

CCG Checklist – SNOMED CT Implementation Primary Care

As part of existing 'core and mandated' local commissioner responsibilities within the GP IT Operating Model, CCGs are responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive data quality advice and guidance service is available to general practice, including training in data quality, clinical coding and information management skills. These services will be impacted by the transition to SNOMED CT.

This checklist aims to help CCGs understand what actions they should be implementing to manage the transition, and provides links to appropriate resources provided by NHS Digital:

<p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure those in the CCG who currently use Read/CTV3 codes are aware of the planned change and gain familiarity with SNOMED CT through one of the widely available internet browsers– select UK Edition • Access NHS Digital Resource website for the most up to date support resources, progress and latest news articles • Read the monthly Snap Update and share it with your stakeholders e.g. CCG teams, GP IT delivery partners, GP practices 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Examples of NHS Digital Supporting Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Digital Resource Website Internet browsers • NHS Digital Resource Website (all) • NHS Digital Resource Website Main Publications
<p>Engage General Practice Sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that general practice sites are fully sighted on the transition to SNOMED CT • Highlight the associated benefits • Signpost the support and resources available from NHS Digital, local GP IT delivery partners and GPSoC clinical system suppliers • It is strongly recommended that any users who undertake data entry or designing templates/searches complete some general training on SNOMED CT in addition to understanding the changes in the system • Ensure practices understand dual coding and the implications when content cannot be dual coded • Ensure practices check that all their suppliers who currently use Read/CTV3 codes are progressing their changes 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Digital Resource Website Education and Training : Animations, webinars, presentations and recordings • NHS Digital Resource Website Main Publications: Summary "Information Leaflet" Fact sheet - "Dual Coding" • NHS Digital Resource Website Main Publications: Supplier requirements

<p>Review locally Commissioned GP IT Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review locally commissioned GP IT support arrangements to ensure that these reflect the changing requirements of SNOMED CT from Read/CTV3 clinical coding arrangements • Ensure training courses, support materials and delivery colleagues are fully updated and sufficiently prepared • Ensure that local GP IT delivery partner’s data quality provision is aware of the implication of the transition and is taking the appropriate action 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers are members of the Trainers on-line Delen Collaborative Forum • NHS Digital Resource Website Main Publications: “Data Quality” guidance
<p>Reports and Templates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and risk assess local templates and reports to identify those that will be impacted by new codes being used by practices, and undertake a data quality review of existing templates given content is now available in SNOMED CT • Identify any required/anticipated changes to coded data entry to utilise the richness of SNOMED CT have been managed, including any implications to reports, templates and/or business rules 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Digital Resource Website Main Publications: “Data Quality” guidance “Designing Searches” guidance
<p>Nominated Point of Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCGs have provided NHS Digital with a Nominated Point of Contact for SNOMED CT related matters • Ensure the CCG have a responsible individual who is coordinating the work to support the transition to SNOMED CT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email snomedprimarycare@nhs.net
<p>CCGs should review: (working with GP IT Delivery Partners, as appropriate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any locally commissioned reporting/data analysis services that support clinical commissioning activity, to ensure that any data warehousing, extraction and/or analysis tools can accommodate SNOMED CT • Interoperable and integrated systems that utilise existing clinical coding and ensure they are developing a SNOMED CT solution in the required timeframe 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Digital Resource Website Main Publications: “Creating Terminology Tables in a Database” There are also a variety of short accompanying recorded representations that details which files are needed, which additional tables to create and how to create simple queries

This list is neither prescriptive nor exhaustive, but provides a framework of activities required to support and ensure a smooth transition to SNOMED CT.

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