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Bringing Innovative Regions Together for Health
3rd Seminar - 08C39

Reengineering Hospitals

Venue: Veneto Region Brussels Office - Av. de Tervueren 67
8 October 2008 (16.45 – 18.30)

Much research is currently focused on analysing regional and national health systems as a whole, with relatively little attention paid to how healthcare provision is organized at the individual hospital level. Despite this, the capacity of a regional health care system is still often measured by the number of hospitals and hospital beds, and hospitals have retained a symbolic importance for most people – as a visible sign of the health care system.

However, the position of hospitals in the wider scope of healthcare provision is changing. More and more clinical interventions are operated outside of the hospital setting. Hospitals therefore have to coordinate with other levels of care, including social care, and must collaborate with each other to ensure the best and most cost-efficient use of resources.

In addition, hospitals currently face many specific challenges:

- Adapting to changing health care needs (including home-care solutions)
- Addressing the health needs of an ageing Europe
- Innovation in treatment methods
- Coping with shrinking numbers of qualified health professionals
- Scrutiny and comparison of quality of care and health outcomes.

European regions have taken vastly differing approaches to addressing these issues. This workshop will therefore seek to examine:

- The principle challenges facing hospitals in today's ever-changing climate
- The role of the hospital in the regional health care system
- The questions that policy-makers need to be asking about its future role in the health care system
- Local and regional experiences from across the EU in hospital management and changing hospital structures

Agenda

This workshop aims at examining the principal challenges facing hospitals today, the role of the hospital in the regional health care system, the questions that policy-makers need to be asking about its future role, and local and regional experiences from across the EU in hospital management and changing hospital structures.

16.45 Welcome by Veneto Region

16.55 Introduction and basic facts on hospital reconfiguration in Europe
J. Figueras – European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (Tbc)

17.05 Hospitals and new clinical service models: The theoretical framework
Nigel Edwards – Director, NHS Confederation (Tbc)

17.20 Planning secondary care capacity and ensuring quality for future needs
Pascal Garel - European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE)

Wrap-up and Q&A

17.45 Exploring some concrete cases

Case study 1: *Transforming hospitals through cross-border regional cooperation: the "Puicerda Hospital" initiative*
Enric Mayolas, Head European Affairs - Department of Health Departament de Salut Generalitat de Catalunya (*Tbc)*

Case study 2: *Fit For the Future – Renewing hospital competitiveness through the simultaneous restructuring of work processes and organizational design*
Marion Dinwoodie, Chief Executive - Medway Primary Care Trust - Kent

Case study 3: *Day surgery in Finland (Tbc)*
Liisa-Maria Voipio-Pulkki, Senior Medical Adviser – Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities, (*Tbc)*

Case study 4: *Follow up and key findings of the 2008 European Observatory Summer School on Reengineering Hospitals*

18.25 Closing remarks