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New attitudes to old age

An update on Single Assessment

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The birth of the Single Assessment Process

- NHS & Community Care Act (1990)
- NHS Plan (2000)
- National Service Framework for Older People (2001)
 - (Standard 2: person centred care. This standard aimed to ensure that the NHS and social care services treat older people as individuals and enable them to make choices about their own care.)

The Context of Single Assessment

- older people at the heart of service provision
- needs led not service driven provision
- little dignity for anyone in feeling dependent
- the right support at the right time

The Context of Single Assessment

- based on a recognition that many older people have wide ranging welfare needs and that agencies need to work together so that assessment and subsequent care planning are effective and coordinated.
- Care is holistic and centres on the whole person

The Context of Single Assessment

- The Single Assessment Process provides a person centred health and social care framework which includes entry into the system, holistic assessment, care planning, care delivery and review.
- SAP aims to make sure older people's needs are assessed thoroughly and accurately, but without procedures being needlessly duplicated by different agencies.
- SAP coordinates the assessment of the health and social care needs of an individual and shares that information appropriately between health and social care agencies
- SAP is **not** just stages of assessment (contact, overview, specialist and comprehensive).
- SAP is **not** just an assessment tool.

Single Assessment – progress so far

- DH scheduled SAP to be implemented by April 2004
- implementation of SAP is an ongoing process
- rate of implementation is variable
- paper based solutions
- person held records
- electronic implementation lagging behind

Single Assessment current and recent national activity

- Do Once and Share SAP action team
 - (reported March 2006)
- Connecting for Health e-SAP project
 - (due to report July 2006)
- reports and information on
CPA SAP website -- www.cpa.org.uk/sap

SAP – where are we going?

- White Paper – “Our Health, Our Care, Our Say” (January 2006) proposed a **Common Assessment Framework (CAF)** for all adults based on principles of
 - **Care Programme Approach** for mental health,
 - **Single Assessment Process** for older people and
 - **Person Centred Planning** for people with learning disabilities

SAP – where are we going?

- **National policy documents are promoting SAP as a model for a comprehensive assessment framework to deliver person centred care.**
 - White Paper ‘Our Health, Our Care, Our Say’ (January 2006)
 - Living Well in Later Life: A review of progress against the National Service Framework for Older People’ (March 2006)
 - ‘A New Ambition for Old Age:Next steps in implementing the National Service Framework for Older People’ (April 2006)
 - Consultation document on the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare (June 2006)

Common Drivers for SAP and CAF

- individual choice and control through
 - Self assessment
 - Personal budgets
 - Direct payments
 - Links with long term conditions

Common Assessment Framework

- will retain the core features and properties of SAP

- supporting seamless delivery of services across health and social care
- avoiding duplication of information collection and procedures
- a proportionate assessment according to an individual's level of need
- a person-centred assessment of needs feeding into a personalised care plan to support people
- delivering greater transparency around the needs assessment process and agreed support

Common Assessment Framework

- will face the same challenges and issues as SAP

- Consent
- Confidentiality
- Joint working
- Information sharing
- Training
- Electronic implementation

The CPA SAP resource

- drawn from the SAP community
- reflects the changing needs of the SAP community
- uses shared information and materials provided by the SAP community
- provides a shared facility for mutual benefit and cooperation
- current – updated weekly

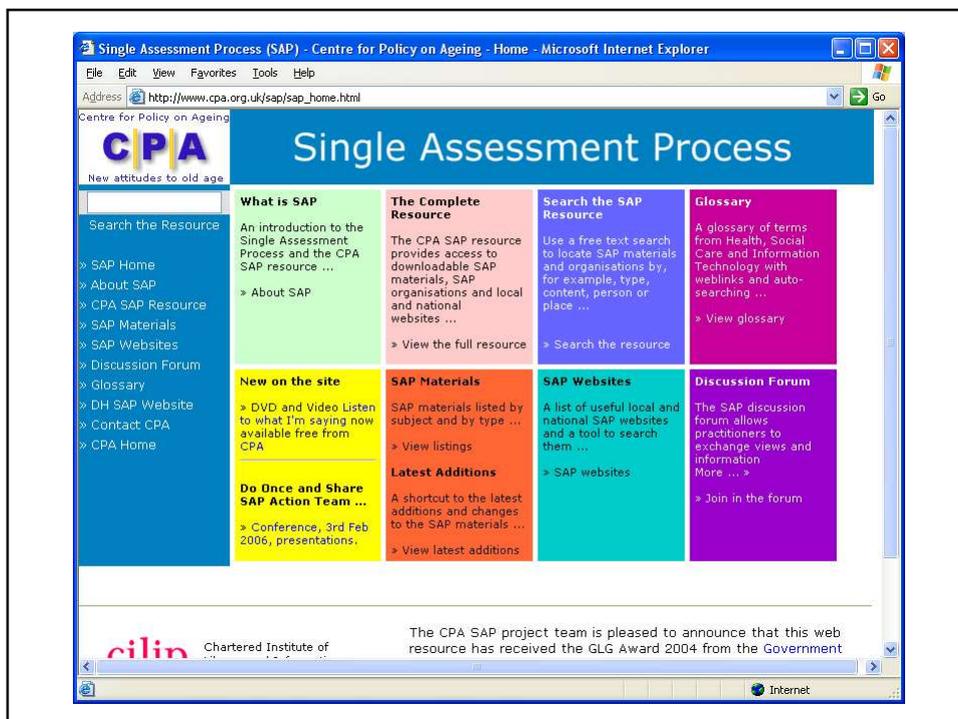
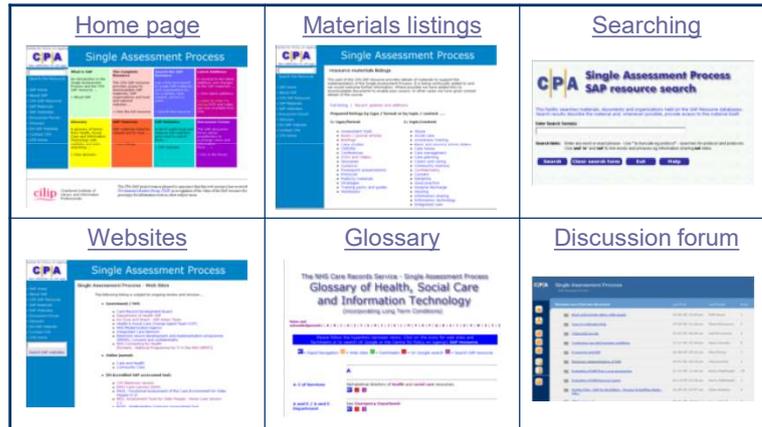
What's on the resource? ...

- SAP materials
 - listings
 - search facility
- Organisations
- Websites
 - government / nhs
 - assessment tools
 - local SAP websites
 - training and related sites
 - dedicated search engine
- Glossary
 - selected terms from Health and Social Care including Long-term conditions
- SAP Discussion forum
 - allows SAP professionals to share experiences, exchange views and promote best practice.

What type of materials?

- Assessment tools
- Books / journal articles
- Briefings
- Case studies
- CD-ROMs
- Conferences
- Glossaries
- Guidance
- Powerpoint presentations
- Protocols
- Publicity materials
- Strategies
- Training packs and guides
- DVDs and Videos
- Workbooks

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Single Assessment Process and Common Assessment Framework - the wider picture

- Sure Start for Later Life
- Link-Age Plus
- Partnerships for Older People Projects (POPP)

It is important that, as the assessment framework widens, the benefits brought about by the emphasis on older people within SAP, are not diluted.

Retain the emphasis and focus on person centred care and engagement with older people

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