

Appendix III

Table 2. Numbers of strategies provided in brainstorm phases and structured phase

	Brainstorm phases	Structured phase			
	Number of crude and unique strategies \$	Crude number of strategies	Unique strategies within this group and phase	Additional unique strategies suggested in structured phase compared to brainstorm phase per group (% of all unique strategies in structured phase)	Total of unique strategies per group per country
Healthcare researchers					
Germany	38	8	8	7 (88%)	45
Netherlands	20	28	14	12 (86%)	32
Norway	35	-	-	-	35
Poland	18	17	17	0 (0%)	18
UK	49	16	16	8 (50%)	57
Quality improvement officers					
Germany	33	5	5	4 (80%)	37
Netherlands	19	27	27	27(100%)	46
Norway	99	-	-	-	99
Poland *	21	21	21	0 (0%)	21
UK	22	7	7	7 (100%)	29
Healthcare professionals					
Germany	21	12	12	12 (100%)	33
Netherlands **	36	76	55	55 (100%)	91
Norway **	120	-	-	-	120
Poland	8	8	8	0 (0%)	8
UK **	81	23	23	23 (100%)	104
Authorities, health insurers, other purchasers of healthcare					
Germany	32	9	9	9 (100%)	41
Netherlands	24	35	22	22 (100%)	46
Norway	93	-	-	-	93
Poland	13	14	13	1 (7%)	14
UK	28	13	13	3 (23%)	31
Patients and relatives of patients					
Netherlands **	36	42	37	35 (95%)	71
Norway	35	-	-	-	35
Total	881	361	307	225	1106

Legend: *individual interviews, ** two groups interviewed, \$ crude items equaled unique items in the phase. Totals in brainstorm per country: Germany n=124 , Netherlands n=135, Norway n=382, Poland n=60, UK n=180.