

Completion of SMR 25 Assessment Reports

The SMR 25 Assessment Report consists of an initial assessment, the SMR25a, and a brief follow-up report, the SMR25b which will be phased in over the next year. The latter will be used in tracking a patient's subsequent progress through the care system.

ISD advice on completion of forms is as follows:

“From April 2008 and prior to the local introduction of the enhanced Scottish Drug Misuse Database Follow-up Reporting system* (SMR25 Follow-up), Specialist Drug Services and General Practitioners are required to submit a completed SMR25 Initial Assessment paper form for all patients/clients who receive a comprehensive or specialist assessment of their care/treatment needs in relation to their drug misuse..”

“ Initially, General Practitioners will not be required to provide follow-up data. ISD are currently holding discussions with Primary Care colleagues at the Scottish Government to look at how, in the future, General Practitioners can provide this information.”*

IMPACT

The SMR25a is completed by the service which carries out the comprehensive assessment. This comprehensive assessment would normally include:

- Drugs History including a profile of recent illicit use
- Injecting History
- Physical Problems, including blood-borne virus testing; immunisations
- Psychological/Psychiatric history and problems
- Social/Family profile including details of dependent children and their care; housing, employment history.
- Criminal/Offending history
- Patient's motivation and goals
- Urine/oral fluid screening for presence of reported drugs

The SMR25a should not be completed where a patient is transferred to Primary Care from specialist drug services, or if the practitioner is referring the patient on for assessment by the specialist drug services.

In Highland it is anticipated that this assessment would usually be carried out by the Substance Misuse Service – Osprey House or the locality CPN(A). If, for whatever reason, this assessment were carried out by an appropriately trained GP, then they would also be expected to complete and return the SMR25a in paper form.

The SMR25a contains information that may be useful to GP practices who are offering continuing care to a drug user and ISD advice is that Specialist Services may share this with Primary Care – for instance by forwarding a photocopy of the SMR25a form to the GP – so long as the patient has given their prior agreement.