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Norfolk and Suffolk

NHS Foundation Trust

Report To:	Board of Directors – Private Session
Meeting Date:	27 th September, 2012
Title of Report:	INTERACT EA3 (Integrating Networks and Embedding Research in Clinical Practice)
Action Sought:	For Approval - This report will identify actions to enable the Trust to offer participation in research to all service users with dementia.
Estimated time:	10 minutes

Purpose of the Report	To gain Trust Board approval to action the INTERACT EA3 plan (paper 1)
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Implications:	Implications for all staff providing dementia care
NHS Constitution principles	<p>3: The NHS aspires to the highest standards of excellence and professionalism</p> <p>4: NHS services must reflect the needs and preferences of patients, their families and their carers</p> <p>5: The NHS works across organisational boundaries and in partnership with other organisations in the interest of patients, local communities and the wider population</p> <p>6: The NHS is committed to providing best value for taxpayers' money and the most effective, fair and sustainable use of finite resources</p>

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1.0 Summary of Report

1.1 The Trust is required to deliver on the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia to 'recruit 10% of people with Dementia into clinical trials by 2015'.

The Department of Health has asked DeNDRoN to lead improvement of plans to enhance the volume, quality and impact of dementia research across the NHS.

INTERACT EA3 is a DeNDRoN East Anglia project which aims to test approaches for embedding research into clinical practice. Initially this will apply only to care of people with dementia; those approaches found to be successful will be adapted for use across the Trust.

- 1.2 This project will be delivered in conjunction with the development of a Trust dementia register which incorporates appropriate consent from people with dementia to be approached in the future regarding participation in research studies appropriate to them.

2.0 Raising awareness

- 2.1 Staff will be empowered to provide information about dementia research studies available to service users. This will be done via Trust induction programme, clinical supervision (paper 2), annual appraisal, R&D training modules. All staff will be required to have, at minimum, a basic awareness of current clinical research studies in dementia and know how to offer people with dementia the opportunity to join the prospective consent register. Supported by Training department Talent Manager (Leadership and Career Development) and R&D Department.
- 2.2 People with dementia and their carers will be empowered to ask Trust staff to signpost them to suitable research studies (paper 3). Supported by Trust staff and voluntary organisations, this will be supported by 2 separate DeNDRoN projects INTERACT projects EA1 & EA2 which are not NSFT specific.
- 2.3 Communications strategy to support project (paper 4) – supported by Communications department.

3.0 Recruitment and Feasibility Tool (RAFT)

Development of a dementia register which also records prospective consent (paper 5) – supported by ICT, Informatics and data protection Departments.

4.0 Implications - the following actions will be required from October 2012:

- 4.1 Team managers will be required to encourage their staff to allocate time, within normal clinical supervision sessions, for building research awareness utilising document 2. The Talent Manager (Leadership Development and career management) will be required to build research awareness into the 2013 appraisal system.
- 4.2 The Communications strategy for this project will require support from the Communications Department, an appropriate allocation of DeNDRoN hosting costs could be diverted to facilitate this.
- 4.3 The RAFT development will require work from the Informatics and ICT departments. The DeNDRoN coordinating centre will advise and have required us

to keep some nRCF funds in reserve for RAFT development. This will be up to £27,000 to be used between 1st October 2012-31st March 2013.

5.0 Recommendations

Request that the board recommends implementation of the INTERACT EA3 project plan and that the CEO gives visible backing to its implementation.

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12th September 2012

Background Papers / Information

Give details of any background papers / information