

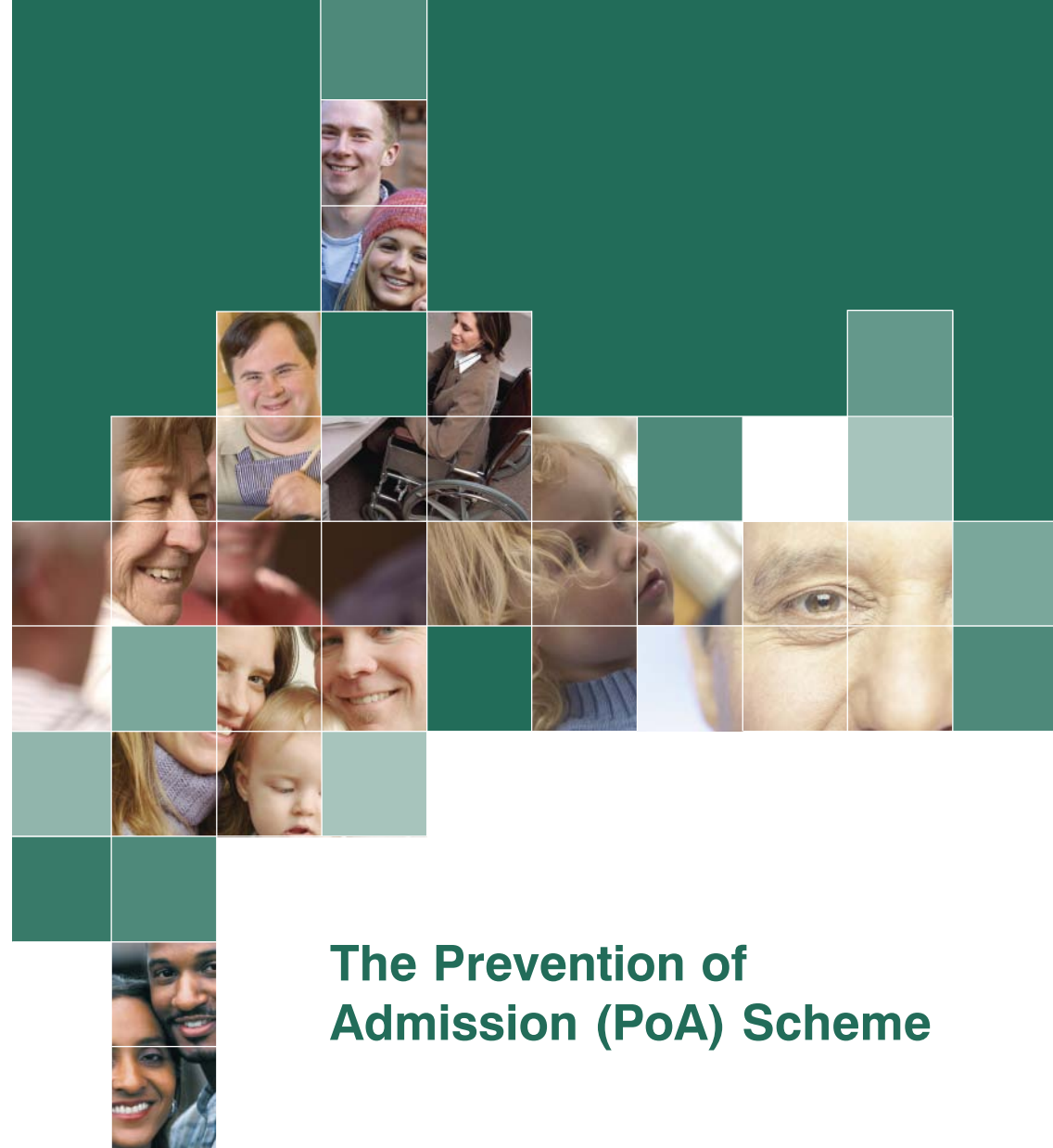


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The Prevention of Admission (PoA) Scheme



SOCIAL WORK and HEALTH

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The aim of this scheme is to provide short-term support and rehabilitation in your home, avoiding an unnecessary stay in hospital.

Your GP, district nurse, occupational therapist or physiotherapist will refer you to the PoA scheme, and you will receive support once we have identified your needs. Following discussion with you, we will arrange the services you need to help you recover.

The community co-ordinator will visit you within 24 hours of you being admitted to the scheme.

To help you to regain your previous levels of independence as quickly as possible we will provide support for up to 14 days in most cases and up to 28 days if you have an orthopaedic condition (problems with your bones or joints). However, you may leave the scheme sooner than this if you have regained your previous levels of independence.

Support available

A range of services is available, depending on your needs. These include support from:

- community co-ordinators;
- social care officers;
- occupational therapists;
- physiotherapists;
- district nurses; and
- the community alarm scheme.

No one will visit you without your permission. The scheme is not meant to replace any help you receive already from family, friends or other organisations.

Reviewing the support

The community co-ordinator will monitor and review your progress. He or she will reduce the support being provided by the social care officers as you continue to become more independent.

District nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists will also review the support you receive from them, and will gradually reduce their involvement.

Equipment

If you need any equipment, we will provide it as soon as possible following your assessment from the district nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists.

Paying for the scheme

Services provided under the scheme are free. However, if you are currently paying for home-care services, you must continue to pay this charge.

Contact numbers

If you have a medical problem, which you feel needs a doctor's attention, please contact your own GP.

If you need more information about the support you are receiving, please contact **community co-ordinators**.

Phone: 01575 576962

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