EU-US Marketplace: Workforce Roundtable 24.10.2012

❑ Issues and Challenges
❑ Benefits
❑ Next Steps

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Intending to strengthen the existing linkages between them, the US Department of Health and Human Services and the European Commission anticipate pursuing the following actions for the identified areas of cooperation:

Discuss development of a global conceptual framework that articulates how health-related information and communication technologies support improved health. This framework is also expected to address the assessment of the economic benefits of eHealth/health IT), and the promotion of continuous innovation.

Identify the challenges, shared goals and potential actions of mutual benefit in activities which are viewed as having the potential to support innovation and economic growth by supporting improved health. Shared understanding in these areas would facilitate specific actions and could be the basis for future international cooperation.

Strategies for development of a skilled health IT workforce and of eHealth/health IT proficiencies in the health professional workforce such that these clinicians can fully utilize the technology's potential to enhance their professional experience and performance.

MoU (5 and 6)

Recognising Workforce Challenges

- EU-US MoU and EU current Calls recognise professional Workforce issues
- quality deliverables, outcomes and products produced **can still be at risk,** even those that use of standards to describe, specify, develop, evaluate and deliver applications systems / solutions
- the responsibilities, roles and quality of those persons designing, developing and delivering such solutions are not clearly recognised, described, *accredited and certified*

- eH / HI Landscape : no clear picture of current situation / status and no strategy ..... YET!
- Address DE-FRAGMENTATION
  - well trained professionals for healthcare informatics
  - well educated – where eH/HI standards [should be clear] not only in Medical (Health) informatics curriculums but also in a wider framework of Health educational regulations

- Consistent clear workforce definition, to contribute to establishing improved cross-border mobility, collaborative working and strengthening of workforce capability

One Profession – One Community

- Work is so specialised as to be inaccessible to those lacking the required training and experience

- The particular tasks they perform are so different from those of most workers that self-control is essential

- A position of considerable privilege

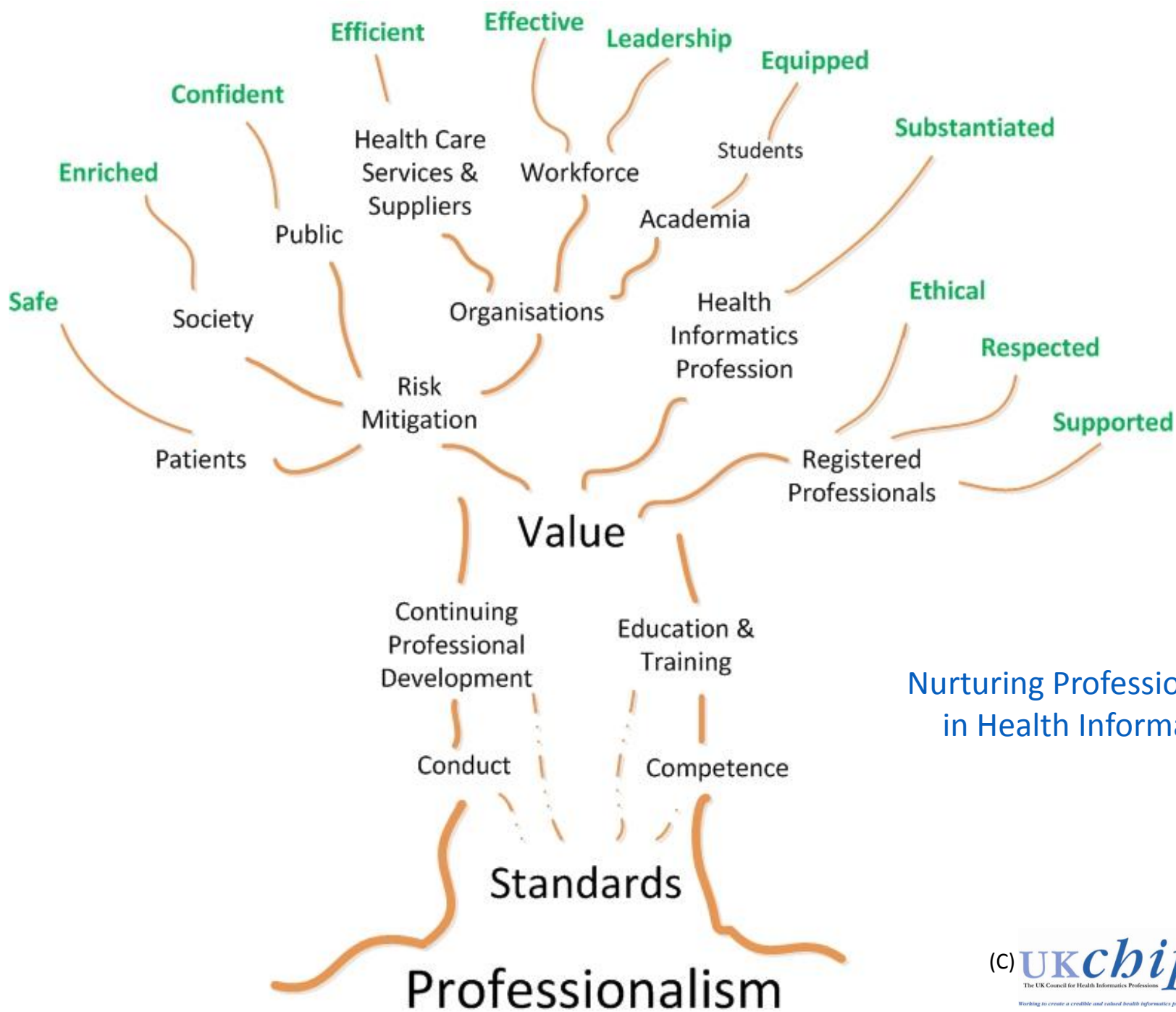encompassing many constituencies including:

- ICT
- Information Management
- Clinical Informatics
- Education, Training & Research
- Health Records
- Knowledge Management
- Portfolio, Programme & Project Management
- Senior HI Managers / Directors of Services

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Next Steps

"Strategies for development of a skilled health It workforce and of eH/HIT proficiencies in the health professional workforce ... "

❑ Agree priority area(s)

❑ Start to identify related work to date

❑ Make a difference !

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