

EXPERT PANEL ON EFFECTIVE WAYS OF INVESTING IN HEALTH

Request for a scientific opinion: Criteria to identify priority areas when assessing the performance of health systems.

Background – Rationale

As a part of the reflection process to pursue modern, responsive and sustainable health systems and by mandate of the Council Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level, Sweden is co-ordinating a Sub-group on measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of health investments. The sub-group will deliver a final report to the Senior Level Working party in September 2013.

In its work the Sub-group has produced a short paper on possible criteria to identify areas that should be prioritised for making comparisons and assessment with an European perspective on effective ways in investing in health. The model presented in the paper is still at an early draft stage and there may be a need to add further criteria/dimensions or make other amendments to it. To further develop this model we need to test it on one or more concrete and well-defined areas, preferably including one or more chronic diseases. The advice of the Expert Panel is needed to provide guidance on the parameters, criteria and testing of the model.

Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel on Health

The Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health is requested to provide a) its views on the framework as prepared by the Working Party sub-group; and b) provide guidance on the methodologies and approaches which will need to be taken in order to test the framework.

In doing so, the Panel is asked to review the criteria used; identify weaknesses which will need to be addressed and make recommendations on ways to address them; identify additional elements which will have not been taken into account or are not properly represented and make recommendations for their inclusion; identify the next steps that ideally should be undertaken to test the framework in real life situations at Member State and at EU level.

Timing

Ideally the opinion of the Panel should be finalised by end of October 2013. If that is not possible, the opinion should be finalised by the end of 2013.

Enclosures :

Possible criteria for selecting prioritised areas for comparisons and assessment - version 2.1