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Final Agenda

Joint Workshop of The King's Fund and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

UNDERSTANDING RECENT TRENDS IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE MORTALITY IN HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES

Wednesday 6th November 2019, OECD, Paris

[OECD Boulogne Annex](#), 46, quai Alphonse Le Gallo, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt Room BB2

Background to the workshop:

Improvements in life expectancy are slowing in several European and other high-income countries, notably the United Kingdom and the United States. A deceleration in the rate of improvement in CVD mortality is a major contributor to this trend in these countries, and the pace of CVD mortality improvement is slowing also in many European countries. The dramatic improvement in CVD mortality globally since the 1970s has driven significant increases in life expectancy, so the recent slowdown in several high-income countries is an unwelcome development, especially as evidence shows there is potential for substantial further gains in most countries. The OECD has highlighted these issues in a recently published report on life expectancy trends in the European Union and some other high-income countries. An overview of the report was presented by Dr Veena Raleigh from The King's Fund in the last meeting of the OECD Working Party on Health Care Quality and Outcomes (HCQO) meeting on June 7th 2019. The report can be accessed online by clicking [here](#).

Objectives of the workshop:

The principal aims of the workshop are to:

- a) raise international awareness of the recent slowdown in CVD mortality improvements in several high-income countries;
- b) consider the available evidence regarding the potential causes of this slowdown;
- c) identify the key implications for ongoing national and international monitoring; and
- d) consider how further work on this important global policy issue can be fostered, including through international dialogue and collaboration.

We recognise that this is a large and complex topic, covering many different conditions, and that countries already have strategies in place to prevent, manage and monitor CVD. The workshop will seek to raise domestic and international awareness of this issue and kick-start further collaborative action.

Participants in the workshop:

We are inviting the HQCO Delegates and distinguished international experts on CVD to the workshop. The invited international experts will address the HQCO Delegates by making short presentations during the morning of the workshop, aimed at generating discussion about the slowdown in CVD mortality improvements across high-income countries and the potential causes. Key senior staff from across the OECD Secretariat will also join the main body of participants, including the coordinators on Public Health and Health Care Quality and Outcomes.

Preparation before the workshop:

In preparation for the small group work occurring in the afternoon, Delegates are encouraged to consult with their country and prepare a one-page factsheet on trends in CVD mortality in their country, any evidence about the factors driving those trends, and systems for monitoring mortality trends. Delegates are also encouraged to note the key gaps in the evidence that need to be addressed to improve monitoring and understanding of CVD mortality trends, and inform national policy actions in their country and across OECD countries.

For questions concerning the workshop, please contact Eliana BARRENHO (eliana.barrenho@oecd.org, tel: +33 1 45 24 74 46) from the OECD Secretariat. For logistical information please email the Secretariat (HQCO.Contact@oecd.org).

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08:45

ITEM 0. REGISTRATION

09:00

ITEM 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The invited experts and participants will be welcomed by:

- Richard Murray, Chief Executive of The King's Fund
- Mark Pearson, Deputy Director of OECD Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs or Francesca Colombo, Head of OECD Health Division

The King's Fund and OECD Secretariat will jointly facilitate the day.

09:15

ITEM 2. SETTING THE SCENE

Objectives: to provide participants with background information and the context for the workshop, followed by an overview of international trends in cardiovascular disease (CVD) mortality.

Activities:

- Veena Raleigh (The King's Fund) will present on a report prepared for the OECD on recent trends in life expectancy across selected OECD countries.
- Susanne Løgstrup (European Heart Network) will provide an overview of trends in CVD mortality across Europe and challenges of national and international monitoring.
- Facilitated plenary session to allow participants to raise issues for clarification and discuss the presentations.

10:00 - Coffee Break

10:15

ITEM 3. REVIEWING INTERNATIONAL TRENDS IN CVD MORTALITY

Objectives: (a) to review and discuss trends in CVD mortality in the high-income countries of the OECD, in order to identify common and divergent trends and (b) to consider and discuss the potential causes for the slowdown in CVD mortality improvements in some countries.

Activities:

- Facilitated panel discussion with short presentations from four panellists:
 - Jessica Ho, Assistant Professor of Gerontology and Sociology, University of Southern California, USA)

Professor Ho will provide an overview of the contribution of CVD and associated causes of death to life expectancy in high-income countries, and will also outline the current CVD monitoring challenges.
 - Catherine Johnson, Lead Research Scientist in Cardiovascular Disease, Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, USA

Dr Johnson will provide an overview of the Global Burden of Disease data on CVD mortality and its associated factors and will also reflect on the current evidence gaps on CVD surveillance with a view to informing policy action.
 - Anton Kunst, Professor of Social Epidemiology, Amsterdam UMC, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Professor Kunst will provide an overview of the inequalities in CVD mortality and the underlined determinants across European countries, also discussing potential consequent implications for policy action.
 - Martin O’Flaherty, Professor of Epidemiology, University of Liverpool, UK

Professor O’Flaherty will provide an overview of evidence in high-income countries on population-level policy strategies and the determinants of CVD mortality associated with both treatment and lifestyle, reflecting on the consequent implications for policy action
- Facilitated plenary session to allow participants to share experiences from their countries.

12:15 - Lunch Break

13.30

ITEM 4. UNDERSTANDING POSSIBLE DRIVERS AND IDENTIFYING KNOWLEDGE GAPS TO SUPPORT POLICY

Objectives: a) to consider the evidence about the potential causes of recent trends in CVD mortality, particularly any slowdown in the rate of improvements in individual countries; b) to identify gaps in the monitoring and policy analysis of CVD trends, including through international collaboration; and c) discuss evidence of policies currently in place to target the recent CVD mortality trends.

Activities:

- Small group work, facilitated by the invited experts and supported by the OECD Secretariat. The participants will be allocated into 3 groups and be asked to:

- 1) Consider the **current evidence** about the main drivers of recent trends in CVD mortality internationally, and the policy implications, with specific regard to countries where a slowdown in the rate of improvement is observed.
- 2) Identify **key gaps in the evidence**, monitoring, and policy analysis that need to be addressed to improve national and international monitoring and understanding of CVD mortality trends, and inform national policy actions across OECD countries.
- 3) Explore **how international and cross-agency collaboration** in these areas can be strengthened.

Senior staff of the OECD Secretariat from key portfolio areas in health will join the invited experts on CVD in facilitating the small group work, including the coordinators on Public Health and Health Care Quality and Outcomes.

15:45 - Coffee Break

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ITEM 5. AGREEING ON THE WAY FORWARD

Objectives: a) to summarise feedback from small group discussions by representatives of each group; and b) to discuss ways forward to act on these with possible international and cross-agency collaboration.

Activities:

- Facilitated plenary session to allow participants to share and reflect on discussions in the small group work.
- Reflections of the outcomes of the small group discussions will be provided by the country delegates, senior members of the OECD Secretariat and The King's Fund, including:
 - Veena Raleigh, Senior Fellow, Policy, The King's Fund
 - Yevgeniy Goryakin, Health Economist/Policy Analyst, Public Health, OECD
 - Ian Brownwood, Coordinator, Health Care Quality and Outcomes, OECD

17.15

ITEM 6. NEXT STEPS

Objectives: to summarise the discussion and actions arising out of the workshop and consider possible approaches to the broader communication of the key messages.

Activities:

- Niek Klazinga, OECD Secretariat, will provide reflections on the key outcomes of the workshop and outline how OECD will take this work further and proposed strategy to promote greater awareness and ongoing collaboration.
- Richard Murray, Chief Executive of The King's Fund and Francesca Colombo, Head of OECD Health Division will provide closing remarks.

17:30 Close of Meeting
