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Dear MiQuest User

MiQuest: Important changes affecting your organisation

Following a comprehensive review of the MiQuest service, the Operations Board at NHS Digital recommended that the organisation should not be undertaking any future development of this service. The Executive Management Team agreed and accepted this recommendation.

This decision has been taken due to;

- The requirement for increasing levels of information governance for data sharing and dissemination
- MiQuest would need to be redeveloped to cater for the introduction of SNOMED CT
- The need for all information systems to cater for patient preferences.

What you need to do:

You should plan to transition away from MiQuest by April 2018, ahead of the introduction of SNOMED CT.

MiQuest will continue to operate between April and the end of the current arrangements for the GPSoC framework (December 2018), albeit with some limitations. **The introduction of SNOMED CT will replace read and CTV3 codes. MiQuest will continue to return information after April 2018 however; it will be limited to reporting on information which maps to existing codes. Therefore any new codes which do not have existing read and CTV3 equivalents will not be returned by MiQuest.**

To maintain business continuity throughout this period of change, NHS Digital and your General Practice system suppliers can provide assistance in understanding the required changes and planning for transition to alternative arrangements.

If you have any queries regarding this change please contact either the NHS Digital helpdesk via exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net or contact your General Practice system supplier directly.

Yours faithfully,



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