

DATA SUPPLEMENT

Table DS1 Number of websites and distribution of scores relating to website content and physical properties (<i>n</i> = 33)			
Criterion	Scores		
	0	1	2
<i>Criteria measuring clinical information (website content)</i>			
UK prevalence, incidence and age at onset provided	6	8	19
Two or more aetiological theories described	5	12	16
Details of at least two factors affecting prognosis	7	17	9
Positive, negative symptoms and effect on cognition described	3	14	16
Typical and atypical antipsychotics mentioned and explanation of difference between them	10	13	10
Mechanism of antipsychotic action explained	11	16	6
At least two typical antipsychotics' side-effects mentioned & rationale/use of anticholinergic drugs	11	12	10
At least four atypical antipsychotics' side-effects mentioned	13	6	4
Rationale for clozapine and need for regular blood monitoring described	24	0	9
Clozapine supply with respect to neutrophil count and level of risk (by traffic-light colour system) explained	26	5	2
At least three clozapine specific side-effects mentioned including risk of agranulocytosis	25	3	5
Conventional depots and risperidone injection mentioned with details of differences between them	26	4	3
Long-term nature of antipsychotic therapy and importance of adherence described	8	19	6
Appropriate terminology (i.e. absence of jargon) or glossary provided	2	16	15
Disclaimer and reference to consult health professional clearly visible	10	3	20
Comprehensive list of support/resources including contact details	6	17	10
<i>Criteria measuring physical properties</i>			
Author named, professional credentials and contact details provided	26	5	2
Website developed or updated <3 years ago	9	4	20
Comprehensive, credible & accurate references provided	24	4	5
Target audience clearly specified	1	16	16
Website easy to navigate & search facility provided	1	13	19
Advertising absent or subtle with no interference with text	3	8	22
Good layout of text, easy to read and follow	3	19	11
Appropriate, useful, relevant images present	25	6	2
>3 links to relevant external sites	5	5	23
<i>Readability statistics</i>			
FRES <30	4		
FRES 30–60		25	
FRES >60			4

FRES, Flesch Reading Ease Score.

Online supplement**URLs of evaluated websites**

http://hcd2.bupa.co.uk/fact_sheets/html/schizophrenia.html
BUPA, an international healthcare provider, information page

http://www.channel4.com/health/microsites/0-9/4health/mind/www_schizophrenia.html
Health pages of British TV Company, Channel 4 (this link is no longer available)

http://www.abpi.org.uk/publications/publication_details/targetSchizophrenia-2003/default.asp (now available at http://www.abpi.org.uk/publications/publication_details/targetschizophrenia-2003-bk280510/default.asp)
The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry information page

<http://www.gm.tv/index.cfm?articleid=3090>
Health page of GMTV (an early morning TV programme; information written by the resident GP)

<http://www.otsuka-europe.com/en/1/schizophreniaquestions.html>
Pharmaceutical company and manufacturer of atypical antipsychotic aripiprazole

http://ukpharma.lundbeck.com/uk_pharma/products/therapy_areas/schizophrenia/default.asp
Pharmaceutical company and manufacturer of depot antipsychotics

http://www.psychiatry24x7.com/bgdisplay.jhtml?itemName=schizophrenia_about
Pharmaceutical company (Janssen-Cilag) and manufacturer of atypical antipsychotic risperidone

http://www.lilly.co.uk/Nitro/newTemplates/general/Content__LBC.jsp?page=1082
Pharmaceutical company and manufacturer of atypical antipsychotic olanzapine

<http://www.oneinonehundred.co.uk/>
Pharmaceutical company (Janssen-Cilag) and manufacturer of atypical antipsychotics

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Schizophrenia/Pages/Introduction.aspx?url=Pages/what-is-it.aspx&r=1&rtitle=Schizophrenia+-+Introduction>
NHS choices, a culmination of information from NHS Direct, the National Library for Health and various other government organisations

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/mentalhealthinformation/mentalhealthproblems/schizophrenia.aspx>
The Royal College of Psychiatrists

http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/conditions/mental_health/disorders_schiz1.shtml
Health pages of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) website

http://www.dwp.gov.uk/medical/med_conditions/major/schizophrenia/
UK government agency the Department for Work and Pensions

<http://www.counselling-directory.org.uk/schizophrenia.html>
Database of UK and London counsellors

http://cks.library.nhs.uk/patient_information_leaflet/schizophrenia
NHS Clinical Knowledge website

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/information/mental-health-a-z/schizophrenia/>
A mental health charity

<http://www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk/bspace/105.3.24.html>
Free, confidential phone-in service for people 'feeling down or stressed'

<http://www.seemescotland.org.uk/facts/include/downloads/factsheets/Schizophrenia%20Factsheet.pdf> (now available at <http://www.seemescotland.org.uk/images/pdfs/schizophrenia.pdf>)
Scottish government signpost site for information on stigma, mental health and support services (this link is no longer available)

<http://www.sane.org.uk/>
A mental health charity

<http://www.nsfscot.org.uk/>
National Schizophrenia Fellowship: an educational and support organisation for families and friends of people with schizophrenia

http://www.rethink.org/about_mental_illness/mental_illnesses_and_disorders/schizophrenia/
A mental health charity

http://www.foodforthebrain.org/content.asp?id_Content=1638
An educational charity to promote awareness of the link between nutrition and mental health

<http://mentalhealthcare.org.uk/content/?id=188>
The Institute of Psychiatry and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

<http://www.mind.org.uk/Information/Booklets/Understanding/Understanding+schizophrenia.htm>
A mental health charity

<http://www.makingspace.co.uk/>
A mental health charity

<http://www.samh.org.uk/frontend/index.cfm>
A mental health charity: Scottish Association of Mental Health (this link is no longer available)

<http://www.patient.co.uk/showdoc/23069111/>
Website used by GPs providing pdf copies of leaflets for most illness and conditions

<http://www.medic8.com/healthguide/articles/schizophrenia.html>
A privately funded, online source of healthcare information

<http://www.netdoctor.co.uk/diseases/facts/schizophrenia.htm>
An online health resource

<http://www.thesite.org/healthandwellbeing/mentalhealth/otherconditions/schizophrenia>
Online resource for young people for advice on sex, relationships, drugs, drink, health, well-being

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paranoid_schizophrenia
An online encyclopaedia

http://www.surgerydoor.co.uk/medical_conditions/Indices/S/schizophrenia.htm
An online health resource (this link is no longer available)

http://www.nuts4chic.com/nuts4chic_UK_Healthy_Living_Facts_About_Schizophrenia.htm
An online women's lifestyle magazine (this link is no longer available)