

Norfolk Community Health Care

## SCHOOL NURSING TEAMS NEW I.T. SYSTEM.

The School Nursing Teams within Norfolk will be utilising a new NHS national IT system to enable them to provide better services to children and young people who attend your schools.

To improve community based working, the teams will be provided with laptops to enable them to access client records via a secure connection. We have been working closely with the IT team at Norfolk County Council – Children's Services Department to enable IT access within schools by connecting to the network. The laptops are token-operated, encrypted, have the latest anti virus software and have been approved by the Children's Services IT team.

Ultimately this will mean that the School Nursing Teams will be able to work more efficiently, reducing the need to return to their bases to write records. This will be beneficial for schools as they will be able to spend longer on the school sites, providing services to children, young people and school staff (supporting education etc.).

The School Nursing Teams will be undertaking training shortly. After this they will need to discuss with you their access needs to ensure that you are aware of the dates they will attend your school and when they will need to connect to the network. Initially the intention is that School Nurses will be using the system in their High Schools, particularly where there are regular drop-ins and appointments for pupils, and then Primary schools as network capabilities are enabled.

For further information regarding the details of the IT system, please contact <u>ICT Solutions</u>.

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