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Mr Ian Johnstone
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National Information Governance Board

Dear Mr Johnstone

**BCS Response to the National Information Governance Board on
Its Guidance on the amendment of Medical and Social Care Records
following a request from a person receiving care**

The British Computer Society (BCS) welcomes NIGB's Guidance document, which is both practical and well-written. While agreeing with the guidance, BCS believes there is still more work needed on the requirements and we have suggested areas for further consideration in the attached response.

With over 68,000 members, the BCS is the leading professional and learned society in IT and computing. Within our membership are IT practitioners involved in the health sector, a number of whom responded to this consultation.

BCS is also responsible for setting standards for the IT profession. It is spearheading the Professionalism in IT programme and is also leading the change in the public perception and appreciation of the economic and social importance of professionally managed IT projects and programmes. In this capacity, the Society advises, informs and persuades industry and government on successful IT implementation.

BCS, as a Learned Society, also has direct responsibility for leading, encouraging, promoting, supporting and developing all aspects of teaching, research and technology transfer in the disciplines of, and relating to, computing, computer science and information systems.

IT affects us all in our everyday lives, and that is why BCS is committed to advancing IT knowledge and delivering professionalism at the highest standards by *'Creating the IT Profession'* for the 21st century.

We hope these comments are helpful and if you would like to discuss in greater detail, we would, of course, be delighted to assist.

Yours sincerely

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