



1.2 Readiness and action plan towards eHealth Network guidelines on Hospital Discharge report guidelines

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Issue at stake

- *According to the eHN Common Semantic Strategy, and the mandate given to the Subgroup on Semantics in June 2022, a readiness assessment has been performed*
- *The purpose was to assess:*
 - **The maturity of specifications to be used in the development of eHN guidelines**
 - **The readiness of Member States to implement any such guidelines**
- *The readiness assessment has made use of results of the X-eHealth project, the EC study “Interoperability of Electronic Health Records in the EU (2020)”.*



Summary of findings

- *Member State readiness*
 - EC study: “(...) *Discharge reports are relatively simple (compared to patient summaries and ePrescriptions) and are often designed to contain hand-written text instead of structured information, which could explain a higher level of use.(...)*”.
 - X-eHealth survey, only 1 Member State has a solution suitable to be used as reference for cross-border guidelines, some other countries work on solutions



Summary of findings

- *Clear interplay with Patient Summary guidelines in terms of content (data set) and workflow (content of report will become part of Patient Summary in some cases)*



Questions

- a) *What scope should be adopted for the first version of this guidelines:*
- hospital discharge reports (COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION of 6.2.2019 on a European Electronic Health Record exchange format)
 - discharge report (Article 5 of the Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Health Data Space, COM/2022/197 final)?
- b) *Should there be any distinctions between the possible use cases identified, namely should there be indicated any recommendation for implementation in MyHealth@EU?*



Questions

- c) Considering the implementation burden and member state readiness, how should the dataset be described in the guidelines:*
- section level datasets with indication of preferred code systems or
 - detailed description equivalent to level of detail in other eHealth Network guidelines?



Proposal

- d) *Considering the complexity of the dataset and interplays of this guidelines but also its importance for implementation projects (i.e. Myhealth@EU), it is recommended to adopt a 2 step approach for the preparation of these guidelines. The first step (ready by June 2023) would be the outline of the guideline including candidate content in some of the key chapters and some consultation with key stakeholders. The second step - the consolidated guidelines (including a wider stakeholders consultation) - would be available by Nov 2023.*



eHealth Network action requested

- *Provide guidance on questions a) – c) and on proposal d).*



Questions?

Further information

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