



We're going paperless for inpatient discharge summaries

From Monday 9 March onwards, Northumbria will turn off the paper file copies of discharge letters.

This is a move towards more sustainable practice, something Northumbria is fully behind, and will massively reduce the amount of paper and envelopes we use as a trust.

This means you will receive only one final version of the discharge letter and this will be sent electronically. The letter sends automatically, approximately 20-hours after the patients discharge from hospital, however should you require review of the letter prior to this time, these are accessible via the patients record in ICE by following the attached guidance.

Please can all practices alert their admin teams to this change.

If you have a query or if there is something that you would like to be included in future editions of this newsletter please email cara.charlton@northumbria.nhs.uk