

Improving Patient Safety in Europe

WP2 Logbook – European standards & indicators for Public Health surveillance and technical guidelines for the control of HAI & AMR

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During 2006, the questionnaire on National Standards Indicators on HAI and AMR was issued to the IPSE National Contact Points. At the time of writing, of the 33 questionnaires issued (25 Member States (one each for UK England, UK Northern Ireland, UK Scotland, UK Wales), Norway, Switzerland, 3 Candidate countries – Bulgaria, Croatia, Turkey), completed questionnaires had been received from 27.

A preliminary analysis of the data collected from the survey was presented at the IPSE Annual Plenary meeting in Vienna in November, 2006, and the results can be viewed by IPSE national representatives on the project management platform <http://www.meres.org> (Documents, Documents Centre IPSE, WP2, Prelim Results Nov 2006). As indicated on the presentation, these are preliminary, unvalidated results, not yet for public distribution.

Following the presentation, a working group including representatives from 11 countries discussed ideas concerning the proposed indicators. This included what the characteristics of the indicators should be, what general topics should be covered and, finally, some of the questions in detail. Following these discussions and other comments taken at the meeting, an adapted list of indicators will be sent to the working group for any remaining comments. The list of indicators will then be sent to the expert working group for discussion and finalisation of the first version during an expert working group meeting. This version will be circulated to National Contact Points and, possibly, Infection Control Societies for feedback. Following draft testing of the indicators in 2 countries, presentation of the final version will take place during the final IPSE Annual Plenary Meeting in November 2007.

“Moving towards a WHO proposal for indicators monitoring progress in the control of HAI and AMR” will be presented at the 17th ECCMID & 25th ICC in Munich on Saturday 31st March, 2007, in the Educational Workshop EW06 “Healthcare-associated infection (HAI) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) – a challenge for organisation and management” between 08.30 hrs and 10.30 hrs.

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Due to the delays in signing the grant agreement, this work package effectively started during the meeting of the WP2 work group during the 1st IPSE Annual Plenary Meeting held in Vienna in November, 2006. During this meeting, the background to the work package was reviewed, as well as its aims and deliverables. A review of the work plan and tasks was also made in view of the slippage in commencement of the work. The result of this review was a re-scheduling of the planned completion dates of the deliverables;

Replan

D2.1	Guidelines on Infection Control in Healthcare settings in Europe : Recommended practices and indicators	01/07/2006	01/07/2007
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	for monitoring and evaluating progress		
D2.2	Related training materials on the web	01/01/2007	01/10/2007
D2.3	Internet-based geographic information system on HAI and AMR (Global Atlas of Diseases)	01/01/2007	01/10/2007

The planning for the forthcoming period foresees the recruitment of project offices and setting up of the working group in the first quarter of 2006. During the meeting in Vienna, it was noted that the length of time necessary to properly validate guidelines (field testing and dissemination) would normally be longer than the time currently remaining in the project (to end 2007). However, costs are only eligible within the term of the grant agreement. To be effective, an application for prolongation of the grant agreement would have to be made before the end of 2006. The progress of the work will have to be carefully considered to evaluate if this will be necessary or not.

The conclusions arising from the meeting in Vienna emphasised important aspects which will be taken into account in this work package;

- Development of indicators should focus on structural and process indicators at the national level.
- The choice of indicators should be based on a selection which is feasible and robust.
- The ECDC should be invited as one of the work group partners.