ePortfolios for health professionals: a personal perspective

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How can ePortfolios support professional development and ongoing learning of health professionals?
Statutory Requirements – evidence of practice over last 3 years
Present portfolio at Review every two years

• Critique of practice against ten standards & competencies
• Reflection against practice statistics
• Feedback from women & colleagues
• Reflection on professional development over previous two years
• Professional development plan for next two years
More than a repository
Support my reflections

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Support me as I work out what & how I have learned, & how I can apply that to future practice
What we have at the moment
Messy

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Bulky

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Reduced motivation

WHERE TO START...
If you thought today was bad, wait for the rest of the week...

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Restricts presentation to reading/writing
Restricts audience & opportunities for feedback and collaboration

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To learn is to practice and reflect

Self-controlled life-long learning

Downes, 2008
Use alternative media
Freedom to be innovative & creative

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I have control

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Role model to colleagues, & start professional conversations

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Continuous peer review, consultation & collaboration

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Ongoing conversations with health consumers

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Personal quality control process

- Action
- Feedback
- Reflection and goal setting
- Publish
Issues for further consideration

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Authenticity of evidence
Confidentiality of patients

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Personal privacy

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Safe, but meaningful reflection

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Portablity

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Buy-in

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Getting people to think of their portfolio in more creative terms

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Skill development
Collaboration between industry, professions & education providers

Integration throughout undergraduate education and then into registered practice to maintain continuity

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