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Introduction to EEPD: Contents Part I.

Working towards the standardisation of electronic INPUTS in Perinatal Care

This introduction consists of a short set of SINGLE PAGES, most of which have hyperlinks for further information. Although we recommend reading the pages in sequence, this page and the next allows jumping straight to particular topics.

- A [“What the EEPD is Not”](#) - The many failed attempts to find the cost-effective way forward in hospital/community IT.
- B and [“What the EEPD is”](#) - and why it, or something similar, will be essential for the cost effective use of IT in maternity care
(Fawdry’s “Retirement?” Manifesto)
- C The [“Logical Priority”](#) initiative Working towards standardising electronic INPUTS (Questions & Answers)
- D The [“PAM App”](#) (Programmed Assistant, willing to help with Maternity care) initiative.

The EEPD Fundamental Thesis: Priority to electronic INPUTS

A whole series of [Maternity NHS-IT initiatives](#) have failed or just added to the workload because they have focused almost entirely on the different **OUTPUTS** (mainly [Secondary Data](#)) which those who control budgets or conduct audits would like to see derived from Maternity and Neonatal computer systems.

But it is now clear that we will not be able to use IT cost-effectively, until there is steady progress towards prioritising the quality and standardisation of all the electronic **INPUTS** (mainly [Primary Data](#)) required for Individual Patient Care .

And experience has shown this to be a much more difficult task than had been expected, since it involves not only the precise wording of every question and every allowable answer option; but also debate about the optimum items to be included in every [Pick List](#), as well as the best [Flow-patterning](#) for every question.

Sustainable progress will depend on obstetricians and midwives working together, through an international electronic community of interest, such as that now being provided through the EEPD.

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