Invitation to share your experience of a Professional Standards Authority's Accredited Register – Notification of Change for the Register of Clinical Technologists (the RCT) to add Sonographers as a new occupation to its register.

The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (the Authority) sets standards for organisations holding registers for health and social care occupations not regulated by law and accredits those that meet them. Accreditation means that a register is managed effectively and adheres to good practice. It enhances public protection and helps the public to make informed decisions. More information about Accredited Registers is available on our website.

Organisations applying for initial accreditation, renewal of accreditation or a notification of change must demonstrate (by providing evidence) that they meet or continue to meet the <u>standards</u> set out by the Authority. The Authority will check, challenge and confirm the evidence provided by the applying organisation and will take account of feedback from patients, service users, the public, professional and representative organisations and others.

The Register of Clinical Technologists (the RCT) has submitted a notification of change proposing to add Sonographers as a new occupation to its register, please see the attached summary for details. We are interested to hear the experiences you have had with them which could impact on their ability to comply with our Standards. Your contribution can be as lengthy or as brief as you like, but we will only be able to take it into account if it is supported by evidence rather than just being an expression of your opinion or based on hearsay (i.e. what someone else has told you).

We will store all feedback that we receive securely. You should be aware that we may seek your consent to share any information you provide with the relevant organisation and that it is disclosable under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We will consider requests for non-disclosure on merit and, as necessary, in accordance with legal advice.

If you would like to share your experience with us, please complete the attached form and return it to accreditationteam@professionalstandards.org.uk by **2 March 2020.**