

# update: *on CSIP/NIMHE's implementation programme for changes to the Mental Health Act 1983*

## Supervised Community Treatment (SCT) Model

The SCT modeling software tool, commissioned by CSIP/ NIMHE, is now available for download free of charge from the Implementation Programme website.

To recap, SCT is one of the main modernising amendments to the Mental Health Act 1983. The model provides an opportunity for service providers to adapt pre-set scenarios to reflect their local conditions and then see what the likely impact is on the local mental health care system over a 10 year period.

Parameters can be changed in order to measure the likely impact of changes in clinical practice and/ or service provision on the flow of patients in the system. The model has an option to save the findings as graphs showing the impact of SCT over time - providing visual prompts for discussion between services, commissioners and other stakeholders.

By launching the model in March we envisage this being an early opportunity to discuss as a local health economy the impacts of SCT. The model is free to access and once downloaded the model can be run as many times as required.

To download the model, or for further information please see [here](#). Please contact your Regional Lead for details of local training events in support of the model.

### Welcome to Update 6!

*We aim to keep you updated on the steps you need to take to implement the changes to the Mental Health Act and inform you of sources of help and advice available.*

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## Code of Practice Consultation Concluded

The consultations on the Code of Practice and secondary legislation closed on 24th January.

810 stakeholders attended the series of events held by CSIP/NIMHE as part of the Department of Health's consultation on the Code of Practice. Comments from the participants included: "*this has been a useful gathering and I have felt listened to*", "*very informative day – feel much more up to date and involved*" and "*good opportunity to go over detail of Code with people of different backgrounds*".

Over 200 responses were received, most of which were lengthy and detailed. Having considered them, the Department is currently redrafting to produce the final versions which will be laid in Parliament. A report on the consultation exercises and the Government's response to them will be published on the [DH website](#) on 24th April.

## ISAT Feedback

The first submission deadline for the Implementation Self Assessment Tool ([ISAT](#)) was 31st January. The ISAT helps providers of services under the Act to monitor progress in implementing the changes, to prioritise and to target resources to best use.

As had been anticipated, the first round showed a significant number of 'red areas', in part due to some of the key tools and products which support implementation still being under development (e.g. the Code of Practice, training materials and Employers' Guidance).

The submission deadline for the second round is 30th April. For further information, please contact your Regional Lead.

## SUCS Update

The work of the Service Users and Carers Group progresses. The Group has recently been bolstered by the appointment of two additional service-user members. Mark Drury has taken over as facilitator of the Group from Bernie O'Hare.

The Group has worked with a number of carers groups to produce a [summary of the main changes to the Act](#). Although created especially with carers in mind, it is likely to be useful to a range of other stakeholders.

In conjunction with the Department of Health, the Group has also produced a useful list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (with answers).

## NEW Resources on the Implementation Programme Microsite

The microsite (<http://mhact.csip.org.uk>) is constantly being updated with the latest information and resources. Some useful recent additions include:

- A [calendar](#) of all the programme's events
- A downloadable powerpoint [presentation](#) explaining the Act, which can be adapted to suit your own needs
- A video, [Living Through the Act](#) reflecting on the experience of being detained
- An online, 10 minute audio-visual presentation on [Values-Based Practice](#)
- A briefing prepared for ADASS on the [responsibilities and duties of LSSAs](#) (Local Social Services Authorities)
- A briefing on transitional training for [Responsible Medical Officers](#) and Section 12 doctors
- The Department of Health's current [Commencement Plan](#) for the Act.

## Forthcoming Events

### 'Partnerships for Success' – Delivering Race Equality in Mental Health

CSIP's 3rd annual DRE Conference will be taking place in London on 13 March. The Implementation Programme will have a stand there. For details and to book a place, please contact [Lauren Pugh](#).

### New Professional Roles – series of conferences

As part of the implementation programme for the new Mental Health Act, CSIP/NIMHE is running a series of conferences focusing on the challenges and opportunities of the new professional roles.

The remaining dates are: 24 April - Newmarket, 29 April - Newcastle, 8 May - Birmingham, 21 May - London, 4 June - Liverpool and 25 June - Birmingham.

Click [here](#) to download the flyer and booking form.

### 'Train the Trainer' events

During the summer, the Programme will be running a series of two day events for those who will be delivering training on the amended Act within their own organisations. Details are available from Regional Leads.

## Field Testing the New Roles - Early implementation Sites

CSIP/NIMHE's Mental Health Act Workforce Lead, Chris Merchant, is leading a project to support the early implementation of the New Roles with specific focus on establishing non-traditional professionals in Approved Mental Health Professional roles and as Approved Clinicians.

A significant number of Trusts have signed up for the project which will run from now until the end of October 2008.

Support and assistance will be given to organisations to assist them in this challenging and exciting development in mental health workforce. The project is set within the wider policy context of [New Ways of Working for Everyone](#).

This work will provide an opportunity to work through the challenges of establishing different professionals in these key new roles. The project will be evaluated and a final report produced to assist organisations not engaged in early implementation.

Any organisation not currently involved is welcome to join the project. Contact [Chris Merchant](#) for further information.

## What You Can Expect From Us!

This is the current list of the key deliverables and activities the CSIP/NIMHE Implementation Programme has been commissioned to undertake by the Department of Health.

This work involves all the regions and workstreams of the Programme and runs between now and October 2008.

- National Service User & Carer (SUCS) Group - Monthly
- Regional Implementation Steering Group meetings – Monthly
- Publish monthly Update bulletin – Ongoing
- Stakeholder Awareness – Ongoing
- Develop and support shared action plans with SHAs - Feb 08
- Commissioning Strategy for Independent Mental Health Advocacy – Mar 08
- Supervised Community Treatment (SCT), Model for planning - April 08
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy – Good Practice Guide (Web based resource) – April 08
- Recruit national trainers – April 08
- Develop training materials for Independent Mental Health Advocates – May 08
- SCT Practitioner Guide – June 08
- Best Practice Guidance Sec135/ 136 – July 08
- Process re-engineering Mental Health Review Tribunal (MHRT) Appeals process – July 08
- New guidance re MHRT booking procedures – July 08
- Mental Health Act Administrators Guidance Tool – August 08
- Collate National 'Implementation Self Assessment Tool' results to inform planning – August 08
- Independent Mental Health Advocate, National Advocacy Qualification – Sept 08
- Develop a system of monitoring Independent Mental Health Advocates services – Sept 08
- Evaluate effectiveness of programme of implementation - Dec 08
- Statutory Forms – now part of the consultation process
- Publish Employers Guidance – awaiting Code of Practice



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## Key Resources

- [Implementing the Amended Mental Health Act](#) The CSIP/NIMHE Implementation Programme's own website with a range of useful information and resources.
- [Reforming the Mental Health Act](#) DH
- [Mental Health Act 2007 Commencement Plan](#) DH
- [Mental Health Act 2007](#) in full from the Office of Public Sector Information
- [Delivering Race Equality in Mental Health Care](#)
- [Implementation Self Assessment Tool](#)
- [Training Issues for Organisations in Respect of Implementing the Mental Health Act 2007](#)
- [Good Advocacy Practice](#) website
- [Commencement Orders, Regulations, and Other Secondary Legislation](#) DH
- [Report of the Mental Health Review Tribunal Improvement Pilot](#) CSIP/NIMHE report
- [Briefing sheets on key policy areas](#) DH
- [International Experiences of Using Community Treatment Orders](#) DH
- [Draft Reference Guide to the Mental Health Act 1983 as amended by the MHA 2007](#) DH
- [Previous issues of Update](#)

We'd like to know what you would like to see in <sup>update</sup>, please email your thoughts and ideas to [Mark Drury](#).

