

Intended Audience

End Users and Software Suppliers

Situation

The UK MVS will be upgraded during the course of 2019. This bulletin is to provide advance warning to End-users and, specifically, their software providers, such that they can make effective preparations.

Background

The UK MVS will be upgraded during the course of 2019 to:

- Complete development work deferred from the development phase
- Enhance and stabilise the Core system such that SecurMed UK (the NMVO for the UK) can more effectively operate the system and appropriately monitor system performance
- Provide new reporting functionality such that SecurMed UK and National Competent Authorities are better able to monitor the system for possible incidents of falsifications.

Recommendations

The Roadmap for the various components of the EMVS is being developed but what is already clear for the UK MVS is that there will be several releases through the course of 2019:

Summer 2019 (forecast at time of writing - July). This release has been developed to fix some defects and offers operability improvements to the NMVOs. SecurMed UK has worked to ensure this release is **NOT relevant to End-user solutions** and the current supported interfaces (V2, V3) will not be impacted.

- No immediate action is required from Software Providers. When the scope of the release is finalised, advice to End-users will be published should they need to be aware of any change to system behaviour.

Winter 2019 (Target Q4 2019) – This release will make some improvements available to the End-user therefore is very likely to be End-user relevant. It will require new versions of the NMVS interfaces and **End-user software will need to be updated** to enable them to benefit from the improvements.

- Software providers should plan to develop their software from Q4 2019 and migrate End-users to an up-versioned interface (V4) over the subsequent 6-12 months
- End-users will likely have to respond to revisions in their FMD software.

HUB Releases, Reporting Releases and Other Technical Releases – These releases will be programmed into the roadmap as required and, where appropriate, announced to stakeholders.

- Software providers should monitor the SecurMed UK website www.securmed.org.uk and the EMVO website www.emvo-medicines.eu
- Software Providers (and others) can subscribe to the EMVS Information service (EVI) at www.emvo-medicines.eu/evi/ where they will be notified of any planned downtime (or other service degradation).