Approval for Memorandum of Understanding

NHS England, US HHS and HSCIC Health IT

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Background

NHS England, HHS and HSCIC Health IT

A Memorandum of Understanding aims to mark a collaboration between the three Participants above; acknowledging the relationship in sharing knowledge on Health IT standards and market stimulation.

The collaboration is the result of previous summits, the aims of which were to allow both countries to learn from the experiences of the other and to align approaches on both sides of the Atlantic. Despite the differences in our respective healthcare systems, we have common approaches to addressing challenges and recognising opportunities for improvement. Both domestic approaches are predicated on the increased availability and cultural willingness to make use of quality health data and health information technology tools by clinicians and to patients, commonly known as e-Health, Health IT, or digital health.

The aims and scope of the work intend to reflect prior agreements and discussions on topics held at bilateral summit meetings, and to recognise the need to economise on innovation and best practices. The work stream areas include:

Sharing Quality Indicators

To review a set of agreed-upon quality indicators that are currently in place (Patient Centred Outcomes)

Liberating Data and Putting It to Work

Discuss and identify areas of collaboration around Open Data and data transparency of secondary stores i.e. data.gov

Adopting Digital Health Record Systems

Explore ways to maximize the successful widespread adoption of digital records.

Encourage the development of a robust Health IT workforce and reduce the administrative burden on front-line staff.

Priming the Health IT Market

Including: barriers to innovation, regulatory approaches for patient and clinician health applications etc.

Development of the MoU

The MoU is developed with insight and review by collaboration SRO's and subject matter experts going through various iterations with advice to be taken from the DH.

Actions Required of the Board

Presented to the Board for approval going forwards.