

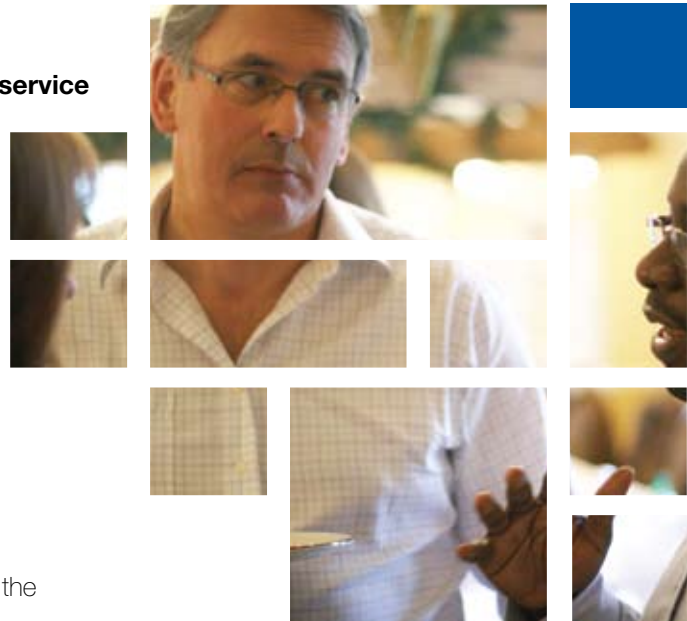
Patient Records & Information Management Accreditation Programme (PRIMAP)

What is PRIMAP?

Developed to enable you to provide the best health records service to support patient care and facilitate the implementation of information governance, PRIMAP is unique as the only accreditation programme to focus solely on the content and management of health records for NHS Trusts.

The Programme provides a structured process for internally assessing central health records services against professionally endorsed standards, as well as an external peer review to highlight good practice, identify problems, recommend solutions and promote continuous quality improvement.

Developed in 1995 and formerly known as ADR, PRIMAP forms part of the **CHKS Healthcare Accreditation and Quality Unit.**



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The Programme:

- Assess the **management and content of your records** against statutory regulations and best practice standards.
- Identify problems, recommend solutions and provide an **action plan for quality improvement.**
- Provide a **structured mechanism** for continual development of the service in line with national guidance and legislation.
- Offer health records professionals the opportunity to **discover new ideas, share best practice** and network with fellow professionals across the UK.
- Demonstrate the **quality of your service** to staff, commissioners, regulatory bodies, patients and the public.

How the Programme works:

- The standards provide a framework and central resource, collating all national guidance, legislation and best practice.
- External assessment identifies problems, recommends solutions, and provides an action plan for implementation.
- A peer review survey, by experienced health records professionals, ensures a developmental approach to support and encourage continuous improvement.
- An award of accreditation provides a demonstrable 'stamp of quality' and is granted by a credible and independent panel of experts representing Royal Colleges and other professional healthcare associations.

"The hospital now works in more strategic way"

