

Preserving patient Confidentiality

– the technical, cultural and political issues

A free two hour evening seminar for GPs and their staff, hosted by the British Computer Society Primary Health Care Specialist Group, (PHCSG) and BCS Hertfordshire

at the

University of Hertfordshire, Lindop Building, College Lane, Hatfield, AL10 9AB

on 17th November 2016,

7.00 pm food and networking, for 7.30pm start, finishing 9.00 pm

(CPD Certificates available at end of evening.)



Speaker: Ian Herbert

Preserving confidentiality whilst actively sharing the relevant patient data needed to ensure continuity of care can be a difficult balancing act. Clinicians, particularly GPs, face this dilemma every day and usually do it to the patient's satisfaction. But add in secondary uses such as the need for the use of patient data for financial accounting and research and the water gets muddier.

Care.data once abandoned but now resurrected in a new form, is an example of a classic clash between professional ethics and government wishes: it looks as though it will be down to GPs and their staff to explain to patients why their previous opt outs now count for nothing. Our speaker will examine the issues, explore the most glaring conflicts and lead a discussion on the way forward.

About our speaker:

Ian has a unique track record in primary care IT covering 40 years. After 11 years in the water industry, he started a new career in health informatics by designing and heading up the development of one of the leading GP systems of the '80s. After a spell in commercial computing, he worked for the NHS Information Management Group, and its successor, the NHS Information Authority before becoming a senior consultant working for the NHS National Programme for IT. During that time he worked on the business requirements for GPSoC. He has led the PHCSG working group, the Clinical Computing Group, for many years. He is on the editorial board of Informatics in Primary Care and was a member of the BCS Information Privacy Expert Panel until earlier this year. He is currently an appraiser for the NHS Information Standards Board and was a member of the (now closed without replacement) Independent Advisory Group examining proposed patient data extractions from General Practice.

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