

# SevernSide Integrated Urgent Care

# Managing Special Patient Notes

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## The Purpose of Special Patient Notes

Special Patient Notes (SPNs) are notes that are attached to a patient's IUC record. Their purpose is to make colleagues at SevernSide Integrated Urgent Care (IUC) (BrisDoc and Practice Plus Group), both operational and clinical, aware of key information that will help to improve the care of patients managed in our service and ensure patients and colleagues safety.

Some examples of SPNs are:

- Abusive behaviours care plan
- High intensity user plans
- Hospice care plan for a child
- Respect forms on patient's EMIS record

This SOP is created to ensure that SPNs are accurate and updated in a timely manner, with regular reviews. The SOP also clarifies the roles and functions across SevernSide in relation to the SPN process.

### **User Access**

The management of SPNs will be available to the following groups:

- Rota Team
- SPN Group
- HIU Group
- Governance Team
- SevernSide Colleagues

## Sight of SPNs

SPNs can be viewed by SevernSide IUC colleagues (BrisDoc and Practice Plus Group) who have access to the clinical system. This ensures that operational and Clinical colleagues can read the SPN regarding updates or specific care instructions for the patient.



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## Creating SPNs

The creation of SPNs sits within the below groups:

#### Rota Team

The Rota Team are responsible for the addition of SPNs within 24 hours of receipt. The Rota Team work primarily from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. SPNs received after 4pm, Monday to Friday and during the Out-of-Hours periods will not be uploaded onto the system until the next working day. The Rota Team will upload SPNs to Share My Care and also copy all SPNs added to Adastra, so that the notes are visible to NHS111.

In order to add a SPN, the community provider will send an email to <u>brisdoc.careplan@nhs.net</u> and this will be uploaded onto the system by the Rota Team.

New SPNs (excluding ReSPECT forms) will be emailed to the SPN Group via a shared inbox.

#### HIU Group

HIU (High Intensity User) Group will add SPNs directly onto the system. SPNs are added for High Intensity User patients either following discussions in HIU meetings, highlighted by learning events, discussions with their usual GP or MDT meetings. The HIU team will upload SPNs to Share My Care and copy all SPNs onto Adastra so that the notes are visible to NHS111.

#### **Governance Team**

The Governance Team may receive SPN requests however, these will be forwarded to the Rota Team to follow the process in this SOP. The Governance Manager will retain the ability to add SPNs in exceptional circumstances.

## **SPN Plan Types**

In Share May Care there are several plan types with different usages as follows:

- Adastra SP Notes Brisdoc Data Transfer This plan should not be manually selected by any user. This is used to support the data transfer of Special Patient Notes between Adastra and Cleo.
- **Black Pear ReSPECT Form** -This plan should not be manually selected by any user. It is used to populate the data for BlackPear Respect Forms within the Cleo Application.
- **High Intensity User** This plan will be used by the HIU group, to inform our teams of any important information for this patient and how to best manage their needs within our service. For details, please refer to the HIU SOP.
- **Respect Form Alert** This plan will be used by the Rota Team, upon receipt of an email informing them of a respect form for a patient. Adding this note to the patient's record will inform our clinicians within the Cleo Application that the patient has a Respect form that they may need to be aware of. For details, please refer to the SPN SOP.
- **Special Allocation Scheme** This plan will be used by the Rota Team, to inform our colleagues of a patients Special Allocation Scheme status. For template SPN wording see appendix 2 of this document.
- **Special Patient Note** This Plan will be used by the Rota team & SPN Group (the Governance team have the ability to add these in exceptional circumstances).



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• Violence and Aggression - This Plan will be used by the SPN Group, to inform our teams of any important information relating to any violent or aggressive behaviour & how best to manage this patient within our service. For template SPN wording see appendix 1 of this document.

### **Reviewing SPNs**

The majority of SPNs will be reviewed, updated or made obsolete by the SPN Group and, in the case of High Intensity Users (HIUs), by the HIU Group.

#### Rota Team

The Rota Team will update cases on both Share My Care and Adastra where there has been a patient death or an update regarding the Special Allocation Service (SAS).

#### **Deceased Patients**

Deceased patients' information updates will be provided by community providers or SevernSide. The information received will allow the Rota Team to obsolete SPNs for patients that have died.

#### **SAS** Patients

SAS patient information will be reviewed monthly by the Rota Team. The information received will advise if the patient has been added, removed or is continuing on the scheme. If SAS patients are removed from the scheme, the existing SPN will be obsoleted and a new SPN will be added to advise of the SAS removal. This will have a 5-year review date.

#### **HIU Group**

SPNs relating to HIUs will be reviewed by the HIU Group prior to expiry of the review date.

The HIU Group will update their spreadsheet which will be used as a monitoring tool, to see whether a special note has been issued for a patient and the review date. Once these fields have been added to the HIU spreadsheet, it will provide assurance that SPNs are reviewed prior to becoming out of date and either extended or obsoleted where appropriate.

#### **SPN** Group

The SPN Group are clinicians providing oversight who review new SPNs. The SPN Group members are as follows:

- HIU Lead GP
- HIU Lead Clinical Practitioner
- Lead GP
- Head of Nursing and AHPs SevernSide
- Governance Manager (by invitation as necessary)
- Representation by IAP (Integrated Access Partnership) (by invitation as necessary)

The SPN Group will receive a weekly update to a dedicated email box for any existing SPNs requiring review and newly created SPNs.





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The SPN Group will review SPNs and update or obsolete information as necessary on both Share My Care and Adastra. All active SPNs will be allocated a further review date using Clinical discretion.

The SPN Group will work with the IAP team where the SPN being reviewed needs IAP clinical input on an ad-hoc basis.

## **Review Dates and Actions**

The following teams are responsible for the actions summarised below:

Team	SPN type	Set Review Date	Action		
Rota Team	New Clinical SPN	2 weeks	Add SPN to system and email SPN Group for clinical review		
Rota Team	Death notice	N/A	Obsolete		
Rota Team	New Respect Forms	5 years	Add SPN to system. No review required by SPN Group		
Rota Team	SAS new	6 months	Add SPN to system No review required by SPN Group		
Rota Team	SAS removal	5 years	Add SPN to system No review required by SPN Group		
SPN Group	New Clinical SPN	Clinical discretion (usually 6 month / 12 month / obsolete)	Review and set review date		
SPN Group	Existing clinical SPN	Clinical discretion (usually 6 month / 12 month / obsolete)	Review note and set review date		
HIU	New SPN	Clinical discretion (usually 6 month / 12 month / obsolete)	Add note and set review date		
HIU	Existing SPN	Clinical discretion (usually 6 month / 12 month / obsolete)	Review note and set review date		

Table 1



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Please refer to the Violence Prevention and Reduction Policy for further information about special notes relating to patient's who have a history of violence or aggression. For template SPN wording see appendix 1 of this document.

## Audit

The Rota Team and SPN Group will collaborate closely to ensure the efficient management and tracking of all SPNs monthly. To assure that correct process is being followed, a monthly audit should be carried out.

### **SPN Group Audit**

A sample of 5 random SPNs from all existing SPNs will be selected. This will be the responsibility of the SPN Team. This will be done for a trial period of 6 months and then reviewed as to whether this audit is required. The following audit criteria will be used:

- Is the review date appropriate?
- Is the SPN free from spelling mistakes?
- Is the SPN compliant with Caldicott principles which is that sharing information can be as important as the duty to protect confidentiality:
- Is the SPN free from confidential information? Where use of confidential information is necessary, each item of information must be justified so that only the minimum amount of confidential information is included as necessary for a given function.
- Is the SPN justified? Every proposed use or transfer of confidential information should be clearly defined, scrutinised and documented, with continuing uses regularly reviewed by an appropriate guardian.
- Does the SPN contain a clear management plan for the patient?

#### Rota Team Audit

The number of SPNs with an expired review date and the oldest expired review date will be reported by the Rota Team as part of the audit results monthly to Quality Group.

#### **Audit Results**

The reporting of SPN audits will be sent to the Governance Team and presented to the Quality Group for monitoring.





## **SPN Process Flow Chart**

Who Reads?	 Who Uploads	<b> →</b>	Who Reviews?	-	Who Actions?	<b> →</b>	Who Audits?
SPNs can be read by SevernSide IUC colleagues (BrisDoc and Practice Plus Group).	Rota Team: Upload care plans that come through to the careplan mailbox. New SPNs (excluding ReSPECT forms) will be emailed to the SPN Group via a shared inbox. HIU Group: HIU SPNs will be added directly onto the system. Governance Team: Forward SPNs to the Rota Team except in exceptional circumstances when the Governance Manager will retain the ability to add SPNs.		Rota Team: Review all SPNs that come to the careplan mailbox. Rota Team will update cases where there has been a patient death or update of SAS. HIU Group: SPNs relating to HIUs will be reviewed by the HIU Group SPN Group: Will receive weekly update of existing SPNs requiring review from the Rota Team. The SPN Group will review SPNs and update or obsolete information as necessary. Review timeline is		Rota, SPN and HIU teams. Actions are as followed <b>table 1</b> .		A monthly audit will be conducted by the SPN Group and Rota Team. The report will be sent to the Governance Team and presented to the Quality Board.
			demonstrated in table				

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### Glossary

Rota Team	This is part of Severnside operational functionality. This Team work Weekday hours.						
SPN Group	This Group is newly created clinical group with sole function to review Special Patient Notes weekly						
HIU Group	The High Intensity User Group manage the cohort of users that use the service regularly within Severnside and is a multidisciplinary group from Practice Plus Group, Out of Hours, Governance and Integrated Access Partnership. The Group have there own Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedure.						
Governance Team	The Governance team work ensure standards of clinical governance and patient safety for Brisdoc Healthcare Services						
SAS	This is a service within the Health Authority of BNSSG – Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for Special Allocation Patients that are unsuitable for treatment within primary care usually due to behaviours of patients.						

## **Share My Care Instructions**

ShareMyCare is a Special Patient Note & Care Plan Register designed to simplify the sharing of care information to our Clinical colleagues. The register supports the automated and manual entry of Respect Forms, and special instructions from our Clinical teams who manage High Intensity Users & patients within the Special Allocation Scheme within our service.

### Logging in to ShareMyCare

#### Setting up your Account

When your organisation administrator has created your account, you will receive an email advising you of your username and password. When logging in for the first time, you will be prompted to set a new password.

**Important Note:** If you are logging in for the first time, ensure that you use the password that was provided to you in the setup email. This password will expire after 24 hours of sending. If this timeframe has elapsed, please liaise with your organisation administrator.

#### Login

The ShareMyCare login can be found on the BrisDoc Weblinks page under;

#### Useful Operational Weblinks; ShareMyCare

Click this link, you will then be presented with login fields where you will be prompted to enter your username and password.





Welcome		
	Please sign in using your user name and password to continue. User name* Password* Log In Eorgotten password?	Jire
G Computer Misuse Act 1990 – Unauthorized access to this system is an offence.		

On the next page, your Role and Organisation will automatically populate, select Continue.

Please choose your role and organisation from the selection below.

Role*	SMC Administrator				
Organisation*	Brisdoc				
		Continue			

#### Home Page & Navigation

Once you have logged in to ShareMyCare you will reach your homepage, here you will see Alerts for plans that have expired, plans needing review & plans with unreviewed comments;





Patients	Back My Alerts
My Alerts	Welcome to ShareMyCare
My Patients New Patient	To see the records of your existing ShareMyCare patients, use My Patients. To locate a new patient, use New Patient.
Administration	▲ 8 Patients With Expired Plans
Organisations Doctors	Z 2 Patients With Plans Needing Review
Users	Q 4 Patients With Plans With Unreviewed Comments
Reports	

If you select any of these items, I will list the patient records needing attention. If you wish to select one of these records, click **Select** next to their name.

#### **Patient Records**

#### Searching for a Patient

To begin a search for a patient record within ShareMyCare, select New Patient from within the Patients section of the navigation menu.

Patients My Alerts My Patients New Patient

From here, you will be able to search for a patient record. You should always search for the patient via their NHS number if you have it, this is to reduce duplicate records in ShareMyCare.

Alternatively, you can search by the patients' demographics. The patients Surname, Date of Birth and Gender must be entered as a minimum.





Search All Patie	nts
NHS Number*	
Search	
Surname*	
Forename	
Postcode	Find
Date of Birth*	
Age	
	Years 🗸
Gender*	✓

When the search is complete, any patients that fit the search criteria you have entered will display next to the search panel.

	Surname	Forename	D.O.B	NHS Number	Organisation
Select	TEST 1	Schr	11-Dec-2000	1111111111	Brisdoc

If you wish to proceed and view the patient record, click the **Select** button on the patient record.

#### **Creating a Patient Record**

If you have performed a search for a patient and they do not exist within ShareMyCare, you can proceed to create a record for them.

Once the search has completed and you have been unable to find the patient record you are searching for, you can begin the process of creating a new record with the **New Patient** button.





New Patient
If you cannot locate a patient, please create a new patient record.
New Patient

When taken to the new patient form, you can then provide all the information you have available for the patient. **Important Note:** You must ensure that you complete all the mandatory fields within the form. These fields can be identified by the red field label and asterisk.

Edit Patient Details								
Surname*	TEST	Telephone		Ext.		Reg. Surgery*	Brisdoc	
Forename*		Mobile				Reg. Doctor		Find
Preferred Name						Telehealth Device Id		
		Date of Birth*	01-Jan-1940					
NHS Number*								
		Gender*	Female		~			
Postcode*	Find	Ethnicity	Not Specified		*			
Building		Interpreter Required						
Street *		Preferred Language	Not Specified		×			
Town		Functional Status	The openand					
County								
		Disabilities						
Save Cancel * Der	otes required fields							

Once you have added all the necessary information for the patient record, select **Save.** Alternatively, if you wish to close without saving, you can select the **Cancel** button.

#### **Editing a Patient Record**

If you wish to amend a patient record after is has been created, you can select the Edit button on their profile.





Patient Details	
Name Preferred Name Born Gender	TEST 1, Schr 11-Dec-2000 (24 Years) Female
Detail	
Current Address	THE LONG BARROW, ORBITAL PARK ASHFORD TN24 0GP
Telehealth Id	
Functional Status	
Disabilities	

Edit

You will then be permitted to amend any of the details within the patient record that you require.

Once you have amended all the necessary information, select **Save**. Alternatively, if you wish to close without saving, you can select the **Cancel** button.

#### Archiving a Patient (Obsolete)

To archive a patient, you must search for and open the patient record and then select the **Archive Patient** button.

Archive Patient

You will then be presented with a form where you will need to tick **Patient Deceased?** and enter the **Date of death**. Once these fields have been completed, the **Archive Patient** button will allow you to proceed.





#### Archive Patient

This will archive the current patient, which indicates that you no longer need to work with the patient on a regular basis.			
Patient Deceased?			
Date of Death			
Diagnosis			
Actual Place of Death			
By default, archived patients will no longer appear in your Index view.			

#### **Un-Archiving a Patient**

If a patient has been archived incorrectly, you can select the **Un-Archive** button, which will appear in the place of the original **Archive** button.

#### **Plan Management**

#### **Plan Types**

Within ShareMyCare we will have multiple plan types to select and add to the patient record.







#### Adding a Plan to a Patient Record

Within the patient record, navigate to the bottom half of the record and view the **Add Plan** tab. Select the plan you need to add from the dropdown menu and then select **Add Plan**.

Add Plan	Add Plan				
Add Plan Please choose the type of plan required from the selection below:					
Plan Type *	Adastra SP Notes - Brisdoc Data Transfer				
Add Plan	Adastra SP Notes - Brisdoc Data Transfer				
Add Hull	Black Pear ReSPECT Form				
	High Intensity User				
	Respect Form Alert				
	Special Allocation Scheme				
	Special Patient Note				
	Violence and Aggression				

You will then be presented with the plan that you selected above. You can now enter all the information necessary within the fields provided. Below is an example of how a plan may appear:

Respect Form Alert Plan For TEST, Smc			
By ticking this box you are confirming that the patient has consented to sharing this informat	ion with the local health community *		
Consent Type*		Active	<b>~</b>
		Review Date	24-Sep-2025
Please be aware of details of advanced wishes / end of life care plan RESPECT form creat	ed - Please see EMIS for Respect Form		
Patient Name			
NHS Number			
Date of Respect Form			
Date added by Severnside			
Save Cancel			
You have locked this item. The lock will expire in 30 minutes.			

Tick to confirm consent and select the Consent Type from within the dropdown menu – This will be Best Interest of Patient.





#### Respect Form Alert Plan For TEST, Smc

$\Box$ By ticking this box you are confirming that	the patient has consented to sharing this information with the local health community $^{\star}$	
Consent Type*	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	
Explicit Consent Please be awa Best Interest of Patient	s / end of life care plan RESPECT form created - Please see EMIS for Respect Form	m
Lasting Power of Attorney		
Patient Name Withdrawn		
NHS Number		
Date of Respect Form		
Date added by Severnside		
Save Cancel		

The plan should automatically be set to **Active**. If it hasn't, please tick the box to activate it. Then, add the plan's Review Date.

Active	
Review Date	26-Jun-2030

#### Edit a Plan

Any plan that has been recorded against a patient record can be updated where required. Within the patient record, navigate to the bottom half of the record and select the tab of the plan you would like to edit. Select the **Edit** button.





Add Plan Adastra SP Notes - Brisdoc Data Transfer Add new plan type Test 🛕 Attachment Test

ment Test Black Pear ReSPECT Form

Respect Form Alert Plan For TEST, Smc

Please be aware of details of advanced wishes / end of life care plan RESPECT form created - Please see EMIS for Respect Form

Patient Name	Smc TEST
NHS Number	111111111
Date of Respect Form	25/06/2025
Date added by Severnside	26/06/2025

Edit

Here you will be able to change the required information. These amendments are Audited.

#### Make a Plan Inactive

If a patient's plan has expired or is no longer applicable, the plan can be marked as inactive. Within the patient record, navigate to the bottom half of the record, and select the tab of the plan you would like to mark as inactive. Select the **Edit** button, untick the **Active** field and **Save**.

Active

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	- 1	
	- 1	

#### **Plan Audits**

The creation of, or edits made to any plan within Sharecare are fully audited. To review the change history of a plan, you must firstly search for and open a patient record.

Within the patient record, you must select the tab of the plan that you would like to view the history of. Please see an example below.

Add Plan Black Pear ReSPECT Form





If you wish to view the history of the plan including when it was created and any updates that have been made to it, click the **Plan History** button. This will bring up the Version History, where each field can be expanded to view further detail.

Version History					
	Date Order:				
	Field				
	Version 2 - 26/06/25 14:50 by Chelsea STEVENS				
	Version 1 - 26/06/25 14:35 by Chelsea STEVENS				
	Version 0 - 26/06/25 14:34 by Chelsea STEVENS				

If you wish to view any changes to any specific fields within the plan including when they were updated and the user who made these updates, click the **Field History** button. This will bring up the Version History, where each row can be expanded to view further detail. Here you will be able to see the plan content on particular dates changes were made.

Row	Value	Data	Plan	PlanFieldDefinition	Version	Modified	ModifiedUser
Date added b	y Severnside						
0	25/06/2025 00:00:00			Date added by Severnside	2	26/06/2025 14:50:25	Chelsea STEVENS
0	26/06/2025 00:00:00			Date added by Severnside	1	26/06/2025 14:35:28	Chelsea STEVENS

#### Adding notes to a plan

To add a note, you must firstly search for and open a patient record.

Within the patient record, select the tab of the plan that you would like to add a note for.







Once the plan is opened, at the very bottom of the page will be a **Plan Notes Awaiting Review** panel where you can add your notes to the plan. Once you have added all the detail you would like to include, select the **Add Comment** button.

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B <i>I</i> - <del>S</del> U ≡ ≡ ≡ ≡ ≡ ≡ <b>X</b> <sub>2</sub> x <sup>2</sup> C ⊃ ≡ ≡ ні н2 н3 Р 🗙	
Adding notes to plan for review	

Once you have saved your note, this will appear within the Plan Notes Awaiting Review panel.

Plan Notes Awaiting Review			
Adding notes to plan for review			
Chelsea STEVENS	03-Jul-2025 14:29:40		

This will also show under the My Alerts section, within the Patients with Plans with Unreviewed Comments heading.

Once these comments have been Approved or Rejected, this information will be shown underneath the **Reviewed Plan Notes** panel at the bottom of the page. The Notes on the left will detail the user & the note they have added. The notes on the right will detail the User who approved or rejected the comments.

Approved comments will appear in **Bold**. Rejected comments will show with a strikethrough and be faded out.





Reviewed Plan Notes

Adding note for approval.

#### Aimee HENLEY 04-Jul-2025 19:13:28

Adding comment for review Aimee HENLEY 04-Jul-2025 19:07:11 Approved by Chelsea STEVENS 04-Jul-2025 19:13:56

Hide 🔺

Rejected by Chelsea STEVENS 04-Jul-2025 19:12:16

#### Logout

Once you have finished using ShareMyCare, navigate to the top right-hand corner of the page and select the Logout button.

Logout





## Appendix 1 – Special notes relating to a violent or aggressive patient

Following a learning event relating to a violent or aggressive SevernSide patient contact, a special note will be added to the electronic patient record. This will be visible whenever the patient record is accessed. Below is a template.

This person was verbally abusive on the phone to a SevernSide colleague on (add date). If this person is verbally aggressive on the phone: Give a verbal warning and attempt to deescalate. If the behaviour continues, terminate the call Phone the shift manager to make them aware, and so you can be supported Submit a learning event, to trigger consideration of a zero-tolerance letter being sent to the patient If the patient requires face to face assessment, discuss options with the CC and consider whether face to face in a treatment centre with more than one clinician is appropriate Consider referring them to ED and phoning ahead to advise of their arrival

The High intensity user team will consider contacting the patient's usual GP to share information. The case may be discussed at the high intensity user group. The group will consider colleague safety and risk assess whether a decision is made for the patient to be referred to ED should they require face to face assessment. This will be documented in their special notes with a review date.

## Appendix 2 – Special notes relating to pateints on the Special Allocation Scheme (SAS)

The SAS patient list is received by the SevernSide care plan team. The team add the following special notes to the electronic patient record:

Special Patient Note for patients currently registered with the Special Allocation Scheme is:

This patient has a history of violence / aggression in a health care setting and has been removed from their GP practice list. They are registered with the Special Allocation Scheme (SAS).

DO NOT arrange a face-to-face assessment at a treatment centre or arrange a home visit. It is recommended you review the EMIS record.





Please manage the case remotely where appropriate and safe to do so. If the patient needs a face-to-face assessment and can wait for routine review, they should be advised to ring the SAS in hours to request an appointment (the service runs a pre-booked surgery on a Tuesday afternoon at the Secure Unit at the BRI). If the medical problem requires face to face assessment during the OOH period, patients must be advised to attend ED. Please contact the relevant ED to advise them of the patient's attendance. If this person is verbally aggressive on the phone: Give a verbal warning and attempt to de-escalate. *If the behaviour continues, terminate the call* Phone the shift manager to make them aware, and so you can be supported Submit a learning event, to trigger consideration of a zero-tolerance letter being sent to the patient

Special Patient Note for patients who have previously been registered with the Violent Patient Scheme:

This patient and was previously registered with the Special Allocation scheme following an episode of violent or aggressive behaviour in a health care setting. Following a risk assessment, they were removed from this scheme on ADD DATE and advised to register with a local GP surgery. Check EMIS for any recent information about the patient. If the patient requires face-to-face assessment during the OOH period, make the shift manager aware, so they can be seen at a treatment centre where more than one clinician is working. If this is not possible consider assessment in ED. If this person is verbally aggressive on the phone:

Give a verbal warning and attempt to de-escalate.

*If the behaviour continues, terminate the call* 

Phone the shift manager to make them aware, and so you can be supported

Submit a learning event, to trigger consideration of a zero-tolerance letter being sent to the patient

If the patient requires face to face assessment, discuss options with the CC

Consider referring them to ED and phoning ahead to advise of their arrival





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