B3 Action Group on Integrated Care

Webinar

Overcoming interoperability challenges from users' perspectives

Thursday, 2nd March 2017, 14:00 – 15:30 CET

Session aim and description:

The B3 Action Group on Integrated Care is leading a Sprint to lay the groundwork needed to overcome interoperability challenges from a users' perspective.

> "Lack of interoperability is both a reason for and a result of market fragmentation. It perpetuates market fragmentation and creates significant barriers to entry, especially for innovators and SMEs. Better coordination of care requires open platforms and widely adopted standards on which each player can contribute and innovations can thrive.

> For the advance of integrated care, it is imperative to break this market deadlock and to advance standards and open platforms. The European Commission has referenced standards (including Continua Design Guidelines and Integrated Health Enterprise IHE profiles) in its eHealth European Interoperability Framework."
> *From the Blueprint on Digital Transformation of Health and Care for the Ageing Society*

The pursuit of integrated care requires that patient data and information flows freely and becomes accessible to healthcare professionals, patients, and carers, where and when it is needed. Realising this ambition means breaking up information silos and making health IT systems interoperable with other health systems, with health record systems, and with patient devices. It is at the interfaces between these systems where the role of international standards like IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise) profiles and Continua Guidelines become critical.

The purpose of this Sprint is to analyse the lessons learnt by B3 members, other Action Group members and Reference Sites in their ICT deployments, to identify the pain points, and to bridge user needs with the constraints of the technology development for the deployment of connected systems and integrated care services.

It is proposed to launch this Sprint with:

⇨ **A webinar on Thursday, 2ⁿᵈ March 2017, 14:00 – 15:30 CET**

to allow EIP on AHA members to understand the approach proposed for this Sprint and engage their project and technology leaders in the activities:

➢ The Sprint will introduce a survey to gather experiences and lessons learned with the deployment of interoperable technologies for integrated care.

➢ This feedback will be analysed during:

⇨ **A Workshop on Interoperability for Active and Healthy Aging**
April 6ᵗʰ 9h30 – 16h00 Venice, Italy
in conjunction with the IHE Connectathon

The primary goal of this Workshop will be to collect and discuss experiences with technology barriers and challenges. These challenges will be matched against the solutions and approaches proposed by IHE and PCHAlliance/Continua to identify solutions that would benefit the EIP on AHA community. Workshop participants will be offered an opportunity to visit the IHE Connectathon, the largest European interoperability testing event in eHealth.

➢ **Recommendations and Next Steps:**
The feedback and recommendations will shape the approach to interoperability for the Blueprint on Digital Transformation of Health and Care for the Ageing Society with a particular focus on pragmatic steps applicable to new and on-going digital health projects.

Host and Presenters:
- Leo Lewis, B3 Promoter (Host)
- Andrea Pavlickova – NHS 24, B3 Co-ordinator
- Charles Parisot – Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE-Europe) Services, Chair, GE Healthcare
- Michael Strübin – European Programme Director, Personal Connected Health Alliance

Session Agenda:
- Welcome and introduction of presenters (Leo/Andrea) (**5 mins**)
- Introduction to the B3 Sprint (Leo/Andrea) (5 **mins**)
- The plan and deliverables of the Sprint (Charles) (**15 mins**)
- The joint IHE and PCHA/Continua contribution (Michael) (**10 mins**)
- The relevance of the IHE Connectathon (Charles) (**10 mins**)
- Questions from the audience (Leo/Andrea) (**30-45 mins**)