

Independent Evaluation of AMT Identifier Incident Review

Interim conclusions – 16 March 2009

A detailed investigation and audit of NEHTA's AMT processes has now been completed. This has included a review of NEHTA's response to the AMT Identifier Incident.

This review has confirmed that the necessary steps have been taken to ensure that the release process will provide a version of the AMT that can be used by developers during the implementation of NEHTA compliant systems. NEHTA development processes have been found to be robust and effective, and it is unlikely that significant issues will be found with current and upcoming AMT release content (eg AMT version 1.14).

AMT is not yet ready to be released as ready for use in live clinical systems by those developers of NEHTA compliant systems who deem their product ready for operational use. To achieve this, it is recommended that NEHTA execute the following remedial actions:

1. Prepare and execute a quality plan that reflects the risks associated with the purposes to which AMT is currently fit to be used. The quality plan should target the development and QA of an AMT that is fit for a stated purpose, or set of purposes, that is well understood within NEHTA.
2. Provide specific guidance to developers of NEHTA compliant systems on the purposes to which AMT releases are fit for use.

At this stage, NEHTA has advised that it believes these remedial actions can be prepared and executed in April 2009.

The Independent Evaluation is proceeding to further consider additional recommendations for NEHTA's AMT processes. Confirmation of these, and a review of the action taken on the remedial actions, will be completed in April 2009. It is planned that the Independent Evaluation of AMT will advise if AMT is ready to be released in live clinical systems in late April or early May 2009.

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