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Social Care sub-domain consultation

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**Background**

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## Context

SNOMED International has recently released its Corporate Strategy for the period 2020-2025, with goals identified for products and services, adoption and innovation. The annual work plan to implement the Corporate Strategy identifies the need to continue the SNOMED CT Quality Initiative by completing a gap analysis for Social Care by Q1 2022.[1]



## **What is Social Care?**

Social Care is a term that is not used consistently around the world, if at all. It is commonly described as a mix of some healthcare services (e.g., home care/support services, long term care services, mental health services) plus social services, but does not include welfare services.[1]

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Using the U.K., Western Europe and North America as a starting point we have created a preliminary list of Social Care services as follows:

1. Services for older people that includes home care/support and long-term care.
2. Services for people with mental health problems.
3. Services for people with learning and physical disabilities.
4. Services for people with alcohol and substance misuse problems.
5. Services to prevent adult abuse or neglect.
6. Services to provide support in situations of domestic abuse.
7. Services to support needs related to homelessness.
8. Child protection, placement, fostering and adoption services.
9. Services for young offenders.

However, we anticipate that this list is incomplete and as part of our short survey we would like to better understand what other Social Care services may be provided in your country.[1]



## The Project

Through a combination of research, survey and interviews, this project will determine the priority areas within the Social Care sub-domain that would be candidates for SNOMED CT concept expansion and enhancement, including order-of magnitude costs.[1]

# The Project

The accompanying short survey for General Assembly representatives will answer the following questions:

1. How widely is the term “Social Care” used globally?
2. Which “Social Care” services are provided within the healthcare system in your country and are there any additional services that should be included?
3. Which “Social Care” services are provided within the social services system in your country and are there any additional services that should be included?
4. How widely is the SNOMED CT terminology currently used within Social Care in your country?
5. What are the high priority Social Care service areas that you feel are candidates for the expansion and enhancement of the SNOMED CT terminology?[1]



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# Request



# Email Request to General Assembly

“SNOMED International is currently researching the Social Care sub-domain as part of the 2021-22 work plan to further the 2020-2025 Corporate Strategy. To complete this effort we would like to obtain your input and feedback.

Attached is a backgrounder outlining the project context, what we mean by Social Care, as well as the steps we are taking to complete the project. Our objective is to determine the priority areas within Social Care that may be candidates for the expansion and enhancement of the SNOMED CT terminology.

Finally, to assist us, we would like you to complete a very short survey of only five (5) questions. The survey can be found at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2GXS5J6> We would kindly request that the survey be completed no later than Monday 26th July 2021. – Don Sweet”

# Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2GXS5J6>

# References

1. SNOMED International. Social care backgrounder presentation: July 1, 2021. IHTSDO. Available on request.



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