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The Zones are all Action!

This special issue of the HISAC Newsletter, for the Health Informatics New Zealand conference in October 2007, highlights and restates HISAC's priority areas for 2007/08 and indicates the activities HISAC will be involved in over the next year. There's plenty going on...

Our priority areas for 2007/08

In approving the overall HISAC business plan for 2007/08, which sees activities under way across all 12 Action Zones, the Committee has indicated the priority areas for the year.

These are:

- Action Zone 4 – ePharmacy
- Action Zone 5 – eLabs
- Action Zones 6 and 8 – eDischarges and eReferrals, respectively*

- Action Zones 7 and 10 – Long Term Conditions Management and National Primary Care Information, respectively*
- These will be further supported by specific activity around Action Zone 12 – Anchoring Framework.

* Note: Action Zones 6/8 and 7/10 are coupled together because of the strong linkages between them.

HISAC's vision is to "provide governance of, oversight of, and leadership for the implementation of the Health Information Strategy for New Zealand to the health and disability sector".

We're going to be heavily involved...

Four ways to prioritise our work

HISAC is currently involved in a lot of work around the Action Zones of main concern, identified above. So as to prioritise the efforts of the HISAC Committee as a whole, its members and HISAC Office staff, four levels of involvement in Action Zone activities have been agreed. These are:

- Deliver – "do": We'll directly deliver a project, policy, or standard
- Champion – "make happen": We'll catalyse activity, help secure funding and partner with the sector, around work that's fundamental to the achievement of an Action Zone
- Support – "facilitate": We'll provide intellectual input

or advocate to support activities needed to achieve an Action Zone

- Watch – "monitor": We'll keep a watching brief on, or connect and align activities that may broadly be of interest for the achievement of an Action Zone.

The nitty gritty...

What follows is an outline of the activities HISAC will be involved with over the coming months, under headings reflecting the four levels of priority, above. Also, the activities which are key priorities (reflecting our priority areas for 2007/08) are highlighted in red.

What we'll DELIVER

National Network Strategy - Action Zone 1:

- Management of the existing Health Network

ePharmacy - Action Zone 4 (priority Zone):

- ePharmacy Messaging and Business Process standards (delivered by HISO/Sector)

eLabs - Action Zone 5 (priority Zone):

- New Zealand Pathology Orders Code Set – 2 standards (delivered by HISO/Sector)

Primary Care Information - Action Zone 10 (priority Zone):

- GP2GP patient notes transfer – Proof of Concept (delivered by HISAC Office)
- Primary Care Core Dataset (delivered by HISO/Sector)

National Systems Access - Action Zone 11:

- Governance Principles for National Collections (delivered by NCSC)

Anchoring Framework - Action Zone 12 (priority Zone):

- Authentication and Security standards, including a review of the Health Network Code of Practice (delivered by HISO/Sector)
- Health Information Architecture (delivered by HISAC)
- Sector Knowledge Base, including a Data Concepts Repository (delivered by HISAC)
- Online Forms standards (delivered by HISO/Sector)

What we'll CHAMPION

ePharmacy - Action Zone 4 (priority Zone):

- Universal Medicines List (delivered by HISAC/Sector)
- GP to Community Pharmacy pilot (delivered by HISAC/Sector)

eLabs - Action Zone 5 (priority Zone):

- eLabs Proof of Concept (delivered by Health IT Cluster)

eDischarges and eReferrals - Action Zones 6/8 (priority Zones):

- Hutt Valley District Health Board eReferrals project rollout to other DHBs (delivered by HVDHB)

Long Term Conditions Management - Action Zone 7 (priority Zone):

- Evidence-based Indicators and Outcome Measures (delivered by HISO/Sector)

Primary Care Information - Action Zone 10 (priority Zone):

- Quality and Information for General Practice project (delivered by General Practice Leaders' Forum)

What we'll SUPPORT

National Network Strategy - Action Zone 1:

- Connected Health (delivered by Ministry of Health – Connected Health workstream)

National Health Index (NHI) - Action Zone 2:

- NHI improvements (delivered by Ministry of Health – Identity workstream)

Health Practitioner Index (HPI) - Action Zone 3:

- HPI improvements (delivered by Ministry of Health – Identity workstream)

ePharmacy - Action Zone 4 (priority Zone):

- Bedside Verifications Management project (delivered by the Sector)
- Otago DHB Electronic Medication Chart project (delivered by ODHB)
- Pharmacy Electronic Claiming (delivered by Ministry of Health)
- Legal support for ePrescribing (delivered by Ministry of Health)

National Systems Access - Action Zone 11:

- National Systems Access (delivered by Ministry of Health – NSDP)

What we'll WATCH

- ePrescribing project (delivered by HealthLink)
- Secure Mail project (delivered by ACC)
- Auckland Regional Dispensing Repository (under consideration by HISAC Office; not formally considered by the HISAC Committee)
- e-Events projects (identified as potential candidate funding from Ministry of Health's Key Directions project)
- Plunket Business Case for IT hardware and application development
- Interoperability standards (preliminary work planned by HISAC Office)

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