Discussion document – Professional Autonomy in the national health care system

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This document is a summary of the Report on the survey on Professional Autonomy in the national health care system – for more detail see Annex 9

Background

In line with the strategic objective 2 (Review the progress made in Legislation at National levels with regards to the autonomy of the physiotherapy profession), the Advocacy & EU Matters WG, conducted a survey to establish a baseline dataset on physiotherapists’ professional autonomy within the national health care systems.

The importance of professional autonomy is not only highlighted in research papers. Many national professional organisations advocate for autonomy, enabling responsibility, forcing cost-effective treatment together with a healthy combination of empirical evidence-based interventions, leading to sustained credibility.

European national physiotherapy associations, supported by the Europe Region World Physiotherapy where desired, engage in high level discussions with policy makers and regulators to establish and/or preserve a well-defined framework enabling to practice autonomous within the scope of practice.

Rationale

The conducted survey on autonomy revealed additional gaps. The most important experienced gaps were:

- The language barrier
- The lack of uniform use of terminology

Aim of the Discussion Session

The aim of the Discussion Session will be to address the experienced gaps to facilitate future follow-ups.
Objective of the Discussion Session

- Address the lack of uniform use of terminology (approx. 20 minutes)
  - Referral
  - Prescription
  - Assessment
  - Diagnosis
  - National Health (care) system
- Gather input from member organisations (approx. 10 minutes)
  - How can a national organisation use the results?
  - How can the European Region use the results?
  - Does the overall result and your results reflect what you believe is happening in the national health care system?
  - Is the information of value for future advocacy?

Structure of the Discussion Session

For the Discussion Session the MOs will be seated in three groups. All groups will cover the same topics. Each group will have a moderator from the Advocacy & EU Matters WG present to lead the discussion. A rapporteur in each group will collate all responses. After the discussion sessions, all responses will be collated in one single document and presented to the General Meeting.