

Dear Panel

I understand your work will vary but I believe a fundamental issue in all of this is the need to update the Public Health Law which dates from before penicillin was introduced and was ready for updating but was deemed a non priority and shelved. Without a modern public health law much of what is proposed lacks a strong foundation in law. Please can you consider this Also codification. It helps track clusters of disease and prevents fraud. The NHS is one of the largest sources of fraud in the UK. Here no one has stolen a thermometer.

Please investigate what else could be achieved with the introduction of nhs codification. It would make assessing budgets and overspends easier - here is a benefit scenario

- The NHS codification system primarily uses SNOMED CT (Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine - Clinical Terms) as its single clinical coding terminology across all care settings in England. This system replaced earlier coding systems like Read codes, providing a common and comprehensive clinical language that covers all specialties and adapts to new medical knowledge.
- Benefits of the NHS codification system include:
- Ensuring every aspect of patient care is accurately recorded and analyzed, leading to better treatment decisions and improved patient outcomes.
- Enabling interoperability by allowing clinical information to be exchanged easily across different healthcare settings and IT systems.
- Reducing ambiguity in patient records, thus lowering the risk of misinterpretation and improving patient safety.
- Supporting advanced clinical decision-making through enriched, structured data usable for alerts, AI applications, clinical audits, research, and population health management.
- Enhancing operational efficiency within the NHS by ensuring accurate billing, reimbursement, and resource allocation.
- Providing a standard clinical language that facilitates consistent and comprehensive data capture across all NHS providers.
- Free availability to the NHS, enabling widespread implementation as a standardized national information system.
- These advantages collectively improve the quality and safety of care delivery while supporting the NHS's strategic goals for integrated, personalized healthcare and data-driven management.

Thank you

Kind regards
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