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Subject: Topic 1: Guidelines on patient summary set of data for electronic exchange – *for adoption*

Issue at stake

As mentioned in the directive on patients' rights in cross-border care, the eHealth network shall draw up guidelines on a: "*non-exhaustive list of data that are to be included in patients' summaries and that can be shared between health professionals to enable continuity of care and patient safety across borders.*"

The list of data was discussed during the 3rd eHealth Network meeting in May 2013. As stated in the Multiannual Work Programme, the adoption of the guidelines is foreseen during the Network meeting in November 2013.

Summary of document

The guidelines present the patient summary set of data for electronic exchange. The guidelines are non-binding, and should therefore be interpreted as a set of recommendations. It is up to the willingness of each Member State to adopt the guidelines and hence ensure that their national patient summary becomes suitable for cross border as well as national use. These guidelines present the basic elements for the electronic exchange of a patient summary data-set across borders in support of unplanned care.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Chairs will introduce the topic and give the floor to Mr. Jeremy Thorp, director at the Health and Social Care Information Centre in the UK, who was requested to draft the guidelines on behalf of the eHGI.

The eHealth Network members are requested to:

- State their position about the guidelines as presented to the eHealth Network;
- If a clear consensus is not reached, Member will be asked to cast their vote;

If adopted, express their ideas what the adoption of the guidelines will mean a national level; and if subsequent work is needed at EU level to possibly facilitate reusability.

NB: in line with the Rules of Procedure, in the event of a vote, the outcome of the vote shall be decided by a majority of two thirds of the Network Members. Each Member shall have one vote. Absent Members vote shall count if a written mandate is available.