

# Concept for a series of national and transnational workshops and NCP Patient Conference in Brussels on the Directive ‘Patients’ Rights in Cross Border Health Care’ during the course of 2015

## Objectives of the Workshops

- To raise awareness and knowledge about the CPHC Directive and patients’ rights enshrined within this legislation
- To ensure understanding about the scope of the Directive and its application at national level
- To ‘unpack’ various aspects of the Directive which have wider policy and systems implications of interest to patients (eHealth provision, HTA provision, general provisions on Quality of Care and Patient Safety, specific provisions linked to Rare Diseases etc)
- To facilitate greater understanding regarding the role on National Contact Points in each country and how patient groups could support their effectiveness
- To agree an approach to evaluate the impact of the legislation from a patients’ perspective, on a longitudinal basis.
- To create an informal network of patient leaders interested and committed in CBHC to monitor developments over the coming years

## Target Group

Patient leaders from different countries with the capacity to transfer learning and knowledge from the conferences to peers within their organisation and networks (board representatives, directors and communication specialists within the organisations). Strict criteria will be applied regarding interest and commitment to work on this theme and ability to work in either English or the language of the respective host country.

Each event will attract between 10 patient leaders from the countries listed below. This will enable high quality interactive, break-out work that will facilitate more meaningful understanding of the topic, and its relevance and applicability

## Locations

Individual meetings will take place in Bulgaria, Croatia, Poland, Romania . Transnational meetings will take place in UK / Ireland, and Spain/ Portugal

## Languages

The workshops will be conducted in English

## Outputs

- Preparatory documents to enable attendees to prepare properly for the conference (criterion for participation)
- Tool kit to enable participants to refer to core material afterwards and pass it on to peers (criterion for participation)

## Outcomes

- At least 10 patient leaders per country with a strong knowledge base on CBHC and with the capacity
  - o to interact with government representatives and other stakeholders on the issue
  - o to explain to fellow patient leaders in their country facts about CBHC and how it works in practice
  - o to be a potential resource to National Contact Points to ensure information that is produced is fit for purpose from a patient's perspective
  - o to be part of an informal EPF patient network on CBHC to monitor the implementation of the Directive from the perspective of patients and provide feedback to EPF and inter alia the European Commission

## Evaluation

The workshops will be evaluated in accordance with key indicators linked to the objectives of the meeting

### Objectives of the Conference

- To bring together representatives of the National Contact Points and a patient leader from every EU member state to discuss the Commission's draft report to Council on the implementation of the Cross Border Healthcare Directive to provide structured feedback from the perspective of the patient community on successes and challenges to date
- To galvanise links and exchange good practice with regard to cooperation between patient organisation representatives and NCPs.
- To raise awareness across the EU Institutions regarding the realities faced by patients when using the Directive

Location and Timing : Brussels , Belgium, June 2015

### Outputs

- Pre-read material for the conference including Commission's draft report
- Conference report with key issues and recommendations
- Press Release

#### Outcomes

- Strengthening of the networking between NCPs and Patient Organisations
- Identification of a single 'patient leader' championing effective implementation of the Directive from the patient community perspective
- Strong political messages of the positive elements of the Directive, outstanding challenges and strategic reflection on on the way forward