Based in St. Austell, Vivienne has been busy familiarising herself with SAP in the SW Peninsula. Vivienne is putting together a central learning resource of information, training materials and a training-needs analysis. Please send her any good training materials you have. A workshop in November is being planned for anyone who has been involved in SAP training to share experiences and plan future training
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Other Project Team News

- Jennie Stephens has a new post in the strategic health authority but will continue to oversee the Project team.

Local Implementation Teams

North Devon

Welcome to Kate Maynard, who has now taken the Lead role for the North Devon LIT. A big thank you is due to Anne Moore, previous LIT Lead, who successfully obtained agreement for the funding of eSAP and the business case. North Devon LIT has just carried out a very useful process mapping exercise to clarify exactly which SAP tools will be used and where duplication can be prevented.

Exeter/East/Mid Devon

The LIT Team continue to meet on a regular basis and are keen to keep the momentum for SAP implementation going. Several teams in the area have now successfully implemented SAP with local training for staff. An LTC (long-term conditions) team has been established in Exeter and is using SAP. A recent report highlighted improvements already in place such as:

- Hospital length of stay
- Delayed discharges
- Use of medication

Cornwall

Cornwall's LIT Team are in the process of firming up processes countywide to ensure their compatibility with SAP. Consultations are under way with independent sector colleagues with a view to

sharing cross-sector information using SAP Tools. Work is carried out on costs and the cost-benefits analysis of SAP implementation. It is expected that this will be ready some time in September.

South Devon

User held record

South Hams and Torbay have been developing and testing user-held records. The person in their home keeps all on-going care records in a single folder. Feedback has shown so far that staff, patients/service-users and carers all benefit from this improved method of communication and it will be particularly useful for Long Term Conditions and Integrated working.

Plymouth

Plymouth have just appointed a SAP Project officer which will help greatly with the implementation of SAP more widely

Four medical wards have so far expressed an interest in using SAP at Ward Manager level.

Implementation Summary

In order to have a wider picture of where SAP has been implemented so far, a 'grid' has been created for each LIT to indicate progress. This will soon be on the SAP web page with contact names for shared learning.

Electronic SAP

The recent Invitation to Tender has produced a good

response from a large number of IT suppliers. A short-list of 6-8 suppliers will be invited to present their solutions on the 7th and 8th December where practitioners, clinicians and IM&T staff will be attending (5 places per LIT) to ensure the system will meet your needs.

SAP Printed Tools update

SAP Tools are available in Word template versions (with expandable boxes to complete on computer) or non-moveable PDF versions. Please do not print out Word template versions for completing by hand as the boxes are likely to be much too small to write in!

Ordering your hard copies of the Assessment Tools will be made through EROS for Health staff or the usual ordering systems for Social Services. An order number will be supplied by your LIT lead.

In the meantime, hard copies of the PDF version are available for download here: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/sap-pro>

News from Devon Partnership Trust

Care Programme Approach and SAP

"This autumn, the Devon Partnership NHS Trust will be rolling out an Older People's Mental Health version of the Care Programme Approach (designed by staff from across

all the Devon localities and enabling direct links to social services care management.) CPA is a national requirement for NHS Mental Health services and could become the specialist Mental Health assessment component of SAP. Currently, there is a national working party looking at the relationship between CPA and SAP for all Mental Health Services."

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Devon Medication Concordance Assessment

Designed to help social care and health staff implement a structured approach to assessing an individual's medication concordance issues, this tool is being developed for use as a Specialist medication assessment for SAP in Devon. This will be used in the domiciliary care setting project to improve the medicines administration. It will also include a self-assessment form.

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STOP PRESS!

Mid Devon SS have received several Contact Assessments from GPs and also from a member of the public!

Nationally Accredited Tools testing FACE and Easy Care

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

At the last Programme Board, more time for wider consultation was agreed on the use of a nationally accredited tool (FACE or Easy Care) instead of our own. We need small tests on both tools for a cross-section of views from different professional groups and settings. ***This is your chance to influence what we use in the future with electronic SAP.*** Please contact Heather Eardley at heather.eardley@exeter-pct.nhs.uk

OH NO! NOT MORE WORK!



It's not just about giving... Receiving SAPs means less time and work – once the SAP Assessments are shared this should cut down on work for everybody. There has been some feedback that the Pack contains too many forms and will make more work – but remember each tool (form) should replace something you are already using and not all the tools have to be completed! Complete enough to evidence the type of assessment a person needs.

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