Advisory Board actions and key messages 19th April 2023

This note provides a summary of the key information for sharing and actions for members arising from the 19th April Advisory Board. It is intended as an aide memoire for members and Advisory Board representatives, for onward distribution within your organisations as appropriate.

Federated Data Platform

NHS England is procuring a data platform that will serve local and national data needs and critically will provide frontline health and care staff with insight and intelligence drawn from data to transform services and improve care for people. PRSB is working with NHS England to **engage professionals in the ongoing design and development of the federated data platform** including what resources would help build awareness and understanding of the programme. PRSB would like the professional bodies to take part in a questionnaire to assess current levels of awareness and how knowledge gaps can best be addressed. **Please complete this short questionnaire by 9am 3rd May**.

Information standards and emerging technologies

Experts posit that artificial intelligence has the power to transform health and care safely as long as it is done in coalition with clinicians. The Advisory Board recommend that PRSB work with other organisations in the information space to develop a position statement on artificial intelligence. PRSB's interest is in ensuring the patient information available to health and care professionals is of good quality and is consistently available wherever and however care is administered. New and emerging technologies need to be built on a foundation of good data and we believe information standards are a prerequisite for this. **We will draft a position statement ahead of the next advisory board meeting, please email info@theprsb.org with any points you think should be considered or included.**

Interoperability commitments in Scotland

Scottish government details its plans regarding information standards and interoperability in its recently published data strategy for health and care. PRSB welcome and aim to support these ambitious plans. Ensuring UK alignment in development and adoption of standards is widely recognised as important by the PRSB membership. PRSB hope to work closely with Scottish government to bring this strategy to life. **For more details on the data strategy please contact ryan.anderson@gov.scot.**

Transfers of Care standards adoption review

NHS England commissioned a review on the status of adoption of the e-discharge standard (originally published 2015), focusing on the reasons for slow uptake with a particular focus on the needs of 'receivers' in general practice. The conclusions of this work suggest that the case for promoting widespread use of the PRSB discharge standard remains strong and that finding solutions to common problems would advance all transfers of care and interoperability generally. Transfers of care have been approached piecemeal and as a (purely) technical problem - it must be reframed in terms of continuity of care and good patient outcomes. The key findings and recommendations will be published shortly. **Email info@theprsb.org if you want to be notified on publication.**

Collective view from members

There have been two recent publications on progress toward digital transformation and integrated care in the NHS and social care, the Committee Inquiry into the Government commitment to digital transformation in the NHS and the Hewitt Review into the oversight, governance, and accountability of Integrated Care Systems. PRSB has written to the Health and Social Care Select Committee and Expert Panel and will write to Patricia Hewitt. It is important to ensure we have a collective view from members, so we are seen to speak with a powerful, multidisciplinary voice. **Key messages:** Digital transformation isn't about 'getting the tech right', it is about improving the working lives of professionals and outcomes for people. By fully mobilising the professions and people to transform digitally we can improve care and efficiency for professionals, provide more effective care, better outcomes and people who are more engaged in their own health. PRSB has put the basic building blocks in place through our standards work and partnership scheme. PRSB and its members stand ready to help key national programmes to speed implementation of standards and interoperability to achieve digital transformation for the benefit of the professions and public once and for all. **We are asking members to share the key messages by**

writing in support to the [Committee](#), Expert Panel, and [Hewitt Review](#) and taking the messages back to your organisations and to meetings with system leaders and DHSC.

Advisory board papers and meeting recording are available [here](#).
Upcoming meeting dates and registration links are available [here](#).

Published standards Information on current published PRSB standards can be found on the PRSB website at www.theprsb.org/standards	
In development Below are the standards and guidance in development. Please advise us of your interest at info@theprsb.org.	
Nursing Development of Nursing standard (functional needs) including documentation to support progression to the DAPB for approval, CIS updates and endorsement.	Standard development
Wound care Developing a standard for the support prevention, management and treatment of wounds.	Final Report
Workforce Development of approach/standard for job planning/rostering, post grad payment and financial system integration.	Standard development
End of life care implementation toolkit Developing an implementation toolkit to support widespread adoption of the Electronic Palliative Care-Coordination Systems (EPaCCS) information standard.	Publication
Diabetes Implementation Support for technical implementation and piloting of diabetes standards.	In progress
Mental Health waiting times – refsets Achieve consensus on a refset which includes the SNOMED codes to be used to identify where a patient has started to receive help from a mental health service, in the form of an assessment and relevant interventions, as set out by the proposed non-urgent community mental health waiting time standards.	Final discovery report →consultation
Community Pharmacy including vaccinations To publish an updated standard (V3) ready for wide implementation in community pharmacy with continued endorsement and an Information Standards Notice (ISN) approved through the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB).	Final report
Transfers of Care To review the current state of adoption of transfer of care messages between secondary care / primary care and identify reasons for the low uptake to date. To understand GP's needs and priorities for ingesting semantically interoperable data into primary care systems, e.g. diagnosis, procedure, medications.	Final discovery report
Epilepsy Discovery for RCPCH regards a standard for paediatric and adult epilepsy.	Final discovery report
Federated data platform Extensive engagement programme for PRSB members (and broader stakeholders) for procurement and implementation of the federated data platform.	Mobilisation
On the horizon New standard developments being started or planned in the next quarter. Please advise us of your interest info@theprsb.org.	
Pharmacogenomic standard Work being scoped to start on a discovery phase to define the scope for a standard for development in 22/23.	Discovery
Health check standard & Health checks for Serious Mental Illness Expected commission from DHSC Q1 22/23 to develop an information standard for NHS Health Checks.	Standard development
Epilepsy standard Development of standard and implementation (grant funding application).	Discovery
Robust infrastructure for standards Proposal includes alignment of CIS to pathology standards.	Discovery

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Mental Health waiting times Consultation and development of standard following discovery phase.	Awaiting commission
Frontline digitisation Standard for EPRs and conformance testing.	Awaiting commission
Community pharmacy & wound care – implementation Implementation of standards (final reports April 2023). Budget permitting.	Awaiting commission