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Dear Colleagues

Please find attached here a 'plain language' introductory overview of the Connectingcare's system and some of the current developments and features available to all subscribers.

Connectingcare has developed over more than seven years, initially from Commonwealth *Networking the Nation* funding, and remains a not-for-profit project auspiced by Isis Primary Care. All system developments are made available to all subscribers, sharing benefits and allowing iterative improvement. This low risk and low cost approach is characterized by successful delivery of a functional online directory and messaging system, an effective User Group, and our early convergence with national and state policy directives around webservice, directories, and electronic messages. Webfeeds from Connectingcare database of agencies' own information into their intranets and websites has been a key achievement of the last year's work. A new [User Guide](#), and [online training screencasts](#) are also available for all users. Further integration development with client systems is expected this coming year, through a variety of project works and joint venturing.

The User Group has identified key tasks for the 2006-07 year development schedule including the incorporation of the SCTTv2006 for webservices, and a more flexible and sophisticated display of agency's services information, shared to and from the Department of Human Service's statewide *Human Service Directory*.

Subscribing PCP's representative/s are invited to participate in the Connectingcare.com User Group's online community (join at <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/index.html>), and to attend bi-monthly live meetings where regional and agency representatives jointly contribute to the future of this project.

To date Connectingcare has been using PCP catchments as the basis of our subscription model. Recently we have seen interest in individual agencies being able to join-up on a single entity basis, and we are currently developing a workable low risk subscriber business model to assist those agencies interested in implementing as smaller PKI enabled clusters. Please see the website shortly for 2006-07 subscription costs, or contact by email to simon@connectingcare.com

Yours faithfully

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