

Introducing EHTEL Working Group 4

- Representing the Interests of Patients and Consumer Groups in the Field of eHealth
- Our Objectives:
 - To ensure that eHealth Discussions are not exclusively “expert led” by ensuring that the voice of the patient is heard

AWG 4 Objectives

- To identify the gaps in current thinking and practice and to promote the patient view:
 - Introduce quality through transparency, independence, respect, truth and comprehension
 - Ensure that the legal and ethical rights of patients are included in eHealth developments
 - Ensure that patients benefit from eHealth developments as much as, if not more than, institutions and professionals

AWG 4 Objectives

- Seek to identify common patient issues to promote and encourage cross-border flows
- Promote a better understanding of eHealth in the patient community in order to strengthen its voice and better inform discussions
- Require complete and open access by the patient to all information held about them
- Ensure quality triumphs over economics

ePrescribing - The Patient View

- Data has to be safe
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity
 - Authenticity
 - Availability
- Strong and well understood access controls
 - who sees the data and why?
- Freedom of choice (eg pharmacists, doctors)

ePrescribing - The Patient View

- Common standards for cross border operation
- Should not interfere or detract from proper and appropriate discussions about the prescription
- Encourage drug safety through the use of respective software (eg contra indications)

ePrescribing - The Patient View

- Involve patients in the development and testing of ePrescribing systems to promote confidence and to ensure they are patient focused
- Patient Responsibilities: Enable the disclosure of self medication
- Reduce the amount of paper
- Make repeat prescribing more efficient

ePrescribing - The Patient View

- Promote clarity of the prescription (no more bad handwriting!)
- Open access to prescription files
- Provide a facility to ensure that takeup of medication is linked to lifestyle

ePrescribing

- The Patient View

- Systems need to empower the patient
- Systems need to respect the patient