



Meeting of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Minutes

Brussels, 3 April 2019

Fourth meeting of the Working group on Task shifting in healthcare systems via audio 2 April 2019, 14h00 –15h30 CET

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes

The agenda was approved without changes as well as the minutes of the previous working group (WG) meeting of 19 March 2019.

2. Nature of the meeting

The fourth WG meeting on Task shifting in healthcare systems took place on 2 April via audio conference. The meeting, which was chaired by Jan De Maeseneer, was a non-public meeting.

No declarations of interest that could in any way interfere with the topic discussed were submitted from any panel member.

3. List of points discussed

Ongoing work on opinion

An updated opinion was circulated before the meeting for WG members' comments. The first part of the discussion was devoted to general considerations including the need to have a look at the regulatory frameworks, role of education, as well as difficulty of having a comprehensive analysis for all Member States. Members agreed to add further specific examples of task shifting in the opinion. Chair suggested making cross references to relevant Panel opinions. Members discussed again the most suitable title; they considered suggestions such as competencies mix/sharing, tasks distributions, etc. Then members followed the structure of the opinion and commented on individual chapters. The problem of the limited evidence base was highlighted, since many of the changes that take place are never evaluated, and the adoption of new professional roles often takes place without any scrutiny. Members suggested to include how evidence could be gathered in a meaningful and credible way.

Members further discussed key facilitators and barriers of tasks shifting and how to identify the ways to overcome barriers. It was agreed to expand on legal indemnities part. They further discussed the recommendations and agreed to elaborate them around key points, such as task analysis, competency identification, training, etc. and give examples and concrete actions that would help to achieve them. They concluded underlining the importance of efficiency and sustainability of financial and social protection.

Planning of work

Members agreed to circulate an updated draft a week before 23 April in order for it to be discussed in the next meeting.

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked participants for their presence and the valuable discussion and comments, which helped move forward with the opinion.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 23 April 2019 in Brussels.

6. List of participants

Members

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