

## MINUTES

### Independent Healthcare Information Joint Agency Working Group – 6 February 2008

**Venue:** Harmsworth House, London  
**Date:** 6 February 2008  
**Attendees:** Department of Health – Rob Moorhead (RM), Patsy Bailey (PB),  
Healthcare Commission – Lorraine Foley (LF) Chair, Neil Prime (NP), Veena Raleigh (VR),  
 Emma Doyle (ED)  
NHS Connecting for Health: Lesley Cooke (LC), Steve Anderson (SA)  
The NHS Information Centre: Martin Orton (MO),  
**Apologies:** Richard Dale, Robert Cleary (RC), Anna Casburn-Jones

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01	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes were accepted, and actions reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Quality assessment occurring in The NHS Information Centre (SUS) and Audit Commission, how are these co-ordinated? <b>Action MO</b></li> <li>• Informatics review – need to find someone to present to the group. <b>Action MO</b></li> <li>• NHS data on HAIs for elective patients is now on the choices website. IS HAI data isn't published yet, but will be soon.</li> <li>• HC will send letter re national std contract. MO to chase response to The NHS Information Centre paper.</li> <li>• Comms. L&amp;B clashes with Lib Dem conference. The NHS Information Centre have booked a fringe session on first day. HC has applied for speaking slots</li> </ul>
02	<p><b>National Standard Contracts</b></p> <p><b>Acute</b></p> <p>RM reported in RD absence. Over 1800 had attended the road shows. Issues raised included those around co-ordinating PCT and boundary clashes, activity planning, financial flows and complex care pathways. FT are not keen to give up existing contracts early, and IS uncomfortable with some aspects (contract tailored to large acute trusts, not suitable for the diffuse provision in IH).</p> <p>IS ECN</p> <p>Spot purchasing - 10 PCTs are responsible for 60% of ECN work, about 85% of IS work is still locally commissioned and not showing in CDS as subcontract ie site codes are not provided. MO &amp; RM to look at what guidance is given for locally commissioned activity and site coding. <b>Action MO/RM</b></p> <p><b>MH Contract</b></p> <p>Currently looking to define route and contract to move forward on systems and information. RD to use JAWG MH sub-group to help on information requirements for the contract.</p> <p><b>Ambulance Contract</b></p> <p>Is next to be addressed</p> <p><b>Community Services</b></p> <p>RD concerned about the interfaces. Can JAWG assist? Need to consider the how, who, when for a sub-group. MH &amp; Community contracts need to be published with next years operating framework in Dec-08.</p> <p><b>Action: RM to feedback to RD.</b></p>
03	<p><b>DH Commercial Directorate Changes</b></p> <p>CD changing focus to become an advisory group on major procurements.</p> <p>CCMU moving to Finance &amp; Performance under David Florey on 1 April. RD remaining in CD, and agreed should become a JAWG member. <b>Action: LF to invite RD onto JAWG</b></p>
04	<p><b>NHS Choices</b></p> <p>RC not present for update. Key issue for RC is to raise the issue within choices for considering whole of IS units for some indicators in Choices rather than just the NHS care. LC: from a patient perspective, continuous record of care is needed. LF: registration covers both NHS and IH, so important issue and full IH coverage is needed.</p>
05	<p><b>Update on Subgroups</b></p> <p><b>PROMS</b></p> <p>General concern about how this was being developed and implemented. All to consider how to ensure</p>

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	<p>appropriate involvement. Who is leading in DH? <b>Action: RM to check and provide feedback.</b></p> <p><b>Patient Surveys</b></p> <p>Progressing, contract changes going through and CCMU busy on implementation and publication rules.</p> <p><b>SUIs</b></p> <p>Sub-group met again with NPSA rep. Group now has representation from MHRA, seeking representation from Monitor. NPSA set up to receive IS data for reporting to new NPSA Patient Safety Direct (24 hour access). Are trying to rationalise definitions and who reports what to who. Added complication is that WHO are reviewing standards. HC safety team have been mapping reporting for NHS &amp; IS. IS reports safety events to 6 places, HC, NPSA, DH CCMU, PCTs (commissioners), NHS insurers and their own systems, all with different definitions and so events go to some and not others. Exercise is useful for NHS too.</p> <p><b>HAIs</b></p> <p>Still no need for another group. ED attended meeting at HPA. HPA now set up to receive data from the IS. HC are helping with content. Need to check choices are taking data from HPA <b>Action ED</b></p> <p>HC to take data from HPA once ISPs using the system. Need to involve ISB with SUIs/HAls, <b>Action ED</b></p> <p><b>KPIs &amp; Datasets</b></p> <p>Is progressing towards a common set of KPIs and options for dataflows which the IS will use in tendering for a benchmarking and KPI distribution system.</p> <p>VR/MO paper on private patients was discussed.</p> <p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <p>Next meeting is end of Feb. Further reps from the IS have been suggested. Group is well played into the MH contract via RD, and is awaiting draft contract.</p>
06	<p><b>Informatics Executive Meeting</b></p> <p>.LF is happy to circulate papers from the first meeting, where they agreed terms of reference, and discussed SUS. Consider a JAWG update to this group.</p>
07	<p><b>Seminar</b></p> <p>VR considered this should be a whole day. Whats in it for me was ok, but messages didn't align, Comms group to continue working up the agenda &amp; plan.</p>
08	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VR noted that HC will be doing an update on the ISTC review.</li> </ul>

#### Acronyms:

CDS	Commissioning DataSets
FT	Foundation Trust
HAI	Healthcare Acquired Infection
IH	Independent Healthcare
IS	Independent Sector
IHAS	Independent Healthcare Advisory Services
JAWG	Independent Healthcare Information Joint Agency Working Group
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
MHMDS	Mental Health Minimum DataSet
NHSPN	NHS Partners Network
PROMS	Patient Reported Outcome Measures
SUS	Secondary Uses Service