



Grampian Data Sharing Partnership

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from the Project
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Welcome to the latest edition of the Grampian Data Sharing Partnership (DSP) news letter.

The Grampian Data Sharing Partnership team is still based in Oldmeldrum and have a new administration assistant, June Jaffray, starting on 24th August 2009. Two Matching Co-ordinators have been appointed and commence on 9th September 2009; they are Michelle Anderson and Ritu Kaushik and, although they will be employed by NHS Grampian to allow them access to the Chi, they will be operating on behalf of all agencies in relation to matching. The GDSP has recently advertised for a technical officer and will expect to be in a position to appoint in the very near future

Data Sharing Nationally

Recently the central eCare team have made changes to the national viewer and the national matching tool and we await delivery of these. The central eCare team continue to liaise on a national level with Police and Education to deliver a data sharing solution. The Borders have been identified as an early implementer site for the SEEMIS adapter (Education) and will be testing in September 2009. The GDSP will be monitoring progress closely with an aim to deliver this as a solution for CPM for the relevant authorities using SEEMIS in Grampian, as soon as possible. The progress in relation to the use of ECS within the NHS for CPM is slow however another option to deliver a solution for eSSA and CPM within NHS is MiDIS: this is a consortium development for NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Lanarkshire and Tayside. NHS Tayside are likely to go live with CPM in September 2009, so watch this space!

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I reported in the Spring 2009 newsletter that it was hoped that early implementation could commence in July/August 2009 within Aberdeenshire; however, due to complications around the



installation of Care First 6 this had to be reviewed and early implementation is now planned for December 2009. An SSA planning group has been set up within Aberdeenshire to oversee the implementation of the new SSA - one of the tasks for this group is to look at training for practitioners within health and social work. The GDSP have set up a group to oversee the early implementation and this group will meet on a regular basis to ensure that the milestones identified within the early implementation plan are achieved.

The Information Governance Group (IGG) are still in the process of developing a General Data Sharing Information Sharing Protocol which will overarch practitioner guidance in relation to data sharing, the eSSA and CPM across the Grampian region.

The practitioner guidance and leaflets are being reviewed by a small sub-group, these will then go to the IGG for sign off.

Child Protection Messaging

The Child Protection Messaging workstream has been rather put on hold for the last three months as I managed to break my right leg falling off a mountain at the start of May! However all is not lost as I am now completely recovered and back in the saddle.

Grampian NHS are in the process of testing eSSA as we speak – it is intended that it will join Aberdeenshire in Early Implementation (EI) by the end of 2009; the 'Shire have made a policy decision that they will not do anything about CPM functionality until eSSA is fully up-and-running so it is not anticipated that much will happen before Spring 2010. The City are engaged in a full review of Children's Services and will implement CPM when this is complete.

As stated previously, we are watching, with interest, the progress of the SEEMIS Testing in Borders: both Aberdeenshire and Moray Education Authorities use SEEMIS and we intend to be in primary position to test and implement CPM over SEEMIS once we get the 'Green Light': to

this end I am starting to develop the User Requirement to include Schools.

Ultimately CPM technology will alert police officers, health workers, teachers and Social Workers to the existence of Child Protection issues affecting any child with whom they come in contact; CPM does not *replace* any existing warnings or practical arrangements, it reinforces those arrangements for the better protection of children.

Electronic Single Shared Assessment (eSSA)

A full delivery of the NeSSA system was due by the end of May 2009, however this was delayed. To minimise the impact of the delay it was agreed that NeSSA would be delivered in two parts: the eSSA and associated user screens were delivered on 8th June 2009. This allowed initial testing of the system to commence. The SCI Store 'look up', MAS connection, the MAS Viewer and Matching Tools were delivered on 27th July 2009. The GNHS IM&T team together with the GDSP team are currently testing this new release of NeSSA. User acceptance testing of NeSSA will be due to start by the end of Sept 09 - this will be carried out by nominated NHS staff from across the 3 CHP's. Once all testing has finished we will be in a position to sign-off NeSSA. A training plan for the NHS pilot teams is being developed and training as a whole is being looked at by the Data Sharing EI Planning Group. It is proposed that training for the NHS pilot teams will follow a cascading model and be delivered in the workplace.

Aberdeenshire Council are upgrading their social work system to CareFirst 6. The eSSA has been created and is currently out for review by the CareFirst 6 pilot teams. It is hoped that a CareFirst 6 pilot will commence in September 2009; the social work pilot teams will use CareFirst 6 for a few weeks before switching on the data sharing elements. Therefore it has been agreed that a Data Sharing EI between health and social work will commence in December 2009. The GDSP team are working closely with the CareFirst team in Aberdeenshire to ensure the various data sharing elements are in place for this to happen.

Website !

The Grampian Data Sharing Project has an excellent website that will update you on any specific aspects of the project. Visit us at:

www.grampiandatasharingproject.org.uk



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EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Grampian Data Sharing Board
Friday 18 Sept 2009, 10am - 12pm

Grampian Data Sharing Operational Group
Tuesday 25th August 2009, 2pm - 4pm

eSSA Working Group
Wednesday 26 Aug 2009, 9am - 12pm

CPM Working Group
Mon 31 Aug 2009, 2pm - 4pm

eSSA Implementation Process Day
Wed 2 Sept 2009

Important DATE!