Name	Healthcare NPC Advisory Group (HCNPCAG) – 2Q 2020 meeting (03)
Purpose	NPC Advisory Group for Healthcare industry

Meeting details:

Date	Time	Location
17 June 2020	2:00pm	Remote dial-in
Co-Chair **GS1 support**	Rob Setina, Director Data and Systems - HPV Gary Russon, Senior Account Manager - Healthcare - GS1 Australia	
Attendees & Apologies	(See attachment 1)	

Meeting minutes:

Discussion points

1. **Welcome, introductions and apologies** – Attendees/Apologies per attachment 1

2. **GS1 Australia Trade Practices Compliance notice** – stated each meeting

3. **Minutes of previous meeting –** approved by Elizabeth Donohoo, ADHA

4. **Review of Action Items –** refer to Interim Update – May 2020 Key updates
   - 1.2 - Chair/Co-chair nominations and confirmation – refer point 5 (below)
   - 1.4 - Healthcare Data set & Use Case Review by industry – Refer to point 6b (below)
   - 1.5 - Enhancement requests for NPC platform and Data Quality Improvement reports to be sent to Justin Middleton & Murray Robb, for discussion at HCNPCAG meetings (NOTE)
   - 1.6 - Nominations for addition industry representation at HCNPCAG to be sent to HCNPCAG@gs1au.org (Please note that participants must be in line with Terms of Reference)
   - 2.1 - *Executive level 'Value proposition' development*
     - Cath Koetz - Put on-hold for the engagement from stakeholder community to ensure doc reflects what is needed. Revisit when we things turn to normal.
   - 2.2 - Recipients to share details of their programs on an ongoing basis to the AG (within Recipient updates) and aim to communicate this within their own programs (NOTE)
   - 2.3 - Further discussion in future meetings to ensure that required NPC statistics are available across all active Recipients to further detail the utilisation of NPC data (NOTE)

5. **Confirmation of Co-Chair Nominations/Co-chair position(s)**
   - Elizabeth Donohoo, ADHA had nominated. Group confirmed Elizabeth as Co-Chair of HCNPCAG (no objections), welcomed by Rob Setina. This will take effect from next meeting.

6. **Simplification, Quality & usability improvements**
   a. **GDSN statistics –** Murray Robb noted no major changes in stats, ~1,200 increase in GLNs/Entities involved, ~129,000 product records talked through, showing continued growth overall.

b. NPC statistics – Murray Robb talked through quarterly analysis, details of the latest Australian NPC statistics; steady increase in product records (6.9% since Jan-2020) and publishers/suppliers of +17.

c. Data Quality Improvement progress – Murray Robb presented the latest statistics from the Data Quality program. Increased number of Platinum and Gold suppliers. Top errors highlighted include 'Missing Manufacturer Name', a new requirement for industry; number of UNSPSC not yet using v19.0501, with recent discussion with ACT Health rep's regarding getting all suppliers using v19.0501

7. **General discussion/Updates**

a. **Revisiting the purpose of this Advisory Group** – given a few months since last meeting due to circumstances, Cath Koetz reiterated purpose of this AG, to ensure all aware of why we are here, a forum for the NPC users within the healthcare sector to inform GS1 of their needs regarding the NPC platform and the services provided to help it deliver as the valuable resource it was built to be for the sector.

b. **Dataset Review process** – regular holistic review (3 yearly) of data set every few years, agreed to with ADHA and stakeholder group; due to start March-2020, placed on-hold due to Covid-19. Question raised as to when the group would like to restart process; not urgent, but improved functionality available in the Supplier UI for which data set review completion is needed before it can be implemented. Part of the discussion during the dataset review needs to be around how we more effectively specify the data requirements to meet the reality of what is needed and then build mechanisms to help machine validate where possible. Past focus has been largely on recipients/hubs informing data needs but suppliers have a whole view of what data they are being asked for across organisations and this needs to be the focus to ensure single stream of data is possible and we can then build more tools to aid adoption in broader setting.
- Elizabeth/ADHA query around medical device definition; Cath advised we try to follow regulation definitions across product types, inc. pharmaceuticals. Pharmaceuticals tend to follow the scheduling. Sarah (Stryker) queried if having separate datasets would negatively impact suppliers with mixed product ranges – assurance given that this would not be the outcome but in fact it should streamline and simplify (which is the purpose of the review)
- Cath proposed to restart review in Aug-2020; HPV/Rob happy to with that timeline; Rob Swain/ACT challenged due to system changes Q3-4 2020. Aiming to get more engaged with process, inc. pharmacy staff. No objections to kicking off process at the next Advisory Group meeting.

c. **Request for introduction of GHS (Global Harmonised System) for Dangerous & Hazardous Goods (DG)** – Rob Swain/ACT Health introduced item. Part of review of systems in supply chain project highlighted the need to report locally on GHS for storage purposes e.g. pallets, also IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) to meet ACT regulator requirements. Rob query around appetite for GHS across AG members. Cath noted national move to use of GHS. GS1 requesting feedback, to determine if needed in NPC, and if so when.

- Rob/HPV, requirement not known for VIC at this stage; no concern adding to data set. Cathy/NT, requirement not known for NT, need to investigate further. Suppliers not aware of GHS or requests from recipients to-date. Follow-up discussion required; possibly form part of data set review if no urgency which was agreed.

- Murray summarised review process for a potential new attribute into NPC; reviewed GHS requirement, noted exists in GDSN as attribute so easy to bring into NPC itself, but has to be needs based if introduced re: effort to populate, maintain.

d. **AMT-CTPP (Australian Medicines Terminology Containered Trade Product Pack)** – Reiterated initiative purpose, linking AMT-CTPP to GTIN (Base unit or Each GTIN) via publication to NPC by pharmaceutical suppliers, providing linkage to clinical data. CTPP specifically supports prescribing, medications management, recalls, precise product tracking, consumer medication adherence and further linkage to other data sources e.g. TGA, PBS related. Initiative run for a few years now, most suppliers received doc packs, remainder in next few weeks to load relevant AMT-CTPPs to products. Number of use cases across UK, NZ and Canada as well as Australia. Next steps for ADHA outlined inc. support towards joint position statement on initiative from industry/AG members, and call ideas on for further medication management initiatives/policies.

e. **Recipient updates –** Rob Setina, HPV, none sent through for AG.
- Rob outlined HPV paused Common Catalogue initiative (sourcing data from NPC for Health services use), resuming seeing more use in FY20-21.
- Rob highlighted some UNSPSC queries raised in recent jurisdiction conversation; question around suppliers struggling to identify UNSPSC for products. Cath notes some supplier shave needed support e.g. Cook Medical; Sandy Giles notes still some issues with some products not having UNSPSC codes, ~ dozen unallocated. Rob, valuable to understand any challenges from a suppliers view. Cath, ideally UNSPSC allocated at manufacturing source, often overseas e.g. product management level.

ACTION (2.2) – standing invitation to all recipients to provide details of their programs or any important updates at future meetings

f. **Discussion of additional items proposed by group members for consideration –** No addition items proposed for this meeting

8. **Remaining Meeting dates for 2020**
   Quarter 3 2020: Wed 26 August 2020, 2-4pm
   - Cath suggested meeting is utilised predominately for Data Set Review discussion.
   Quarter 4 2020: Wed 11 November 2020, 2-4pm

9. **Confirmation of actions and next steps** – refer to Actions Log

Next meeting

Date & Time	Wed 26th Aug 2020, 2-4pm
Location	Remote dial-in
Organiser	Cath Koetz – GS1
Co-Chairs	Rob Setina – Health Purchasing Victoria Elizabeth Donohoo - ADHA

Actions Log:

	Action Items	Owner	Deadline	Status
1.1	Terms of Reference to be updated with feedback from Kick Off meeting & distributed to HCNPCAG members for review and approval at commencement of Meeting 1 2020.	Gary Russon (GS1)/ALL	Closed	Approved, Item closed 19 February 2020
1.2	Call for Co-Chair Nominations from HCNPCAG group members in accordance with Terms of Reference.	Gary Russon (GS1)/ALL	Closed	Rob Setina (HPV) and Elizabeth Donohoo (ADHA) confirmed as co-chairs 17th June 2020
1.3	Detailed NPC statistics to be provided for reference at all future HCNPCAG meetings	Sascha Timoshanko (GS1)	Closed	This is to be closed as an action item and be included as part of the standing agenda for the AG meetings
1.4	Healthcare Data set & Use Case Review by industry	Cath Koetz & Murray Robb (GS1)	Launch 26th August	Discussion at meeting on 26th August to launch after delays.
1.5	Enhancement requests for NPC platform and Data Quality Improvement reports	Justin Middleton & Murray Robb (GS1)/All	Closed	This will be closed as an action and be included as a part of the standing agenda of the AG meetings
1.6	Nominations for additional industry representation (in line with Terms of Reference)	GS1/ALL	Closed	Additional nominations open at any time This will be closed as an action and be included as a part of the standing agenda of the AG meetings
1.7	Meeting requests including Zoom dial in details to be sent to HCNPCAG group members for all 2020 meetings	GS1	closed	2020 meetings have all been set and invitations sent.
2.1	*Executive level 'Value proposition'* Document for use within executive level discussions within suppliers providing 'talking points' to assist with understanding the value of the NPC	Mark Blitenthall/Marian Makram Perkins/Cath Koetz (GS1)	01/05/2020	Overdue Draft to be provided to AG members for review and comment.
2.2	Recipients to share details of their programs on an ongoing basis to the AG (within Recipient updates) and aim to communicate this within their own programs.	Recipients (ALL)	Closed	This will be closed as an action and be included as a part of the standing agenda of the AG meetings

2.3	Further discussion in future meetings to ensure that required NPC statistics are available across all active Recipients to further detail the utilisation of NPC data.	GS1 staff Recipients (ALL)	Ongoing	No additional feedback provided, closing item as an action and can revisit in future as needed
3.1	GHS (Global Harmonised System) as possible NPC attribute for Dangerous & Hazardous Goods classification and reporting	AG members to advise within dataset review	Open	
3.2	Creation of ADHA driven AMT-CTPP – GTIN paper, outlining data linkage initiative and industry support. Also call for ideas supporting other digital or meds management initiatives/policies, calls for ideas – note.	Pan Teng (ADHA) Cath Koetz/Murray Robb (GS1)	Open	Pan to seek assistance to craft statement on AMT-CTPP – GTIN initiative. Cath & Murray to look at mechanisms to support process from GS1 side
3.3	Understanding UNSPSC selection process for suppliers, specifically any barriers in fulfilling populating current code set values for products and publishing to NPC.	Cath Koetz/Murray Robb (GS1) Rob Setina (HPV)	Open	GS1 to investigate UNSPSC selection issues and revert to group with more info to support further discussion and any further investigation.