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Anticipatory Care Plans and Key Information Summaries

Who should have them and what should be included? How can GPs and patients maximise the benefit from them?

INTRODUCTION

Anticipatory Care Plans (ACPs) are recommended by the Scottish Government for individuals who have an increased dependency on co-ordinated service delivery. GP practices are encouraged to complete them for

- vulnerable/complex patients
- patients in Nursing Homes, and
- patients at the End of Life

The aim is to improve the care of these patients and help prevent hospital admissions. Remuneration for this work is part of the GP Contract.

ACPs can be recorded electronically in a patient's Key Information Summary (KIS). This enables them to be shared automatically with other health professionals.