



PRISMATIC goes live!

Our headline news is that GP practices have begun using Prism for the PRISMATIC trial. Practices in the Afan area of Port Talbot are the first practices to be able to use Prism as part of the trial. In this newsletter, we give an update on the PRISMATIC study and how GP practices are affected by this stage of the trial.

Participating practices in Afan are now able to use Prism to stratify their practice population according to patients' risk of being admitted to hospital as an emergency. Stratifying patients may help GPs put in place preventative measures to help patients avoid deteriorating health.

The technical issues which delayed the study start are now resolved. We are pleased to confirm that all 32 participating practices have installed Prism. This is an important step because it enables data to be automatically uploaded to NHS Wales Informatics Service so that Prism risk scores can be generated.

Which areas use Prism next?

Participating practices will start using Prism between now and March 2014.

We have already randomly selected the next cluster of practices to have access to Prism: four in the Briton Ferry/Skewen areas. They will start to use Prism after Easter.

We will give each cluster six weeks' notice before they are able to use Prism for the study. One of the GPs working on the study will visit each practice and give all the necessary training. For full details of the different clusters see the PRISMATIC website www.trustresearch.org.uk/prismatic



For previous newsletters and further information about the trial, visit our website www.trustresearch.org.uk/prismatic

What next for PRISMATIC practices?

Over the next few weeks, we will arrange to visit each participating practice to deliver the study site packs. Site packs contain all the study documents each practice will need, including the *Prism Handbook: A guide for practices taking part in PRISMATIC*.

Whatever date a practice starts using Prism, practices have an important part to play in the study **now** by helping with data collection. Alongside the site packs, we will provide questionnaire packs for distribution to a sample of practice patients, plus training

Updated Schedule

Area	Cluster	Date
1	Afan A (Port Talbot)	March 2013
2	Neath A (Briton Ferry/ Skewen)	April 2013
3-11	Tbc each new month	May 2013 to March 2014

