

**The role of portfolio
in enhancing the link between
institutions and clinical placement**

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The importance
of listening

To **Employers**, Academics
and Students essential



Departments encouraged to establish Employer Advisory Groups to make sure the degree meets the needs of future employers

Working with Employers

In 1981 Sir Fred Dainton reflected on the University and NHS interface. He said it is the place where the future confronts the past.

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Strategic links between research, education and health service provision is essential for the health service to become a knowledge based learning organization and Higher Education to meet the changing demands of clinical education and research.

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Joint working between Universities and Hospitals is essential for the future.

We need to consider the Health Care Needs of the future:

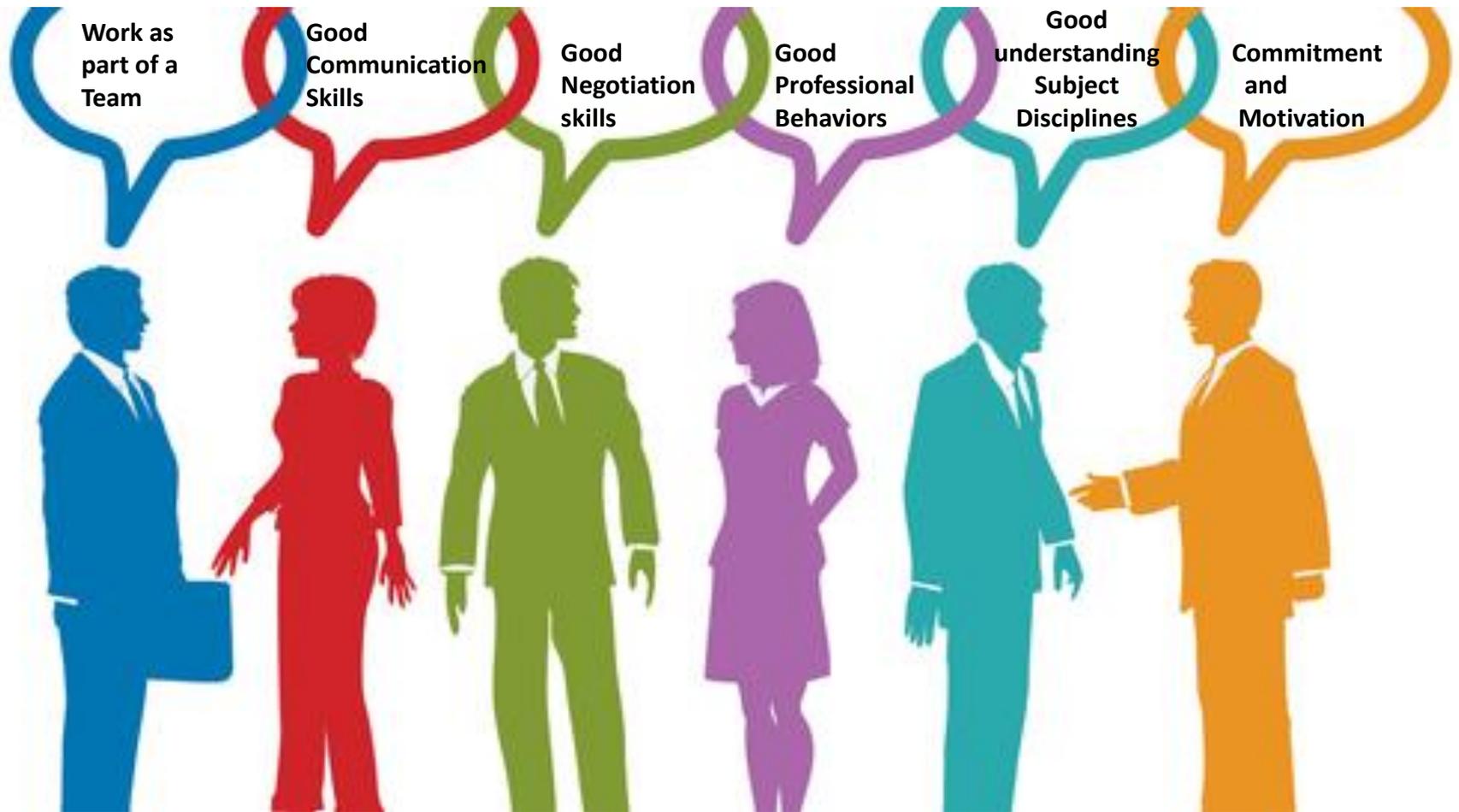
Expectations, Globalisation, Advances in Medicine; Science, Drugs, Interventions, Technology...

Significant implications for:



- **Students and their approach to studies and future practice**
- **Different professional roles**
- **Continued Professional Development**

We listened to Employers



The University of Sheffield introduced a major curriculum change in 2014/15 for all 1st year under graduate students across 5 Faculties

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health

Achieve More - Health Challenge

What the students get out of it:

- **Opportunity to learn more about what makes people healthy, and about how health is unequally distributed in our world**
- **Chance to learn about teams and how they work**
- **Chance to develop communication and negotiation skills**
- **Chance to work with others from different disciplines**
- **Chance to explore and understand the role of different health care professionals**

How?

**HEALTH NEEDS
ALONG A BUS ROUTE**



School of Dentistry

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Introduced e-Portfolio 2012

- Software Developer worked alongside Academics some of whom were PT Practitioners (Employer involvement) and students. He observed procedures and asked what it was that was needed.
- Prepared staff, clinical and non clinical Academics/Professional Service staff and students.
- Pilot, before full role out across the curriculum.
- Continued to use paper records of achievements as back-up.
- Review and further development scheduled.

information is current and students are in control

E-Portfolio for Nurses and Midwives in Scotland

- NHS Education for Scotland (NES) rolled out career-long e-Portfolio for Nurses and Midwives in NHS Scotland after wide consultation. This following a pilot in 2009
- The NHS e-Portfolio was already used extensively by Medical, Dental and Pharmacy professionals in Scotland.
- The function of the career-long e-Portfolio for Nurses and Midwives provides practitioners with an electronic means of generating and storing evidence to demonstrate professional development.
- It is practitioner led and owned, and differs from e-Portfolio for other professions as it not accessible by managers or supervisors. It is multi purpose and for the practitioner to decide what they want to share and who they want to share it with.

NMC Revalidation

April 2016 the NMC introduced revalidation for Nurses and Midwives

Revalidation is to improve public protection by ensuring individuals continue to remain fit to practice inline with the requirements of professional registration, throughout their career.

Evidence:

Practice hours

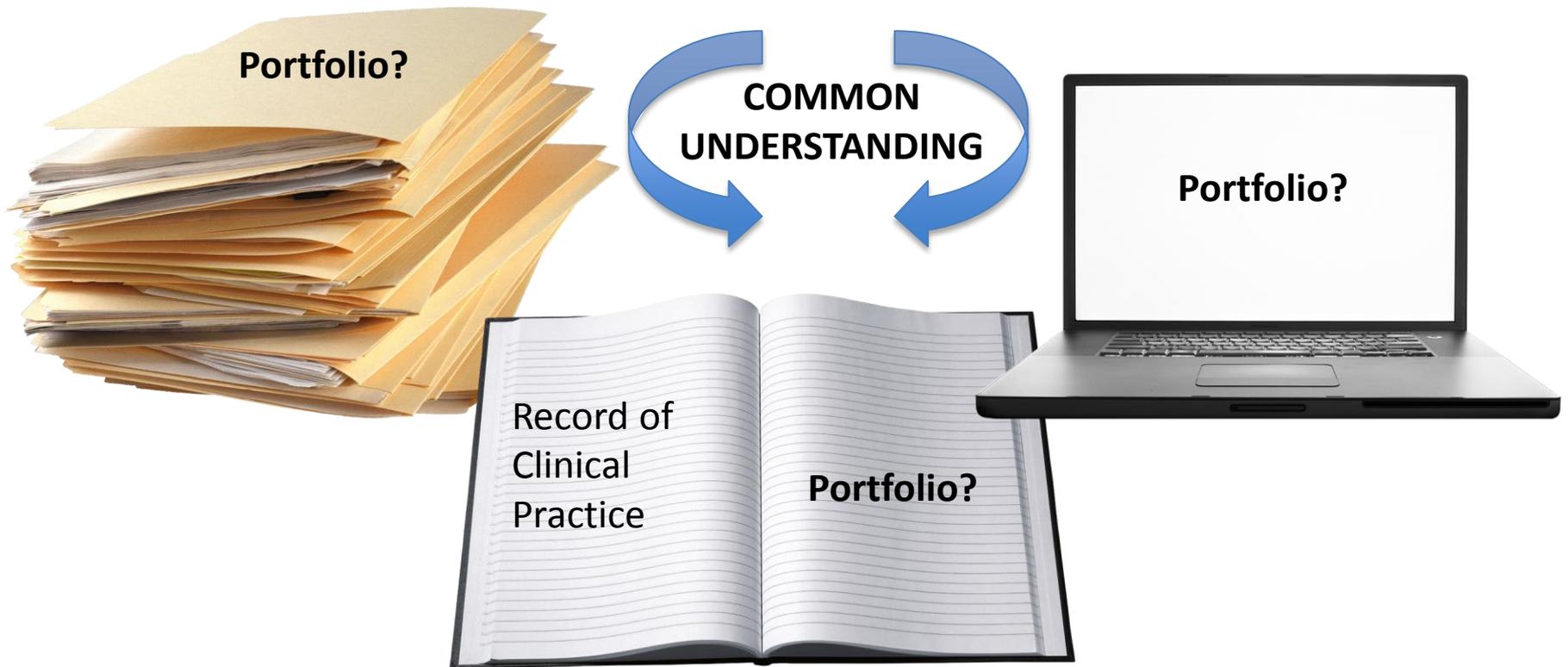
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Practice related feedback

Reflective discussion

Many are choosing to use an e-Portfolio to provide evidence for revalidation

The big issue is Portfolio means different things to different people



Electronic Tool to:

- Record **Experience**
- Record **Achievement/**
Clinical Competence
- Record **Abilities**
- Record **Reflection**
- Record **Feedback**
- Record **Learning**



Recording experience is at the core of a Health Care Professional education and Continuing Professional Development

It is important to Develop a tool which meets the needs of:

Students

Clinical Preceptors/Supervisors/Mentors

Academics

Health Care Professional

Professional Statutory Bodies

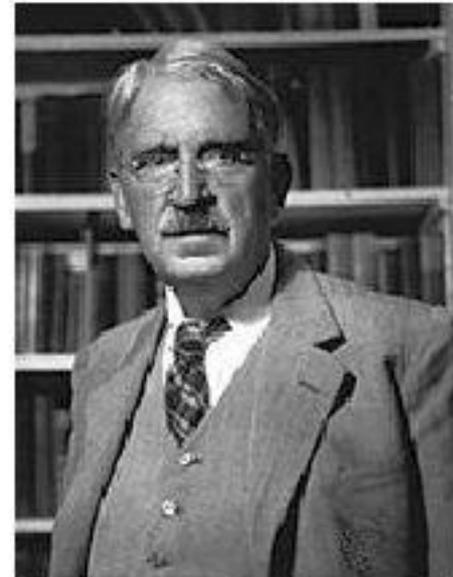
To promote Life Long Learners

There are over 320.000 users of e-Portfolio throughout the UK; Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentists and Nurses and Midwives

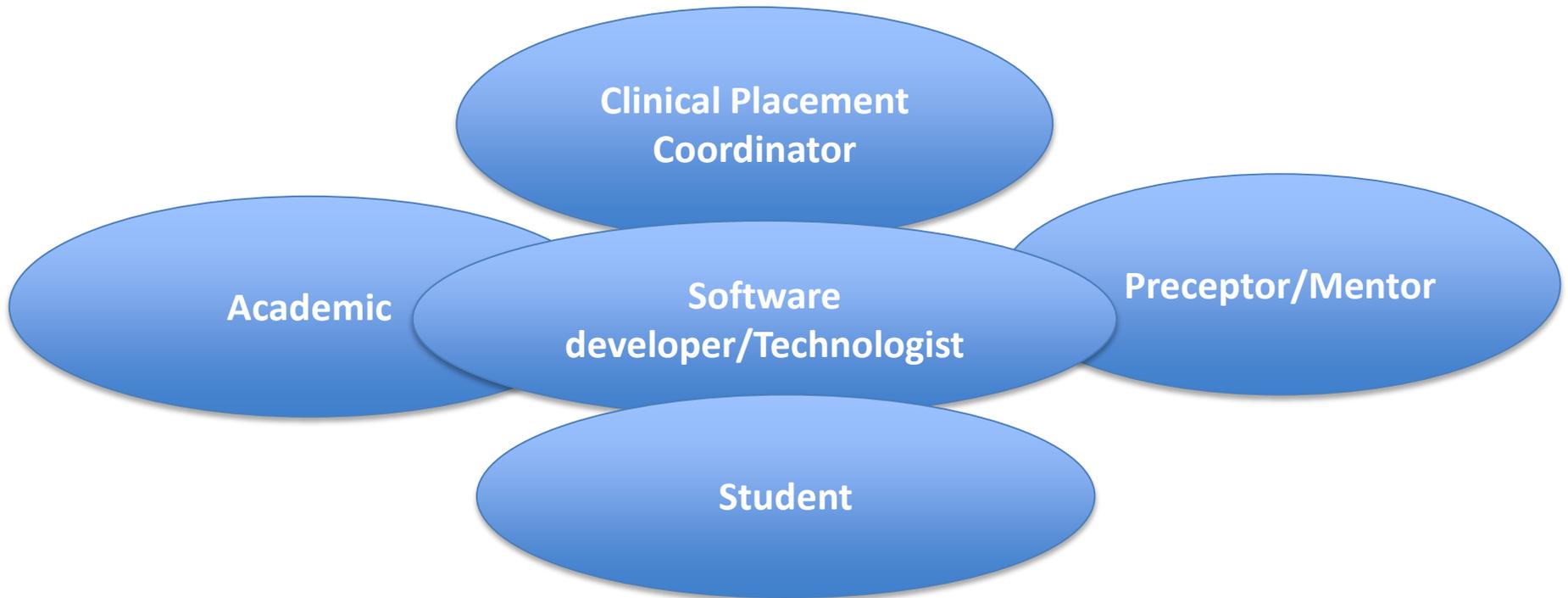
The Importance of Reflection

John Dewey said

‘We do not learn from experience we learn from reflecting on experience’



The e-Portfolio ideal Vehicle for joint working



Remember Sir Fred Dainton said 'Joint working between Universities and Hospitals is essential'.



Let's wait until Chris gets back.

We need to get moving.

Let's get this done right.

Let's consider all the options.

How can I help?

I can see lots of problems.

We need to look successful.

Let's think this out carefully.

We need to be more creative.



TOGETHER
WE WILL
ACHIEVE...

RESULTS