

## New operating model for the Research Advisory Group

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"I am writing to update you on how we're responding to your feedback that the Research Advisory Group has become less effective for forming advice due to its size, and that greater clarity was needed around the purpose of RAG and where it fits within NHS England and the wider health data ecosystem.

We've reflected on this with the Chairs and with representatives of RAG over the past few months. We are convinced that there is still an important role for RAG to provide advice on the data which NHS England holds and how it can be unlocked for research. However, we have decided to revise the operating model for RAG to allow it to more effectively form advice and provide support to NHS England on our priorities.

Specifically:

- **The existing RAG will become the RAG Stakeholder group.** This group will meet approximately twice per year and will continue to provide a forum for discussing the work of NHS England in supporting data enabled research, contextualising how this fits within the wider research landscape, and suggesting areas where advice should be generated.

*Whilst a naming convention is being decided, this group will initially be known as the RAG Stakeholder group, with the next meeting scheduled to take place on 27th February (you should all have an invite in your diary for this).*

- **RAG will be reformed with a smaller group of representatives focused on forming advice.** This smaller RAG group will be able to meet more frequently to provide advice. It will also be able to commission task and finish groups which bring together the relevant expertise, from RAG Stakeholders and non-RAG members, to inform advice to NHS England.

We will share more details at our meeting in February."

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