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PIRAMHIDS - POSITIVE AND INNOVATIVE RESOURCES. A MENTAL HEALTH INTERACTIVE DATABASE (SCOTLAND) NATIONAL RESOURCE FOR SHARING EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

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PIRAMHIDS is a multidisciplinary, multi agency database designed as a vehicle to promote and support the sharing of positive and innovative practice in mental health that is evidence based and quality assured. The use of technology as an information-sharing tool contributes to improved patient care by promoting an improved equitable service throughout Scotland and beyond.

The resource promotes a culture of local ownership of a national resource and encourages contribution from statutory and non statutory services. Consideration is given to the quality of submission in terms of identifying underpinning evidence and quality assurance processes. Networking opportunities are also promoted by encouraging contact with contributors from those considering adopting the examples of practice or developing services.

The Practice Development Unit of NHS Quality Improvement Scotland is leading this work following recommendation from the National Review of Mental Health Nursing in Scotland, 'Rights, Relationships and Recovery' (2006). The database ensures sharing of evidence based practice in a manner which is useful, accessible and user friendly with open access to all. Initial response is enthusiastic from service users, clinicians and educators. This model of sharing practice may be adopted across any national service and have value when sharing practice on an international plane. A process of evaluation including impact on care outcomes is considered and ongoing.