

# Producing Effective Information for Patients: The Key Issues

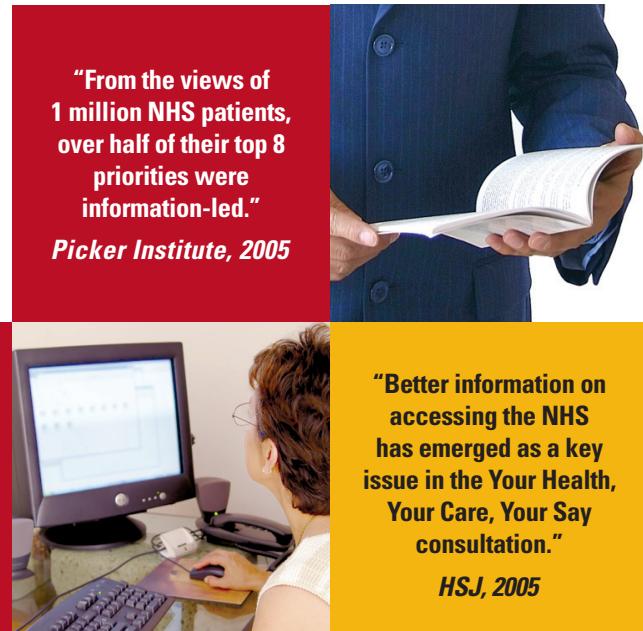
**"Information is central to healthcare"**  
***Better information, better choices, better health.***  
**DH, 2004**

**"From the views of 1 million NHS patients, over half of their top 8 priorities were information-led."**  
**Picker Institute, 2005**



**"48% of UK patients do not have enough information about their disease and treatments to be able to manage them confidently."**

**Pfizer, 2004**



**"Better information on accessing the NHS has emerged as a key issue in the Your Health, Your Care, Your Say consultation."**

**HSJ, 2005**

Tuesday 28 February 2006  
 Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester

Providing patients with good quality information is fundamental to delivering a high standard of care. But often health information is inaccessible to or unsuitable for its intended audience.

Which is why this one day conference has been designed to outline, in practical terms, the steps that should be taken to ensure that accurate and timely information is delivered to patients, through the most appropriate channels.

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After an opening address from Sir Muir Gray, *Director of Clinical Knowledge, Process and Safety*, NHS Connecting for Health, ten presentations and workshops examine:

- ▶ what patients want from information: the results of an international survey
- ▶ information prescriptions in practice
- ▶ working with the voluntary sector to deliver effective information
- ▶ accreditation for patient and health information
- ▶ how to write with empathy
- ▶ ensuring equity of access
- ▶ the impact of design on patient information
- ▶ the importance of good communication skills
- ▶ the role of technology in delivering information
- ▶ the patient perspective.

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"Patients will need better information if they are going to improve their lifestyle, manage their disease, and participate in complex decisions about treatment. Better health-literacy education in schools will help, as will better-written health materials and well-trained educators for patients. But a great deal could be accomplished if doctors and other health professionals took time, at the end of each consultation, to make sure the patient had understood the key points discussed, and that they felt free to ask questions"

*Taking health literacy seriously. The Lancet 2005; 366:85*

Every patient is entitled to good quality health information – in a format which is easily accessible and readily understood. It is the basis for informed decision making and a fundamental component of a patient-centred health service – a message that was reiterated in the recent government publication 'Creating a Patient-led NHS – Delivering the NHS Improvement Plan'.

If health professionals are to deliver care that matches the expectations of patients, carers and their families, information requirements clearly need to be addressed.

**This practical one day conference will provide a step-by-step guide to developing and delivering effective health information.**

**From examining what it is patients want from information, to how to deliver it in practical terms, the event will explore the key components of ensuring communication and information in your organisation promotes better understanding, improved clinical outcomes and increased patient satisfaction.**



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The Patient Information Forum is an independent group united by a common purpose – the development, production and dissemination of high quality information for patients, carers, their families and beyond.

Established under the auspices of the King's Fund in 1997, PiF supports the need for patients and consumers to have high quality information to enable them to become more involved in their healthcare.

PiF represents no particular group – instead looking to help organisations, individuals, source and share best practice.

10.00	Chair's Introduction <b>Chair: Mark Duman</b> Chair Patient Information Forum	
10.10	KEYNOTE OPENING ADDRESS <b>Sir Muir Gray</b> Director of Clinical Knowledge, Process and Safety NHS Connecting for Health	
10.45	What patients want from information <b>Ben Carrick</b> Government Relations Manager Pfizer Ltd <i>Results from the 'Informed Patient' information survey</i>	
11.15	Questions and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition	
11.45	Information prescriptions – US and UK perspectives <b>Don Kemper</b> Chief Executive Officer HealthWise, USA, with <b>Angela Coulter</b> Chief Executive Officer Picker Europe	
12.15	The voluntary contribution <b>Joanne Rule</b> Chief Executive CancerBACUP	
12.40	Accreditation – quality mark or seal of doom? <b>Michael Pearson</b> Head of Projects, New Product Development British Standards Institute Product Services	
12.55	Questions and answers, followed by lunch, exhibition and 'Share Fare' <i>Delegates are invited to bring examples of health information to freely distribute at the 'Share Fare' tables</i>	
<b>PIF THEMED PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS</b>		
14.10	Writing, producing & disseminating information	Accessibility issues
	<i>Through the patient's eyes</i> <b>Simon Crompton</b> Medical Editor Body & Soul, The Times <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ how to write with empathy</li><li>▶ what is plain English?</li><li>▶ the power of print</li></ul>	<i>Reaching the parts other information can't reach</i> <b>Jane Wilson MBE</b> Patient Information Co-ordinator The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ learning disabilities</li><li>▶ hearing and sight impairment</li><li>▶ translation</li></ul>
14.35	Discussion <i>Each workshop will be followed by a discussion of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ experiences you have had</li><li>▶ what did and didn't work for you</li><li>▶ what you find most challenging</li></ul>	
15.05	Summing Up Each workshop will conclude with a summing up and identification of the top three practical tips gained from the session	
15.10	Tea and exhibition	
15.30	Delivering patient information - the importance of good communication skills <b>Mr Bernard Ribeiro CBE</b> President The Royal College of Surgeons	
15.50	Information on the move! <b>George Auckland</b> Head of Innovation BBC	
16.10	A real future patient <b>Fred Webber</b> Patient Hadfield Medical Centre, Derbyshire	
16.30	Drinks Reception, with an important announcement regarding future developments for PiF, kindly sponsored by Pfizer Ltd	

