

PROCURE4HEALTH OPEN MARKET CONSULTATION – Q&A DOCUMENT

“Home based care and remote monitoring”

Question:	Answer:
1. What is the estimated budget for the PCP?	The budget for the PCP has not been determined yet. It will be defined in the upcoming months in line with the feedback received from the market via the OMC questionnaire .
2. Who can apply to the PCP: SME, large corporations...?	Participation in the PCP will be open on equal terms to all types of technology providers established in EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries , regardless of their size, provided that they comply with the exclusion, selection and award criteria that will be detailed in the tender documents.
3. Trend monitoring is already well implemented within hospital care. Is this to gain more support for home monitoring? What insights do we have here before we go into remote monitoring?	The solution is oriented to home monitoring support for following up patients at home from hospital and /or primary care. Technological and process experience in hospital monitoring might be a reference for new remote home based solutions.
4. Home based care expected solutions are oriented to deal with chronic disease patients or acute temporarily events?	Solutions are expected to deal, in a certain way, with both chronic diseases and acute episodes within the chronic process.
5. Are the market and state of art analyses compiled in a report? And will you distribute it?	The results of the market analysis and state-of-the-art analysis are included in the OMC document, which is publicly available in the project’s website (www.procure4health.eu).



<p>6. What is the timeline? Any prognosis of when a potential PCP will be launched?</p>	<p>The timeline for the PCP has not been determined yet. It will be defined in the upcoming months in line with the feedback received from the market via the OMC questionnaire.</p>
<p>7. How is the P4H vision and way forward to procure rolled out in the respective countries? E.g. in Sweden it has been published a P4H document signed by 5 large health regions (Västerbotten, Skåne, VGR, Stockholm/Karolinska and Örebro). Do we see this commitment also from other countries in Europe?</p>	<p>The public buyers from the consortium are committed to improve the health care system Within the PROCURE4HEALTH project, a strategic plan to tackle strategic issues is being developed and will be presented to the general public by the end of September. The PROCURE4HEALTH partners will then seek endorsement from other public entities in the health sector across Europe.</p>
<p>8. I have seen that there were several mentions to cardiovascular diseases and oncology. However, I did not see anything about respiratory. COPD is the 3rd leading cause of death worldwide. Have you come across the lack of treatment and monitoring solutions for this disease?</p>	<p>COPD is one of the chronic diseases that can benefit from remote home monitoring. It should be included in the scope and eligible chronic conditions.</p>
<p>9. How can start-ups contribute to the work and make themselves more visible on the European level?</p>	<p>The first step to contribute to the PROCURE4HEALTH goals is providing input by filling in the OMC questionnaire.</p>
<p>10. AI in the current state can support decision taking but not diagnostics. Are there any transparent rules and regulations to how AI-based systems should be used in diagnostics?</p>	<p>The solutions developed during the PCP need to comply with all applicable regulations at EU level and national level. In particular, AI-based systems should observe the provisions of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) And Amending Certain Union Legislative Acts (COM/2021/206 final). Evidences of solutions security and effectiveness should be provided</p>
<p>11. GDPR: who is going to validate the conformity of digital solutions?</p>	<p>The conformity of the solutions developed during the PCP will be validated by a technical team composed of members from the healthcare providers within the consortium.</p>
<p>12. Interoperability: there's plenty of isolated solutions out there. Are there developments on the EU level to foster</p>	<p>FHIR is being used widely and supported by public health and care organizations as a reference standard for interoperability solutions in health and home care in EU, including most of the public procurers involved in P4H.</p>

<p>interoperability of digital systems in nursing care and medicine, i.e. FHIR protocol?</p>	
<p>13. Since there are many procurers and in order to form a robust consortium, does all sites/procurers will participate in this PCP for implementation/localization?</p>	<p>The group of public buyers will be represented by a lead procurer, who procures on behalf of the public buyers. The sites where the solutions will be tested will be defined in the testing and validation strategy.</p>
<p>14. In the process, are there any plans to include the views and expectations of patients and carers?</p>	<p>The views and expectations of the end users, such as patients and carers, will be duly considered in order to further define the needs of the public buyers and the use cases.</p>
<p>15. Can we ask questions on the RFI survey to be submitted by July 12 until what date and is it via the portal only?</p>	<p>Any questions concerning the content of the RFI survey can be sent to the following email address: hello@procure4health.eu</p> <p>The answers to the RFI survey should be submitted via the EU Survey platform before 19 July 2024 (17:00 CET).</p>
<p>16. What methods are employed for quality assurance in remote home care PCP and procurement process to ensure the correct prioritization of needs, initiatives, and procurements, and how is their impact measured effectively?</p>	<p>PCP should provide methods and indicators of expected outcomes and quality assurance in a functional format formulation for the new solutions. Any contribution for eventual systems and methods are welcome.</p>