

The EPSO telehealth, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity (TAC) working group

Terms of Reference (draft)

Purpose

The EPSO telehealth, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity (TAC) working group will act as a focal point for discussions about the increasing use of technology in the delivery of healthcare and allow for collaboration on developing good practice guidance for the regulation of these new service and a point to share intelligence to enhance cross border working.

The TAC working group is not a decision-making forum. It will agree key topics for discussion and work at the quarterly meetings which will focus on how regulators can develop new approaches for effective regulation of service that have a significant technological element, in order to ensure provision of these services is safe and delivers high quality care for people who choose to use them. Participants will work on agreed actions from meetings and present findings / work to the next meeting of the group to enable further discussion and the objectives of the group to be progresses.

Objectives

The forum objectives will be:

- To develop good practice including a framework of tools to be used by regulators and supervisory authorities in the field of telehealth , e-health , artificial intelligence and cybersecurity;
- To develop cross border links between health and care regulators to enable the sharing of intelligence;
- To develop an information and intelligence sharing framework to support effective cross border working by supervisory authorities;
- To develop guidance to support regulators to effectively regulate services that use algorithms and artificial intelligence;
- To consider requirement of cyber security for health care services to ensure their patients data is secure and they minimise the risk of attack.
- To consider requirements of cyber security for health regulators and supervisory authorities themselves, in order to prevent or limit the impact of a possible cyber attack and to act appropriately in the event of an attack in order to minimise the consequences for healthcare and healthcare services;

Scope

The forum is for EPSO partners and organisations party to the EPSO Asia-Pacific network and invited experts in this field.

Governance

The forum meets quarterly on the third Wednesday on the month (0930-1200 CET) until further notice by the organisers during 2021/2022. The first meeting is 17 November 2021.

The meetings will be chaired by EPSO partner HIS in co-operation with EPSO Joint Office and organised by EPSO Joint Office in co-operation with participants of the group. The aim is to circulate the agenda and papers for the meeting at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.

Other EPSO partners are invited to share their knowledge; it is intended that participants are regularly asked - where appropriate - to prepare a discussion note or an exploratory study for the meetings of the working group.

A high-level note will preferably be taken of the meeting by one of the participants of the group who will be invited to do so by the EPSO Joint Office. The notes will be circulated to members of the meeting as a working document. The relevant information including agendas of each meeting are to be published on the EPSO website and password-protected accessible to the participants of the group.

Meetings will be on Microsoft Teams on invitation by EPSO Joint Office and will be recorded. Records will be kept by EPSO for practical reason of organising the meetings and making short notes by the EPSO partner invited too do so. Records are not being distributed outside EPSO.

If there is reason to do so, the working group may on the advice of its chair and EPSO decide to organize a live meeting, whether or not in conjunction with an EPSO conference.

The participants in the meetings are trusted to use the information of the meetings for their professional use, share it within their organisations; all information from these meetings that by its nature is confidential, should be treated confidentially by the participants of the meeting; participants will observe secrecy with regard to all that which has been entrusted to them in secret or of which they should understand the confidential nature.