



ICP(s) in Dementia

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What is an integrated care pathway?

- An ICP is a specified outcome of care, planned to help patients with a similar diagnosis or set of symptoms move progressively through their journey of care to achieve positive outcomes. An ICP will be based on evidence of effectiveness or on what can be agreed to be good practice.



Aspirations for a dementia ICP

- Quality improvement
- Reduced duplication of work
- Improved clarity / communication
- (Agreed expectations)



Mental health ICP standards

- Process
- Clinical
- Service



Dementia ICP standards

- 1. Dementia diagnosis
- 2. Dementia information
- 3. Particular vulnerability of PWD
- 4. Dementia cognitive impairment Rx
- 5. Dementia non-cognitive symptoms
- 6. Dementia pharmacological treatment
- 7. Dementia outcome measurement



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- Overcoming the obstacles to the improvement of dementia care
- The planning, organisation and delivery of joined up services for those with dementia and their carers

Mental health ICPs

Uncertainties for dementia

- Primary care
- Social work
- Private sector
- Voluntary sector

Dementia ICP

Process and timescale

- 2006 NHS QIS guidance
- 2007 Health board plans
- 2008 Local implementation



A dementia ICP should :

- Address service user's uniqueness
- Enhance abilities and focus on strengths
- Support carers
- Seek best Quality of Life feasible
- Be comprehensible and meet expectations



Service features

- Joint local dementia plan
- Specific acute hospital planning
- Comprehensive staff training
- No exclusion by age or diagnosis
- Referral guidance for primary care

Dementia ICP

Fundamental dilemma

- Measuring and recording enough that results are meaningful and sustainable change is enabled
- Not requesting so much information that unaffordable amounts of time are diverted from providing care



Local approaches

- Bottom up
- Pragmatic and iterative
- Anticipatory and proactive
- Based on sharing of knowledge