Training and Support

Suppliers of the clinical system will provide training to their end users for their system functionality using their preferred training tools. Any queries regarding this should be directed to your GP system supplier.

NHS Digital are providing awareness for those transitioning from Read to SNOMED CT e.g. how to find content, developing reports and hints and tips on preparing for the transition.

We offer a range of monthly webinars:

- Introduction to SNOMED CT for general practice (there are full and mini recorded versions and presentation slides available)
- Designing queries and searches in SNOMED CT
- Exploring SNOMED CT content for general practice

We also have a resources website – Delen. Here you will find:

- Key publications – fact sheets, guidance documents for CCGs, GP practices, Data Quality & technical information
- Training resources – including animations
- Links for SNOMED CT lookup tools and browsers.
- A Queries and Responses database

What you can do ahead of the Transition

Look out for communications

- GP Practices will receive communications from their CCG/CSUs and clinical system provider (EMIS, TPP, Vision & Microtest).
- CCGs will receive communications from NHS Digital and NHS England.

Engage in conversations with any organisations that provide tools and/or reports, regarding plans to transition to SNOMED CT.

Ensure that training delivered or commissioned to GP Practices that involves using READ codes, is updated to incorporate SNOMED CT.

Visit the NHS Digital website and the NHS Digital resources website (Delen).

Gain familiarity with SNOMED CT through one of the internet browsers.

Find out more:

SNOMED CT Webinars:
https://digital.nhs.uk/article/762/SNOMED-CT-webinars

Delen Website:
http://tinyurl.com/z3fdvx7

SNOMED CT Implementation in Primary Care Information Leaflet

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SNOMED CT is the clinical terminology chosen to replace Read codes within the NHS. Coded information that is currently received from GP systems is in Read codes; this will change to SNOMED CT and general practice need to be ready for this.

**Clinical codes need to change**

Currently there are two versions of clinical codes (Read v2 and CTV3) in existence within general practice, so not all GP systems use the same coding system and they do not provide the sophisticated features now expected from a clinical terminology.

The NHS needs a single clinical terminology (SNOMED CT) in order for clinical data to be exchanged accurately and consistently across all care settings; this will enable better patient care and improve the analysis and reporting of clinical data.

SNOMED CT is an international terminology and this will enable the UK to participate more effectively in research and analysis of health information to support national and global health care improvements.

**When it will happen**

SNOMED CT will be implemented from April 2018 in General Practice in a phased approach. Deployment will commence after the 2017/2018 year-end processes are completed.

Systems used by, or communicating coded clinical data to, General Practice service providers must use SNOMED CT as the clinical terminology.

SNOMED CT must be utilised in place of the Read codes (Read v2 and CTV3).

The Principal Clinical System suppliers (GPSoC) are currently designing their systems for the use of SNOMED CT in general practice and are developing their deployment schedules.

Not all the Principal Clinical Systems will move to SNOMED CT at the same time and the estate will transition carefully across a number of months.

Secondary Care, Acute Care, Mental Health, Community systems and other systems used in the direct management of care of an individual are to use SNOMED CT before 1 April 2020, although a number already do use SNOMED CT.

**How it will affect you**

It depends what your role is:

Those who add data into the clinical system will be able to do so in a similar manner, although they will select SNOMED CT terms.

SNOMED CT will offer users an increased number of terms to choose from; this will enable clinical information to be captured in more detail, and reduce ambiguity.

For users who need to extract data, existing searches will continue to run when the system has transitioned over to SNOMED CT. Where new SNOMED CT coded entries do not have a Read code equivalent, these will not be included in an existing Read code defined search. Users will need to produce a new report using SNOMED CT codes.

QOF and enhanced services will be undertaken using the Read code for 2017/18 and SNOMED CT for 2018/19.

**Find out more:**

Visit SNOMED CT Implementation in Primary Care Website: [https://digital.nhs.uk/SNOMED-CT-implementation-in-primary-care](https://digital.nhs.uk/SNOMED-CT-implementation-in-primary-care)

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