

## Influencing Decision making for Health Care Records

### The PRSB

[The Professional Records Standard Body](#) for health and social care (PRSB) is a “not for profit” Community Interest Company owned by its members. The PRSB aims to make sure that care records in the health and social care system follow a widely agreed set of quality standards. Its goal is to achieve an electronically transferable patient record, which is up to date and accessible to all those responsible for care.

### Supporting Better Care Records

Working closely with member organisations (including Royal Colleges, AHPF and Public Health England) and patient groups, the PRSB is driving the implementation of care record standards across the UK and supporting local health and care systems to introduce shared electronic records. There are significant benefits for the whole health and social care system to be gained from better care records.

### How the BDA Influences

The BDA (members and/or office staff) have participated in engagement workshops and wider consultations for many PRSB projects and will continue to do so.

Typically at the beginning of each project there will be an engagement workshop where many stakeholders (approximately 60+) are brought together (usually in a room at the Royal College of General Practitioners) to work through a series of questions on a proposed standard. These events are attended by health and social care workers, software designers, IT services, NHS digital, patient advocate agencies and patients themselves. Health and social care workers include; medics, surgeons, nurses, midwives and AHPs from across the UK.



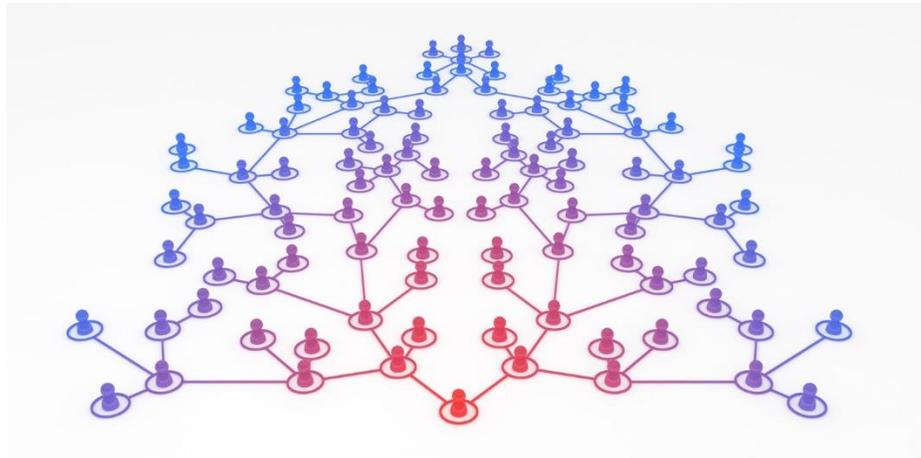
The stakeholders together bring experience, expertise and opinions from across a whole host of primary and secondary care settings and represent a diverse range of specialties. Ensuring the Dietitian’s (and AHP’s) voice is counted during discussions and feedback is important because historically, patient record systems have been very medical and nursing in focus yet AHPs are a fundamental part of any integrated health and social care system. Standards must be just as suitable for AHPs to embed in practice as for anyone else using health and care records.

Lunchtimes are a fantastic chance to network face to face, to share and learn from others who potentially may not usually come into contact with each other. It’s a great opportunity to make use of those elevator pitches!



Following an engagement event, the PRSB's proposed standard will be updated and then circulated for wider consultation from as many stakeholders as possible. The BDA circulates details regarding open consultations via member e-zines and sometimes other channels for individual members or specialist groups to respond to if they wish. If there is a pressing point to be made the BDA can also do a more weighty consultation response on behalf of all its members.

Once finalised, the standard is launched and the PRSB then works to support implementation. The BDA and other professional bodies are then involved in publicising standards and associated tools to members across the UK.



So far the BDA has provided dietetic expertise and opinion on the following projects:

[Care Planning](#)

[Child Health Events](#)

[Outpatient Letters](#)

[Discharge Summary](#)

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