

**P-4: Swiss Learning Health System (SLHS) – A national platform for health systems and services research, policy and practice**

The overarching goal of the Swiss Learning Health System (SLHS) is the continual integration of scientific findings into the healthcare system and into the development of approaches to implement healthcare policy. SLHS proposes suitable mechanisms to create a flexible healthcare system able to interact with academia, politics and professional practice.

The concrete project aim is the development of a national platform for research into the provision of healthcare and healthcare systems, and for policy-makers and healthcare practitioners. The governing body of SLHS is a Swiss-wide academic network of excellence; within the scope of a stakeholder network, SLHS collaborates with policy-makers, public administration officials, non-governmental organisations and the private sector.

With direct reference to the Master Plan for Health Research 2013-2016 of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS) to strengthen research in the area of healthcare provision, SLHS pursues three main lines of action:

- 1) Establishment of a systematic link between research, policy and professional practice;
- 2) Promotion of the development of scholarly capacities for research in healthcare provision and healthcare systems;
- 3) Management of standardised information on health.