



What?

- Deliver a relevant Mental Health Information Strategy for Scotland.
- Develop implementation plans (who needs to do what and when).
- Stimulate ownership of the collection, sharing and use of information.

Why?

- Relevant and current information is required to support individual care decisions and wider service planning, (what works where and why).
- Better information allows better decisions to be made and better care to be delivered.

How?

- Standardised information on service user **contacts** with care professionals (who met who/the problems recorded/ the care delivered). To support local team and inter-agency working and allow collection of national statistics
- Standardised clinical inpatient **discharge summaries**.
- Standardised data on **inputs** and **outcomes**.
- Standardised data on **resource use**, including workforce profiles and financial data
- Description of the **essential components and functions** of a mental health information system.
- Partnership working to support a '**one patient, one record**' approach

Who?

- Improving Mental Health Information Programme (iMHIP), with:
- Service users, family and carers
- All health and local authority care professionals, managers, planners and policy makers
- Mental Health Division in the Scottish Executive Health Department, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland, NHS Health Scotland, NHS Education Scot, NHS24, eHealth Programme¹
- Voluntary sector

When?

Summer/Autumn 2006	Implementation testing of standardised information sets for community teams and psychiatric discharge
Autumn 2006	Work with eHealth Programme to design delivery mechanisms for Mental Health Information Strategy
Autumn/Winter 2006	Work to ensure that management data can be obtained, as far as possible, from clinical communication

Resources

- Since 2001, £112 000 has been invested in the Programme each year by the Scottish Executive and NHS National Services Scotland.
- As part of a ministerial commitment to improve information on the care received by those with a diagnosis of Schizophrenia, a further £50 000 was invested by the Scottish Executive for 04/05 and 05/06. The 06/07 allocation is currently being confirmed.

¹ See <http://www.ehealth.scot.nhs.uk>