Learning objectives

- Understand and use outcomes of medical rehabilitation in terms of ‘participation’
- Identification of best practices on outcome measurement
- Launch of an implementation plan for improving outcome measurement within each centre
- Explore possibilities of common outcome measurement indicators in the field
- Insight in medical rehabilitation practices within the EPR network
- Benchmarking and bench learning with other EPR medical centres on particular pathologies/departments

Facilitation

Donal McAnaney, senior consultant from Work Research Centre, will act as expert. Jan Albers, EPR senior consultant will be involved as facilitator.

Targeted professionals:

For the first meeting, three participants are expected for each centre:
- A Medical Director
- A Doctor
- A Quality expert
Programme

Meeting 1

Proposed date and location:
8-10 June 2009, Slovenia

Preparation:
- The participants will be requested to prepare a presentation on medical rehabilitation in their centres
- They will receive in advance of the meeting a questionnaire to be completed on the tools and methods used in their centre for outcome measurement.

Objective of the meeting:
Setting the context and defining objectives and activities of the benchlearning group

Programme:

1. Introduction and Rationale
   - Definition of benchlearning, outcome measurement
   - Objectives of the learning group and expectations from participants
2. Medical Rehabilitation in EPR
   - Presentation by participants
   - Site visit by the host
3. Outcome measurement
   - Methods to demonstrate the added-value
4. The learning partnership
   - Definition of the scope and method of the partnership
   - Proposal for individual action plan

Meeting 2

Proposed date and location:
Two days during the first half of September, Hoensbroek

Preparation:
- Participants will be asked to discuss the plan within their centre and make decision about it.
- They will reflect on what they measure and which tool they use for their measurements.

Objective of the meeting:
Gather the results of the home discussions and make decision (define action + scope)

Programme:
1. site visit
2. Current practices in EPR centre
   - presentation of tools used, areas and measurements for each diagnosis group
3. Improving outcome measurement
   - Exploration of international tools, comparison with used tools
   - Selection of a common tool for Outcome measurement
   - Agreement on an implementaion methodology
Meeting 3

Proposed date and location:
Beginning of February 2010 by teleconference

Preparation:
- Implementation of the tools and pilot with a sample of service users
- The participants will be asked to collect measurements every month and report it on a template.

Objective:
The teleconference will aim at collecting feedback from the centres and provide guidance and support on the challenges encountered.

Meeting 4

Proposed date and location:
Autumn 2010, location to be defined

Programme:

1. Results of the improvement plans
   - Presentation and discussion among the participants
   - Evaluation of the relevance and validity of the common indicators

2. General recommendations on Outcome Measurement in Medical Rehabilitation
   - Conclusions by the group

3. Common trends and recommendations in Medical Rehabilitation for the selected diagnosis group
   - Discussion and Conclusions by the group

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