Help define the future of the dietetic profession

Introduction

The dietetic profession currently has many great opportunities to strengthen its role and its future influence within the health and social care sector.

On behalf of the British Dietetic Association, researchers at the University of Plymouth, in collaboration with Clever Together, would like to hear about your ideas and views to help shape the Future Strategy for the dietetic profession.

A future for the dietetic profession could include:

- working in new settings or new ways,
- taking on new responsibilities from doctors and nurses,
- following new career paths, or
- taking a proactive role in helping prevent certain diseases.

Who can take part?

Anyone who currently or has previously used the services of dietitians for themselves or a family member or is a carer of someone who has accessed the services of dietitians. Or anyone who has worked closely with a dietitian.

What is involved?

Sharing and submitting your ideas and views about the dietetic profession via an online conversation website. You will be able to comment on the ideas of others, and vote for the best, collectively identifying and prioritising the responses you feel are most valuable. **All contributions will be anonymised.**

How to take part?

To join the conversation, simply visit: https://bda-futurestrategy.clevertogether.com/en/signUp

This simple, secure website is accessible from any device, at any time until the 25 September, enabling you to share your views at a time and place convenient to you. After logging in you will be able to start and you can come back as many times as you want to share your views and see what others are saying.

After this process, all the ideas and views will be considered to shape the Future Strategy for the dietetic profession, starting with an event planned for Thursday 8 December in Birmingham. Your experience is essential to this process and the researchers look forward to learning from your contributions.

This study is being carried out by a research team led by Mary Hickson, Professor of Dietetics, Plymouth University, in collaboration with Clever Together. For any queries please contact <u>dietetics@clevertogether.com</u>.

This study has been approved by the Faculty of Health and Human Sciences Ethics Committee, Plymouth University. For any queries please contact Sarah Jones on hhsethics@plymouth.ac.uk.

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