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Submitted to **Improving patient safety by bringing private healthcare and NHS information together into NHS systems**
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About you

1. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

On behalf of an organisation

Other::

2. If applicable, please provide the name of your organisation:

Organisation:

General Medical Council

3. If applicable, please tell us what type of organisation you work for - please tick all that apply:

Other – please specify below

Other::

Regulator

4. If your views are representing a group, please tell us which role types were consulted with prior to providing the response for this consultation - please tick all that apply:

Other::

Private Healthcare Information Reporting Change Proposal

About the ADAPt Programme

5. Please provide any comments on the vision, aims and expected outcomes of the ADAPt Programme (Section 3):

We support the intention to establish common standards to record and report activity relating to patient outcomes consistently across both the NHS and private sector. We agree that this should make a positive contribution to strengthening healthcare governance and reducing patient safety risks. Whilst the proposal refers to England only, we would encourage roll out across all four UK countries to work towards a UK-wide approach.

We support the following expected consultation outcomes:

- Improved cross sector oversight through capturing patient history, irrespective of whether the patient was treated in a public or private setting
- Supporting consultant appraisal and revalidation, by providing a more comprehensive set of performance information
- Supporting the provision of data to other bodies who play a role in ensuring the quality and safety of health and care services.

Achieving a consistent and coordinated dataset across both the NHS and private sector, alongside improved scope of practice information for UK doctors, are both necessary components for improving the oversight of UK medical practice, mitigating risks to patient safety and facilitating other work to support the current medical workforce and plan for the future.

To this end, we are exploring how we can achieve a consistent and comprehensive understanding of GMC-licensed doctors' scope of practice and the locations in which doctors' work. The first step to achieving this is to develop an accepted and consistently used taxonomy which covers the full range of UK medical practice. We have commissioned researchers from Newcastle University School of Medical Education to produce this in consultation with the profession, the NHS and other key stakeholders (currently postponed due to the coronavirus epidemic but to be resumed in due course).

More generally, we would also be keen to work with partner organisations towards the shared objective of improving data quality and consistency in the interests of patient safety.

6. Please provide any comments on the guiding principles of the ADAPt Programme (Section 3):

About this change proposal

7. Please provide any comments on implications or concerns relating to the organisational aspects of this change proposal, such as policy or business processes (Section 5):

8. Please provide any comments on implications or concerns relating to the technical aspects of this change proposal, such as changes to systems, data flows or standards (Section 5):

9. Please provide any comments on implications or concerns relating to the financial costs or other burden aspects of this change proposal, such as costs for changes to systems or potential increase or reduction in burden (Section 5):

10. Please provide any comments on implications or concerns relating to the data protection, privacy and confidentiality aspects of this change proposal, such as concerns over potential for unclear collection, processing or data sharing by NHS Digital (Section 5):

About the future closer alignment of private healthcare and NHS funded data

11. Please provide any comments on the potential implications or barriers to future closer alignment of private healthcare data with systems and processes for NHS funded care (Section 6):

12. Do you have any further comments?:

We will treat all responses in the strictest confidence.

If you are happy for us to contact you to clarify your comments, please tick here and provide your email address below. :

Yes

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