

Context Document for the Primary and Ambulatory Care Healthcare Identifiers Implementation Plan

This Primary and Ambulatory Care Healthcare Identifiers Implementation Plan has been developed by nominated representatives from the sector, with the assistance of an independent consultant, David Rowlands of Direkt Consulting. This plan was developed between July and December 2010, with a review by stakeholders carried out in January and February 2011.

A wide range of stakeholder organisations were consulted either individually or as workshop participants in the development of the plan. The list of stakeholders consulted during the development is included in the plan.

How this plan was developed

An Issues Paper was developed on the basis of consultation, and was discussed at a workshop involving representatives who were nominated by key stakeholder organisations of the sector.

The first workshop was held on 31 August 2010 which involved consideration of and direction setting about the major issues and this feedback served as a basis for development of a Draft Plan. This Draft Plan was reviewed by the nominated stakeholder representatives at a second workshop on 22 September 2010 and the feedback incorporated in a consolidated version of the plan

This consolidated version was reviewed and cleared for publication by the Department of Health and Ageing on 23 December 2010 and returned to the sector representatives in January and February 2011.

Future iterations of the Plan

Since the development of this plan in late 2010, it is recognised that there have been further developments within the HI Service and the Primary and Ambulatory sector which will need to be taken into consideration in a future revision of the Plan.