



# Optimising Czech Healthcare: Completing the transition

Elizabeth Sukkar, Editor, The Economist Intelligence Unit

20 June 2018, Prague

- Introduction
- **“Optimising Czech healthcare: Completing the transition”**: findings from an independent report, commissioned by Novartis.
- Conclusion

# INTRODUCTION: KEY METRICS

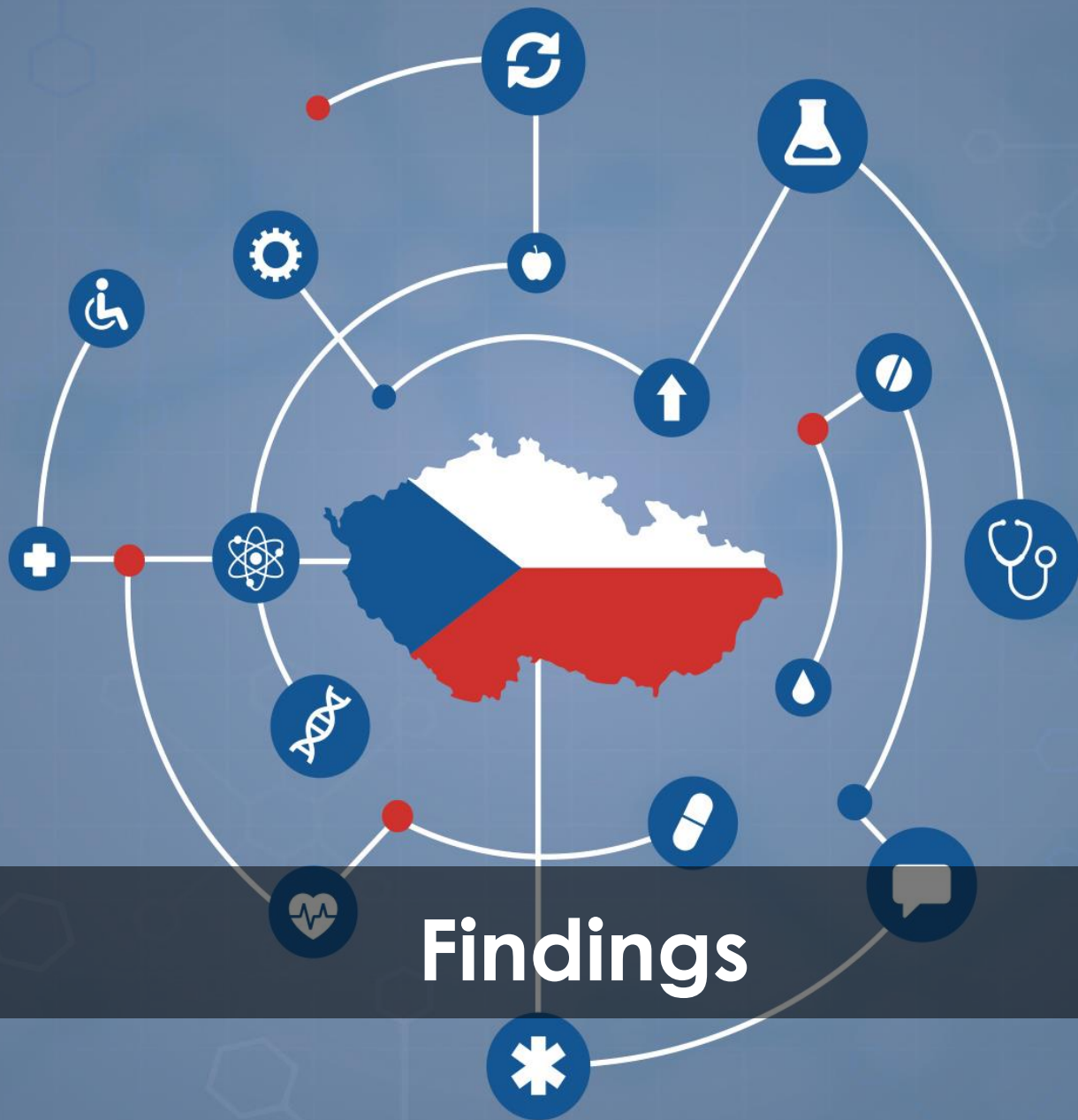
Indicator	Czech value	OECD value
Life expectancy (years)	<b>78.7</b>	80.6 (EU and OECD)
Mortality due to ischaemic heart disease (per 100K people)	<b>237</b>	112
Mortality due to cancer (per 100K people)	<b>220.5</b>	203.7
Mortality -- all causes (per 100K people)	<b>1,308</b>	1,020 (EU28)

Source: OECD

# INTRODUCTION: KEY METRICS

Health expenditure as a % of GDP  
in OECD countries (2000-16)

Country	2000	2005	2010	2016
<b>Czech Republic</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Germany	9.8	10.3	11.0	11.3
Hungary	6.8	8.0	7.6	7.6
Poland	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.4
Slovakia	5.3	6.6	7.8	6.9
UK	6.0	7.2	8.5	9.7
US	12.5	14.5	16.4	17.2



**Findings**

*“Optimising Czech Healthcare: Completing the transition”:*

(1) Quality in the healthcare system

(2) Care provision

(3) Health technology assessment

# QUALITY IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: ROLES?

---

7

**“It is not by chance that there is widespread opinion in the public domain that health insurance benefits are provided by the state and not by the health insurance company...”**

**Ladislav Švec**

**director, Czech Health Insurance Bureau**

# QUALITY IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: TOWARDS FULL MODERNISATION

---

8

---

- Mismatch: role of ministry of health and funds
- Lack of data and quality measures



**“Provision of mental healthcare is a proxy for health system strengthening ...  
It’s a significant predictor of systems that function or not”**

**Kalipso Chalkidou**

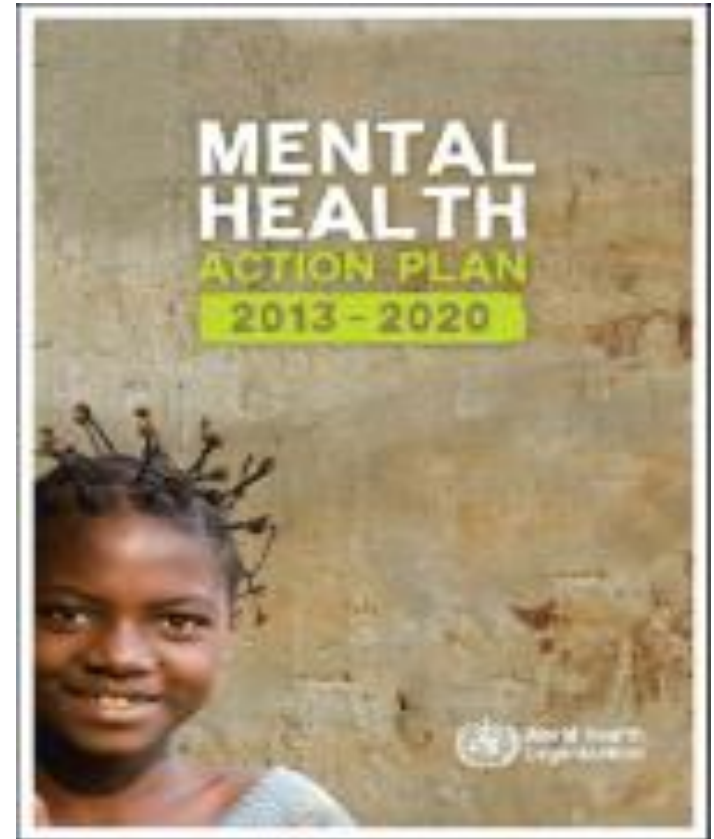
**director of global health policy at Imperial  
College London**

# PROVISION OF CARE: COMMUNITY CARE

---

10

- **WHO mental health plan:** integrated, community care should be focus
- **Czech Republic:** mental health system centered around acute rather than community

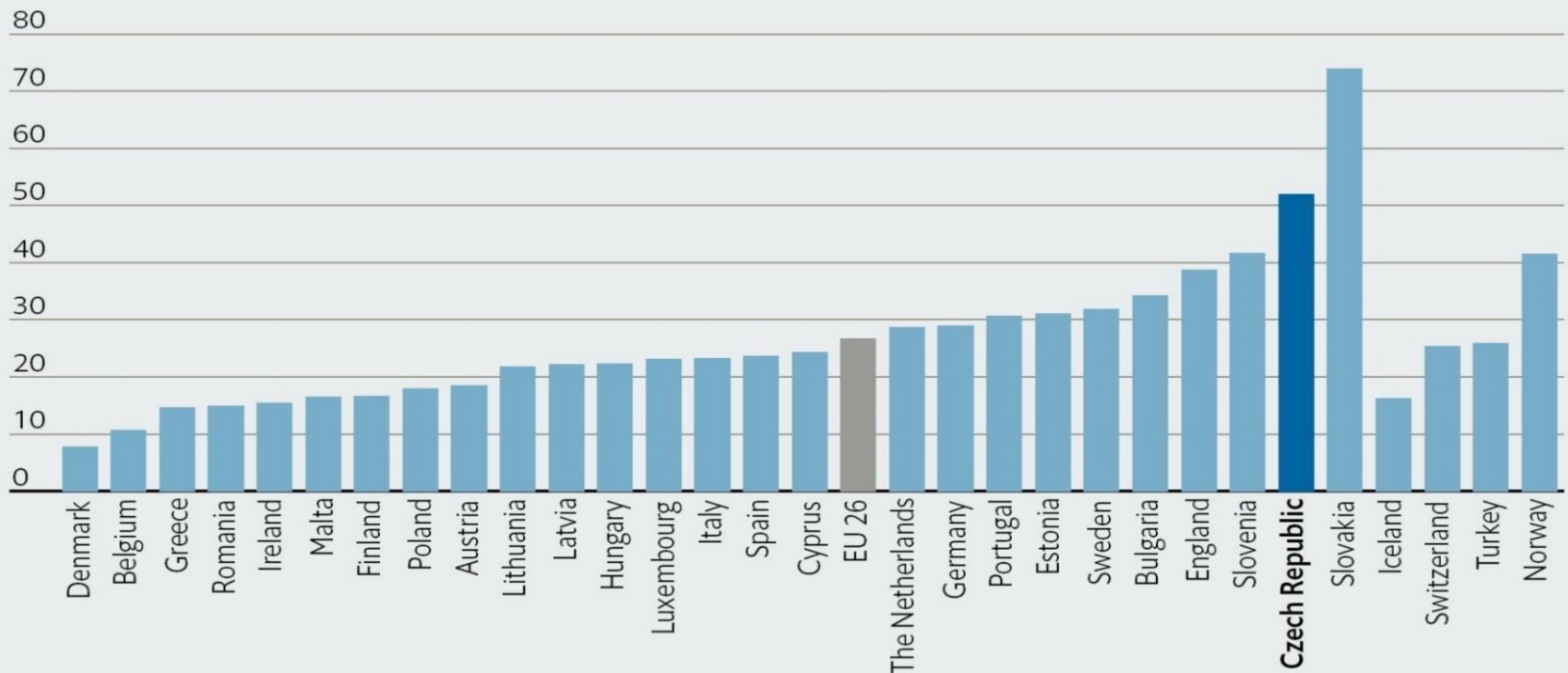


# PROVISION OF CARE: PRIMARY CARE

Chart 1

**Proportion of patients who visited an emergency department because primary care was not available, 2011-13**

(%)



Source: Health at a Glance: Europe 2016 - OECD 2016 (available as Excel).

**“We are a little bit of outlier in Europe as we are one of the last countries where HTA is not applied to non-pharmaceutical products”**

**Tomáš Doležal**

**director of the Institute of Health Economics  
and Technology Assessment, Prague**



**Conclusion**

# CONCLUSIONS

---

The country provides good universal access to healthcare

BUT the system suffers from several challenges and needs modernisation

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

---

15

---

The report has been published on the *EIU Perspectives* website:



<http://www.eiuperspectives.economist.com/>



Follow Elizabeth on Twitter: @E\_Sukkar