

Social Care Backgrounder

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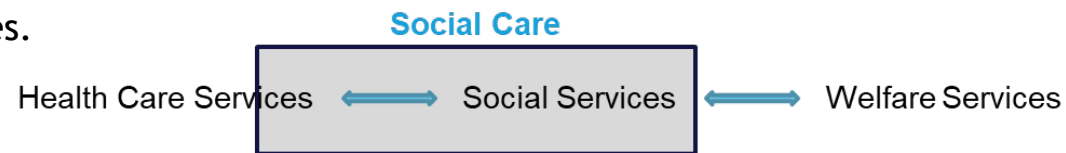
The Project

Project 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.

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.



- Historically, the Organization and provision of Social Care services originated in the UK and Western Europe and has increasingly been adopted internationally. However, country implementations of Social Care services have been influenced by local political, cultural and economic conditions (e.g., the significant role of extended families in providing care/support, services for war-related trauma in children, youth and adults in some countries). Therefore, there are noticeable variations in what/how Social Care services are provided, when viewed on a regional and country-by-country basis.

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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.

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This 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.
- 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?



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