

**Meeting of the Patient Safety Working Group of the High Level Group on  
Health Services and Medical Care**

**12 September 2007**

**Centre Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels 1040,  
Room 1A**

*Co-chairmen:* Mr Martin Fletcher and New Co-Chair to be elected at meeting

*Objectives:*

1. To elect a new co-chair.
2. To update the working group on where the EUNetPas proposal has reached.
3. To agree next steps for the draft patient safety recommendation
4. To explain the Commission's Patient Safety initiative for 2008, the links to the Health Services initiative and Healthcare Acquired Infection Recommendation, and the role of the patient safety working group in this work.
5. To review the available data on the extent and scope of the patient safety incidents and to identify other sources.

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

10:00 - 10:15 Martin Fletcher will open the meeting and request the adoption of the agenda and the draft minutes of the last meeting.

**2. Election of a New Co-Chair**

10.15 – 10.30 One name, a current member of the working group, will be put forward by Martin Fletcher, acting co-chair for this meeting, for election as the new co-chair following Dr Robida's departure. Assuming that there are no objections from working group members, the new co-chair will share the chairs' duties at this meeting.

**3. EUNetPaS Proposal**

10.30 – 10.45 The new co-chair will introduce the Secretariat for a brief update on where the evaluation process for the EUNetPas bid has reached.

#### **4. Patient Safety Recommendation**

10.45 – 11.00 The new co-chair will seek the working group's agreement to the proposed next step for the draft patient safety recommendation agreed by all working group members in April 2007.

#### **5. European Commission's Patient Safety Initiative for 2008**

11.00 – 12.00 Martin Fletcher will introduce the Secretariat who will make a presentation on the Commission's Patient Safety Initiative, due for adoption in the second half of 2008 under the French Presidency. This will include an overview of key elements and processes and a draft timetable for action. Links to the Commission's Health Services initiative and proposed initiative on HCAI will be made clear, and the possible role of the working group in this work can be described and discussed among the working group after the presentation .

#### **6. Data on the Extent and Type of Patient Safety Incidents**

12.00 – 12.40 This links closely to agenda item 5. A key element of the Commission's initiative is to identify the patient safety 'problem' as it stands now. This involves referencing any research or other studies which provide data on the extent and type of adverse events/harm to patients in healthcare systems in the EU (and globally). Martin Fletcher will list the sources of data currently available to the Secretariat and lead a discussion on the identification of other sources.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

12.40 – 12.50 Martin Fletcher will provide the date of the next meeting and lead a short discussion on whether other organisations should be invited to that next meeting.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

12.50 – 13.00 Martin Fletcher to call for any other business and close meeting.