

"Designed Around the Patient" Aspiration or organising principle?

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Outline

- Backdrop IT in the NHS
- Health care challenges
- Design perspectives: institutions, professionals, people
- Two aspects of person-centric systems
- Loss of old certainties and the need for new ones





Backdrop National Programme for IT (NPFIT)

- £2.3 billion over the next three years
 - Integrated Care Records Service
 - Electronic appointment booking
 - Electronic transmission of prescriptions
 - Underpinning IT infrastructure
- Major procurements
 - National Application Service Providers (NASP)
 - Local Service Providers (LSP) five







Health Care Challenges The price of success

- Quality gap possible versus actual
- Societal and individual expectations
- Economics of health care and capacity



"These quality problems occur typically not because of a failure of goodwill, knowledge, effort, or resources devoted to health care, but because of fundamental shortcomings in the ways care is organized."

Crossing the Quality Chasm: A new health system for the 21st century Institute of Medicine, 2001



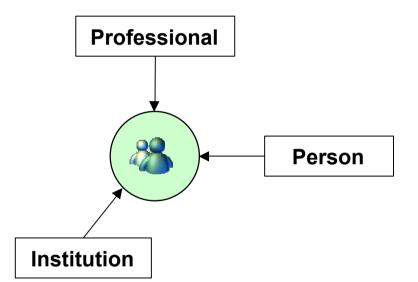


Design centres Three Generations of Approaches

Institution-centric

Manage the resources

- Professional-centric
 Support the specialist task
- Person (patient)-centric Secure the integrity of individual experience?







Secure the integrity of individual experience

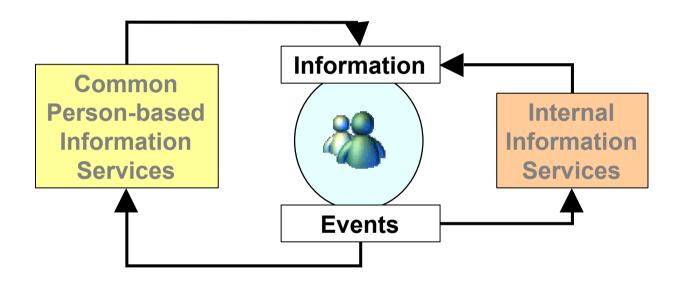
- Not exposing the individual to uninformed, uncoordinated, or undesired care
 - concurrent care
 - sequential care
- Integrating with wider personal experiences
- Information as the fabric of that integrity





Integrity of Individual Care 1 The 'Spine'

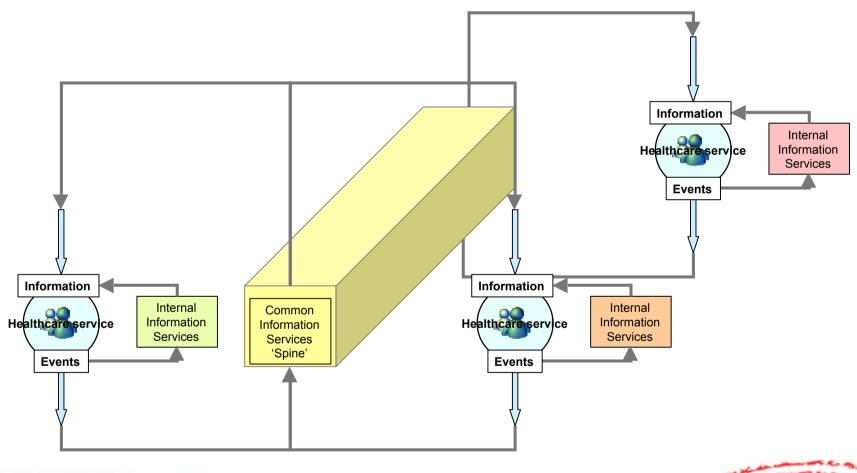
- personal details and preferences
- summative information
- · details of 'events'
- care relationships







One 'Spine' Per Person





Integrity of Individual Care 2 Information Authority Confidentiality - what people say

On the whole, I trust the NHS and want my information shared for good care, but I would like to be asked or at least informed

People should see only what they need to know to look after me

I don't want just anyone to see my record

Receptionists don't need to see my medical details

No one should see some things, not even my GP

Managers and researchers don't need to know my name

I'd be reassured if arrangements were spelled out





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Caring for Information Information Set out and consulted on principles

- Use identifiable data only for care and its quality control
- Rely on implied consent for care and quality control
- For other purposes use anonymised data or obtain express consent or by law
- Monitor access and overrides of controls





Loss of old certainties





Building New Certainties For example ...

- Readiness of the 'resourceful' individual
- Relationships with
 - professionals
 - the 'state' the 'system'
- Governance and trust
- Technological demands

