Working Group

Digitalisation of Social Services

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Introduction – Recap of day 1

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What do we need to do to take this agenda further forward?

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Introduction – Key messages from day 1

- **Training:**
  - Scale up capabilities of the workforce;
  - Digitalisation part of the learning journey;
  - Not only how to use it but also how technology impacts practice

- **How users interact with technology**

- **Ethics: Consent** and at what stage(s) this consent’s given

- **Product:**
  - Step by step guide
  - Select common relevant theme, address data & application of technology
The ethical considerations of digitalisation

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The ethical considerations of digitalisation

Discussion

- What are the primary ethical challenges?
  - Privacy highlighted in questionnaire as key concern
  - Consent came up yesterday
- How important are ethical considerations in the delivery of social services and why?
- What do you do to overcome these ethical issues?
Policy frameworks and the legislative background of digitalisation
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POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIGITALISATION IN ASTURIAS, SPAIN

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1. SPANISH FRAMEWORK

- Policy initiatives:
  1. **Universal Social Card**
  2. **State Social Services Information System (SIESS)**


- **Law 39/2015, of October 21** of the Administrative Procedure

- **Regional legislative initiatives** that support the implementation of social services information systems
UNIVERSAL SOCIAL CARD

• System of information

• Objective of improving and coordinating social protection policies promoted by the different public administrations

• Includes the updated information of welfare social benefits, of economic content, financed from public resources

• Participation of the Public Administrations is voluntary
STATE SOCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIESS)

Information system that will allow us to know:

- the basic **characteristics of the users** of social services
- **why they go** to social services
- what **benefits and services** they receive
- the **needs** of the population that can be identified in relation to social services
- benefits and services **available** to social services
- the **coverage** they have in each territory
- the **investment** made by administrations in the area of social services
- how they **finance**
- the **opinion** of the people on the operation of the services

This new system will allow **interoperability** between the different systems that interact with social services: Employment, Health, Autonomous Communities, municipalities
ORGANIC LAW 3/2018, OF DECEMBER 5, ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA AND GUARANTEE OF DIGITAL RIGHTS

That regulates the security in treatment of data at the national territory

LAW 39/2015, OF OCTOBER 21 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

That regulates the right of interested persons not to have to provide documentation that is already in the possession of the acting Administration or has been prepared by any other Administration or Common Administrative of Public Administrations
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES OF SOCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEMS
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2. ASTURIAN FRAMEWORK

- 1,027,624 inhabitants
- 13% of the population is a user of the Asturian Social Services System
- Care workforce: 5,400 professionals

CHALLENGES

- Security of data
- Person-centered attention
- Integrality and coordination with other protection systems
- Quality
- Accessibility
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INITIATIVES TO TACKLE THESE CHALLENGES

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That allows the treatment of the personal data necessary to document the process of attention and social intervention:

• Without specific consent
• Special categories of personal data
• Data of a criminal nature

Advantages of law enforcement:

• Legal guarantee against data protection legislation
• Effectiveness
• Efficiency
PERSON-CENTERED ATTENTION: BASIC DOCUMENT FOR A NEW SOCIAL SERVICES LAW

• that draws a modern and technological system

• its guiding by the principle of the person-centered attention.
COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Structures that ensure equitable and continuous attention to those who require COORDINATED INTERVENTION between Health and Social Systems:

1. DECREE 70/2016 OF SOCIAL-SANITARY COORDINATION

2. SOCIO-SANITARY PLAN 2019-2021

3. SOCIO-SANITARY RECORD: key action of Socio-sanitary Plan that will provide a single integrated record of a citizens health and social information
QUALITY: PROCESS MAP AND SYSTEMS MAP

- Deep analysis of Asturian Social System organization
- Process map builds the **functional framework or HSUE**

ACCESIBILITY: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT 2017-2021

Modernise administrative management.

Advantages to:

1. **individuals and companies:**
   - they can interact electronically with the Regional Administration
   - quality, safe, usable and reliable public services

2. **public employees:**
   - necessary tools to electronic process
   - speed, effectiveness and efficiency of the public management
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Challenges identified for the future that need to be tackled are:

1. The legal basis for the processing of data that involves the *exchange of information between systems* whose mission is not the same, such as the case of health and social services systems

2. Uniformity in the *intervention* methodology, as well as the existence of internationally recognized and validated social assessment tools
THANKS!

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Policy frameworks and the legislative background of digitalisation

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SALAR represents Sweden’s:

- 290 municipalities
- 20 regions
Municipal and regional responsibilities

- **Municipalities** are responsible for most of the social services available where we live, such as schools, childcare, care of the elderly and disabled, as well as water and waste. Some tasks are mandatory by law, other optional.

- **Regions** are responsible for shared regional activities with an emphasis on healthcare and regional development. Major area is health care.
What does SALAR do?

- Advocacy work against government and authorities
- Networks/platforms for exchange of experiences
- Provides support and contributes to the municipalities
- Change work with facts and comparisons, methods, competence-enhancing efforts to monitor
- Supplier dialogues
- Spread good examples
- Legal support
Digitalisation of Social Services in Sweden
Why digitalise?

Every fourth municipality went into deficit 2018

Within the next few years, 500 000 new employees are needed in welfare. Workforce that does not exist at present.

Digitalisation is considered to be the single strongest change factor to meet the challenges in the welfare
Citizen survey

1 in 4 people think that municipalities and county council live up to their expectations on digital services

Uppgifter från en undersökning genomförd av KANTAR SIFO på uppdrag av SKL i april 2018
2 out of 3 people think that it is time that municipalities and county council prioritise digital services
Today's social service has new needs for digital support

- Enable the most efficient possible work processes
- Make information available and enable interaction with users and other actors
- Collect, present and analyse information
The legal regulations are not keeping up with the development of digitalisation…

- Exchange information between social services and healthcare

- Even within the social services, not allowed to access data between different authorities (one file/journal) as well as authority and treatment

- Access to your individual data

- Use of welfare technology

- Lack of legal support for the processing of personal data for statistics, monitoring and quality assurance

- Automation of financial aid

SoL - Social services main act law
SoLPUL - Personal data act law for social services. Complement to GDPR
Challenges with the case data systems

- 4 suppliers have dominated the social service market for about 20 years
- The systems remain in the digitalisation of the first wave (80-number)
- Everyone has the same business model – fixed license and costly development costs
- Municipalities are dissatisfied with the stability, development and user-friendliness of systems
- Municipalities are generally weak clients / purchasers - due to lack of competence and purchasing power
What are we doing?

➢ Lobbying the government (in investigations, meetings, articles and requests)

➢ Raising the need of changes in the legislative for the social services together with municipalities, user-organisations and unions

➢ Trying to have the same policies as in the health care

➢ Started a pre-procurement network with the aim to increase local government's clients ability to make good purchases and to develop and influence the market in terms of case management systems
Digitisation journey requires large resources – IT, change management, procurement, information security, law and implementation.

Sweden cannot afford that all municipalities should make the trip each.

Municipalities want coordination and common solutions - a national system, common standards, open source, etc.

The government must create digital infrastructures such as secure login and digital sharing of information and also make legislations that supports the development.
Thank you!

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Policy frameworks and the legislative background of digitalisation

Discussion

- Does legislation support or hinder digitalisation in your context?
- What level (Regional, National) legislation dominates digitalisation policy?
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What do we need to do to take this agenda further forward?
Discussion: Barriers and the way forward for the implementation of digital solutions

Table discussions

- What is the main issue stopping the further digitalisation of social services, particularly surrounding the issue of case management?
  - E.G. Legislation; Other?
  - Funding/resources;
  - Ethical concerns;
  - Lack of integration;
  - Training;
  - Lack of governance support;
  - Lack of knowledge;
  - Lack of consultation in the process of digitalization;
Discussion: Barriers and the way forward for the implementation of digital solutions

Table discussions

• Why and what? - For your chosen topic, identify the primary blocking features regarding further digitalisation? (i.e internal or external blocking)
• What practical next steps/recommendations can be taken to tackle this?
• What level should this action be driven from?
• Can the working group support this process?
Feedback and meeting conclusion

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Lunch Break