EMIS Web implementation approach with FAQs

SNOMED CT will be released in phases, delivering additional functionality at each stage providing a gradual transition for our users.

* Please note the timescales are subject to the normal deployment processes and customer feedback from the first of type testing.

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<td>This phase transitions your EMIS Web to be able to utilise the EMIS Health authored SNOMED CT templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols, within a Read system. These are specifically authored to support dual coding. This benefits all users by giving everyone access to the latest EMIS Health library templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols authored in SNOMED CT across all of our EMIS Web organisations. However any organisations who have already transitioned to SNOMED CT and have created locally authored templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols using SNOMED CT coding will not be able to share these with an organisation who are still on Read. We will be providing further information on sharing local resources via the Support Centre. This phase is scheduled for release in EMIS Web 8.6, commencing rollout from October 2018*.</td>
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<td>This phase delivers the full EMIS Web SNOMED CT functionality including an enhanced code picker giving users access to the SNOMED CT vocabulary. Please note that not all SNOMED CT codes will be available initially, we are delivering the Read GP subset plus selected codes (including EMIS national codes) required to meet the national specifications for QOF and other extracts. We will be gradually expanding the SNOMED CT codes available in the near future. Additional functionality will be also be available in EMIS Web, including the grouping of clinically equivalent synonymous terms and promoting the preferred clinical term, see the Support Centre for further details and examples. Users will be able to create local templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols using SNOMED CT. EMIS Health continues to explore the ability for users to convert their existing templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols from Read to SNOMED CT, further information will be provided on this in due course via the Support Centre. This phase is scheduled for release in EMIS Web 9.0, commencing first of type rollout from January 2019*.</td>
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What will be the impact of these changes on QOF for 2018/19?

The above phases do not impact QOF 2018/19. The EMIS Health national QOF templates and concepts for 2018/19 are now available in the EMIS library, based upon SNOMED CT specifications.

‘How am I driving’ is released independently of an EMIS Web release.

As part of phase 1b users can search on the SNOMED CT Concept IDs in support of the QOF business rules, whilst still using a Read system. Using this new functionality will allow users to update their local templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols, if required, in line with this year’s QOF business rules.

How will these phases be released and how will I know when enabled for my practice?

Deployment will be undertaken using our normal EMIS Web deployment approach including updated posts on the Support Centre.

What will happen to clinical codes already filed into a patient record?

When you view historical clinical data in EMIS Web, you will see the original clinical term used at the point of entry. Historical clinical data is dual coded (Read and SNOMED CT), this enables new searches written in SNOMED CT, to access data captured in Read.

What will happen to existing EMIS codes?

EMIS national codes will still be present in the system. Where a SNOMED CT concept exists that has the same meaning as a current EMIS national code, we have mapped the EMIS code to the appropriate SNOMED CT concept.

Can I author templates, searches, concepts and protocols written in SNOMED CT in my Read System?

Following the release of phase 1b, you will be able to edit your existing templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols and search on a SNOMED CT Concept ID to view its mapped Read codes within your existing Read system in support of the national specifications.

From phase 1c, EMIS Health authored SNOMED CT templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols will be able to run on your Read system.

Do I need to do anything different with degraded codes in Legacy Data Mapping?

With phase 1a functionality within Legacy Data Mapping, you can see which degraded codes will automatically map to SNOMED CT coding during phase 2. If required to support clinical decision making, individual degraded codes can be manually mapped by your organisation. Supporting guidance is available using the NHS Digital SNOMED CT to Read online map.

Can I still share my locally authored templates, searches, concepts and protocols with other organisations on the same coding system?

Yes. Organisations can continue to share locally authored templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols with another EMIS Web organisation if they are both on the same coding system i.e. SNOMED CT to SNOMED CT or Read to Read. A Read system organisation will also be able to share their templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols with a SNOMED CT organisation.

Will my existing local templates, searches, concepts and protocols continue to work after our EMIS Web transitions to SNOMED CT?

Yes. Existing templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols which were created in Read will continue to work. However they will not be able to identify new terms only available in SNOMED CT. If a change to the clinical content is required to any templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols, these will need to be recreated in SNOMED CT (including to replace obsolete codes or codes that have moved in the code hierarchy structure).

Will my calculators still work?

We assure the calculator components when run inside EMIS Health authored templates; however, we do not assure (and so cannot guarantee) the accuracy of locally authored templates. We recommend using only the calculator components within an EMIS Health authored template to ensure an accurate score is generated.
Can I start authoring my local clinical templates and searches using SNOMED CT codes now?

No. Following the release of phase 1b, you will be able to edit your existing templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols and search on SNOMED CT Concept IDs within your existing Read system in support of the national specifications. This is facilitated by using the NHS Digital Read to SNOMED CT map.

From phase 2, users will have the ability to design new templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols using SNOMED CT once your organisation has transitioned to SNOMED CT.

We will be providing guidance to assist users in recreating their local templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols through our online learning materials, which will be added to the Support Centre leading up to deployment.

What can my organisation do now in preparation for SNOMED CT?

In preparation for the implementation of SNOMED CT, now is an ideal time to tidy up your organisation’s local resources and remove any items that are no longer in use. This specifically refers to local items such as templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols.

After your organisation has been transitioned to SNOMED CT coding (phase 2), you will need to recreate your local templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols to take account of the additional terms available in SNOMED CT or if you wish to change any clinical content within these items.

Existing Read based templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols will continue to work in a SNOMED CT system by referencing the Read hierarchy where necessary.

By tidying up your organisation’s local resources now, you can make this process more efficient and less time consuming, as you will then only have to review those templates, searches, reports, concepts and protocols that are actually in use.

What help and support will EMIS Health be providing?

We have online learning materials already available on the Support Centre, including guides, videos, frequently asked questions, screenshots, live and recorded webinars and regular updates on the SNOMED CT rollout to help you get everyone in your organisation ready for the transition. We will also be providing an organisation checklist (based on job roles/activities) to guide all your EMIS Web users through the online training materials they need to view/read.