



expert group on health systems performance assessment

latest developments and next steps

expert group on health information

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Terms of reference



In February 2014, the Council Work Party on Public Health at Senior Level invited Member States and the Commission to set up an Expert Group on HSPA.

Group's Mission

1. Provide participating Member States with a forum for exchange of experience on the use of HSPA at national level.
2. Support national policy-makers by identifying tools and methodologies for developing HSPA.
3. Define criteria and procedures for selecting priority areas for HSPA at national and EU level.
4. Intensify EU cooperation with international organisations, in particular the OECD and the WHO.

HSPA group meetings

- Lessons learnt: reporting and communication
- Experiences from Basque Country, Scotland
- Integrated care assessment
- Primary care assessment (kick-off)

- Experiences from Belgium, Austria, Malta
- The Bridge project on health information
- Organisational change for integrated care
- Evaluation of past year process and work-plan for 2016

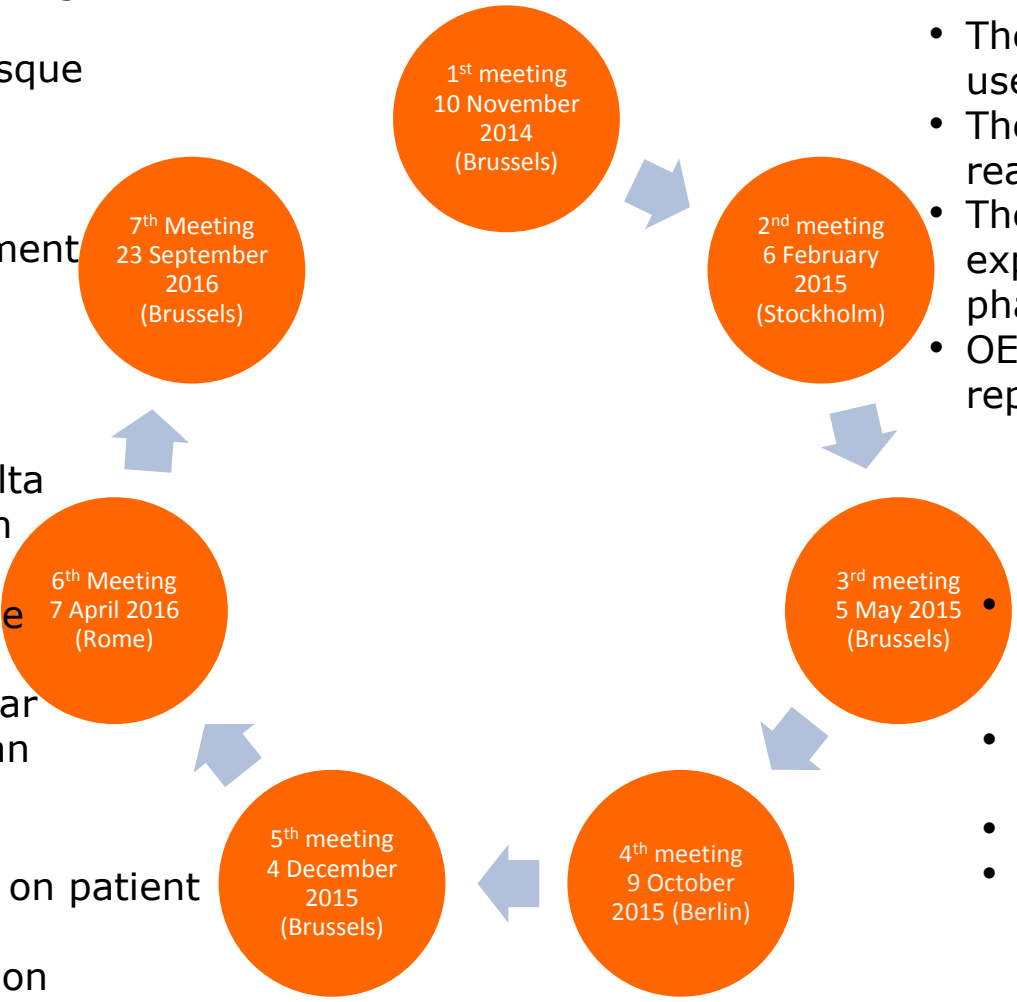
- Expert group on patient safety
- Expert panel on effective ways of investing in health
- Report on quality
- Planning of next steps

- Background of HSPA
- Identify priority areas
- Mission of the Group
- Adoption of a framework

- The Swedish experience: use of registries
- The Italian experience: reaching decision makers
- The Hungarian experience: starting phase of HSPA
- OECD Health at a Glance report

- The French experience on financing incentives and quality
- The Dutch health performance report
- ECHO project
- OECD: Upcoming report on CVD and diabetes

- The German experience on quality assessment
- The UK experience: outcomes framework
- EuroHope project
- WHO work on integrated care



Minutes of the meetings are available here

Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA)

In February 2014, the Council Work Party on Public Health at Senior Level invited Member States and the Commission to set up an Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA). The Expert Group was established in September 2014.




Assessing the performance of health systems is useful to properly understand how they work, and therefore to carry out actions to improve them. Performance assessment offers the transparency that is essential for securing accountability for health systems, thereby improving their functioning.

A sound assessment is essential to:

- identify good and bad practice;
- strengthen effectiveness of care;
- increase accessibility;
- improve the safety of patients.

Knowing how the health system works is the precondition to design effective health system reforms for the benefit of citizens.

Structural and organisational framework:

- [Terms of reference](#)  (84 KB)
- [Rules of procedure](#)  (196 KB)
- [Expert Group meetings](#) (agenda, minutes and documents) 
- Participants (see list below)

http://ec.europa.eu/health/systems_performance_assessment/policy/expert_group/index_en.htm

Quality report



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Strategies across Europe to assess quality of care

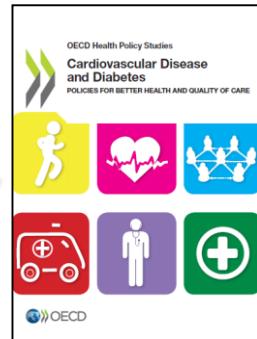


Report by the Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment

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Section 1: General findings

- I. Background, assumptions, and goals
- II. Main findings from countries' experiences
- III. Interpreting cross-country variation in quality indicators
- VI. Conclusions

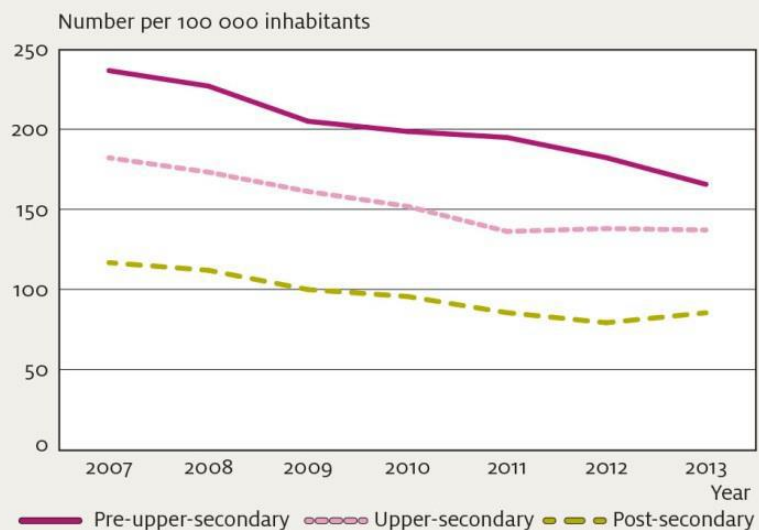


Section 2: Countries' experiences



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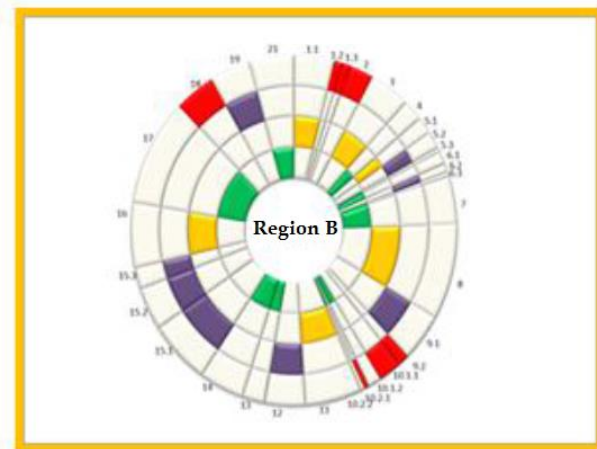
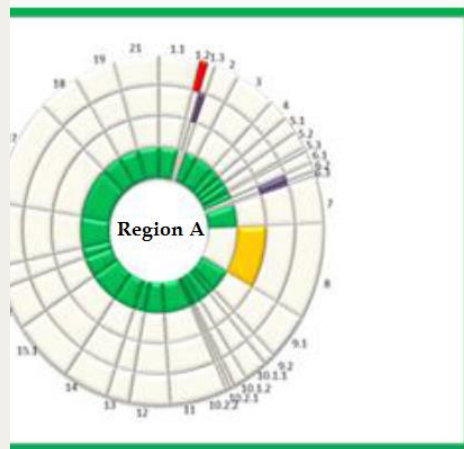
FIGURE 8.3 – EDUCATION: SWEDEN, MEN: Avoidable deaths from ischaemic heart disease per 100 000 inhabitants 35–79 years old. Age-standardised.



Source: The Swedish Cause of Death Register, the National Board of Health and Welfare.



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Few examples

Maternal deaths per 100 000 live births

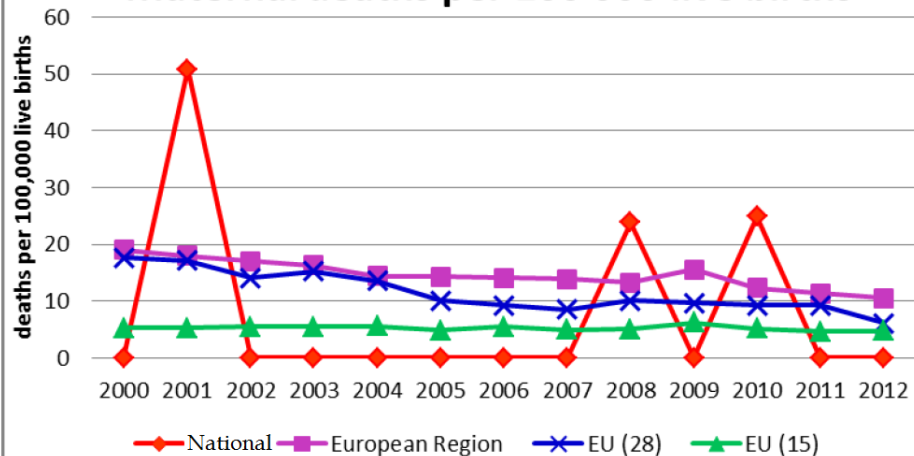
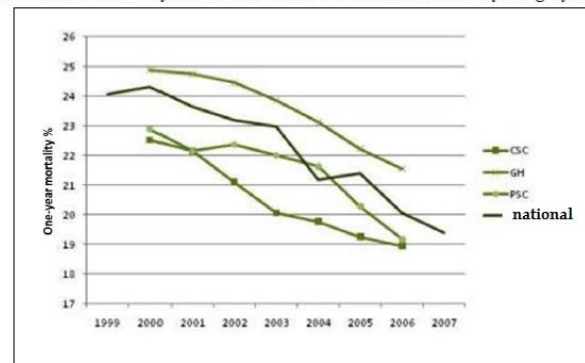


Figure 11: Annual mortality for disorders of the cerebral circulation by category of provider



Trends in annual mortality have been positive in Comprehensive Stroke Centres (CSCs), Primary Stroke Centres (PSCs) and General Hospitals (GH) as well as at national level 1999–2007 (risk-adjusted figures; 3-year moving average for CSCs and PSCs). Variations between CSCs and PSCs still persist, however (Figure 11).



Conclusions

(3 clusters)

1. Quality assessment is a piece of a bigger puzzle

- Put quality into a broader framework
- Adopt large boundaries for health systems
- Define the level and goal of quality assessment
- Define targets and benchmarks
- Independence between the assessment phases
- Put the patient at the centre

2. Choice of indicators and concerns on data quality

- Indicators only indicate
- Complement process with outcome indicators
- Use of old data reduce their explanatory power
- Rely on powerful health information systems

3. Communicate results and follow them up

- Present findings which are easy to read and understand
- Share assessment findings transparently
- Present concrete recommendations



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Samples of indicators are available here

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European Commission > DG Health and Food Safety > Public health > Health systems performance assessment > Key documents

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SO WHAT? Strategies across Europe to assess quality of care

- Executive summary
- Annex: Indicators used by a sample of Member States

http://ec.europa.eu/health/systems_performance_assessment/key_documents/index_en.htm

Tailored assistance



Ad-hoc workshops and seminars with individual Member States



Rome, workshop on integrated care measurement; 8 April 2016

Ljubljana, seminar on healthcare quality assessment; 28/29 September 2016



Next meeting of the HSPA expert group: 14 December 2016, in Vienna

Agenda

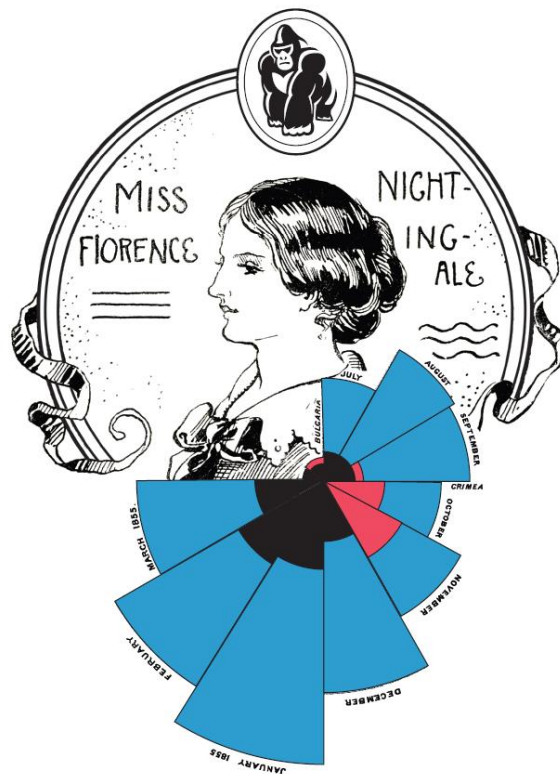
- Draft report on integrated care; presentation and discussion
- Priority areas after 2017, discussion
- Assessment of the performance of primary care; updates
- National experiences: Austria and Slovenia
- OECD work on patient safety and quality of care; updates
- Paper on communicating and reporting HSPA results; presentation
- Amendments of the Rules of procedures

Next Steps

- Finalisation of the report on assessment of the performance of **integrated care** systems; Q1 2017;
- Focus on the assessment of the performance of **primary care** systems as a priority for 2017 (work started)
- Provide more **tailored assistance to countries**



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