

Overview



Individuals that work for a dietetic service but are not regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). They work with registered dietitians to deliver dietetic care, working under a range of supervisory arrangements and within agreed guidelines and protocols.

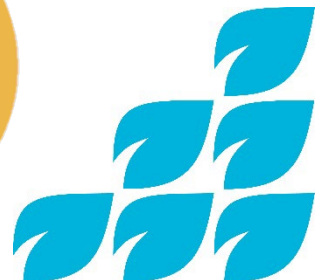
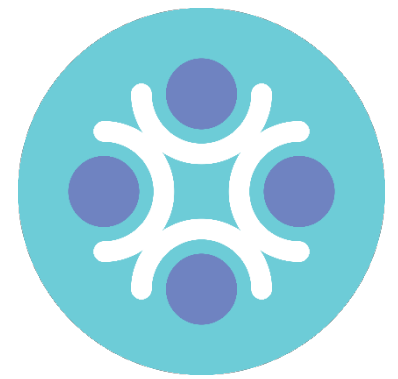
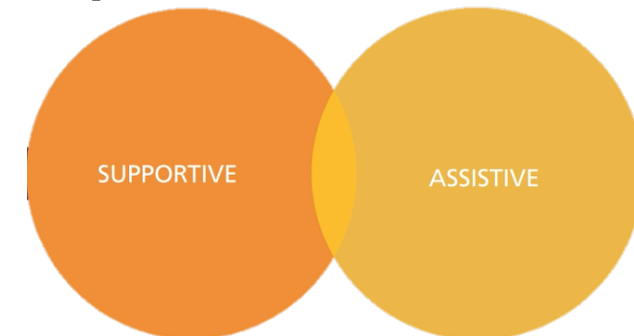
Job titles:

- Support worker
- Assistant practitioner

Agenda for Change:

- Band 3 and 4

Levels of practice:





Contribution

Increase access to nutrition and dietetic care

Support cultural and social understanding

Support continuity of care and follow up

Promote person centred care

Support and extend the capacity of dietitians

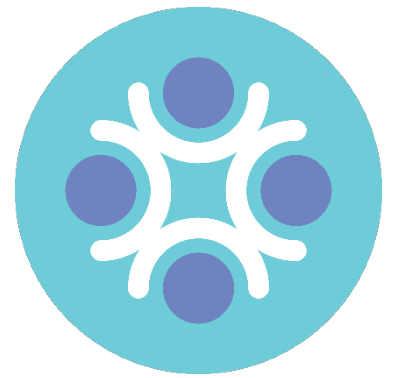
Boost efficiency and productivity

Promote advocacy and empowerment

Support multi-disciplinary collaboration

Contribute to quality and service improvement

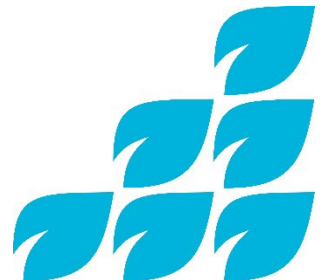
Promote prevention and early intervention



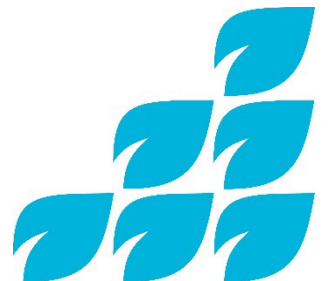
Challenges

- Recognition
- Delegation of tasks
- Inconsistent job titles and banding
- Utilisation of skills
- Lack of role clarity and scope
- Career progression

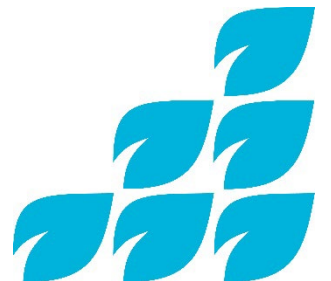
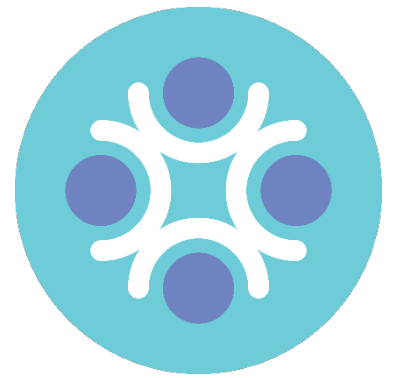
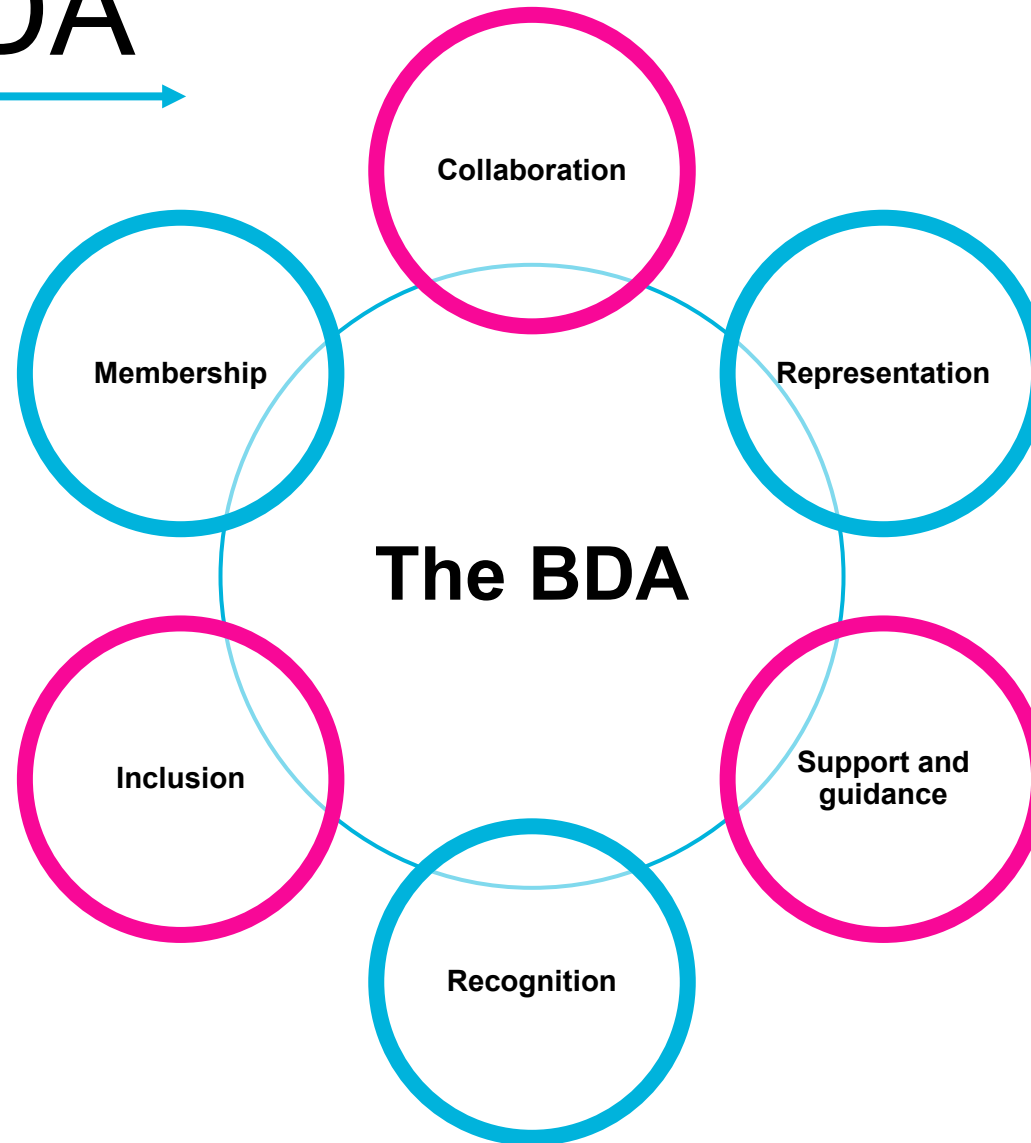
- Access to training and development
- Inclusion and visibility
- Access to professional support
- Representation



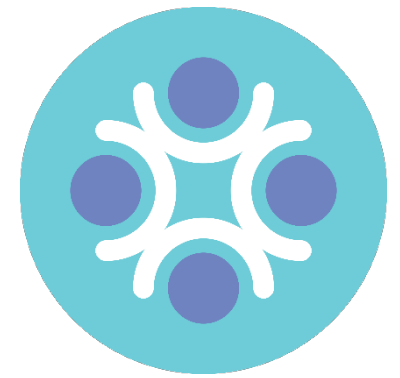
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BDA Board of Directors Support Workforce
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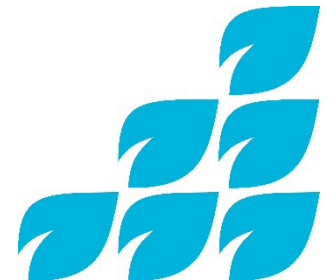


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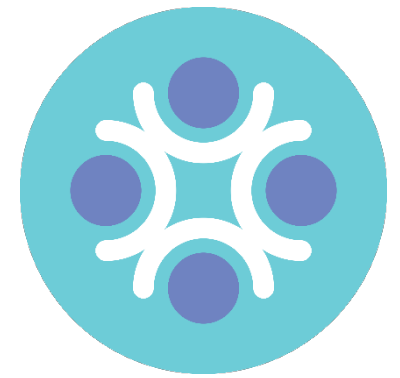
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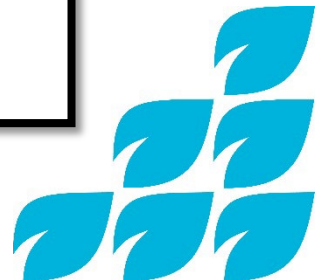
We collaborate with:

- National organisations
- AHP professional bodies and networks
- Part of the AHP Cross Profession Support Worker Group

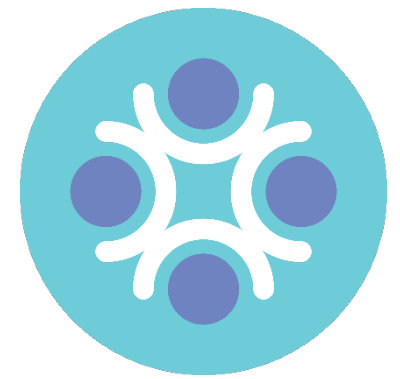


Collaboration

Optimising the contribution of the Allied Health
Professions support workforce
A statement from the following Professional Bodies
and Trade Union Partners:



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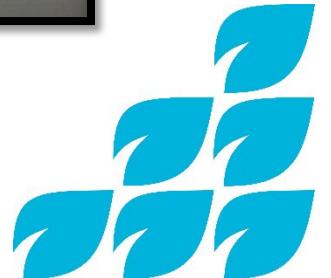
Celebration Events

- Held DSW Celebration Day 2023
- Celebrated AHP Support Worker Week 2024
- Planning AHP Support Worker Week 2025

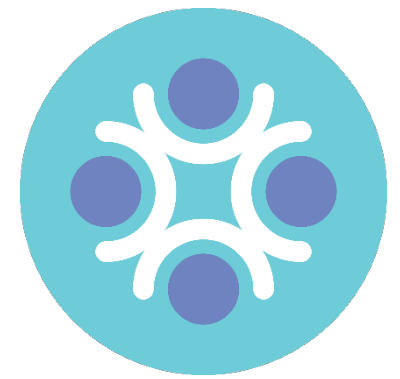


Recognition

Dorothy Hopwood Award



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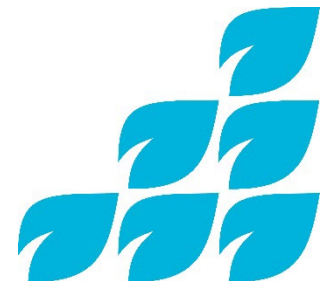


Share your views

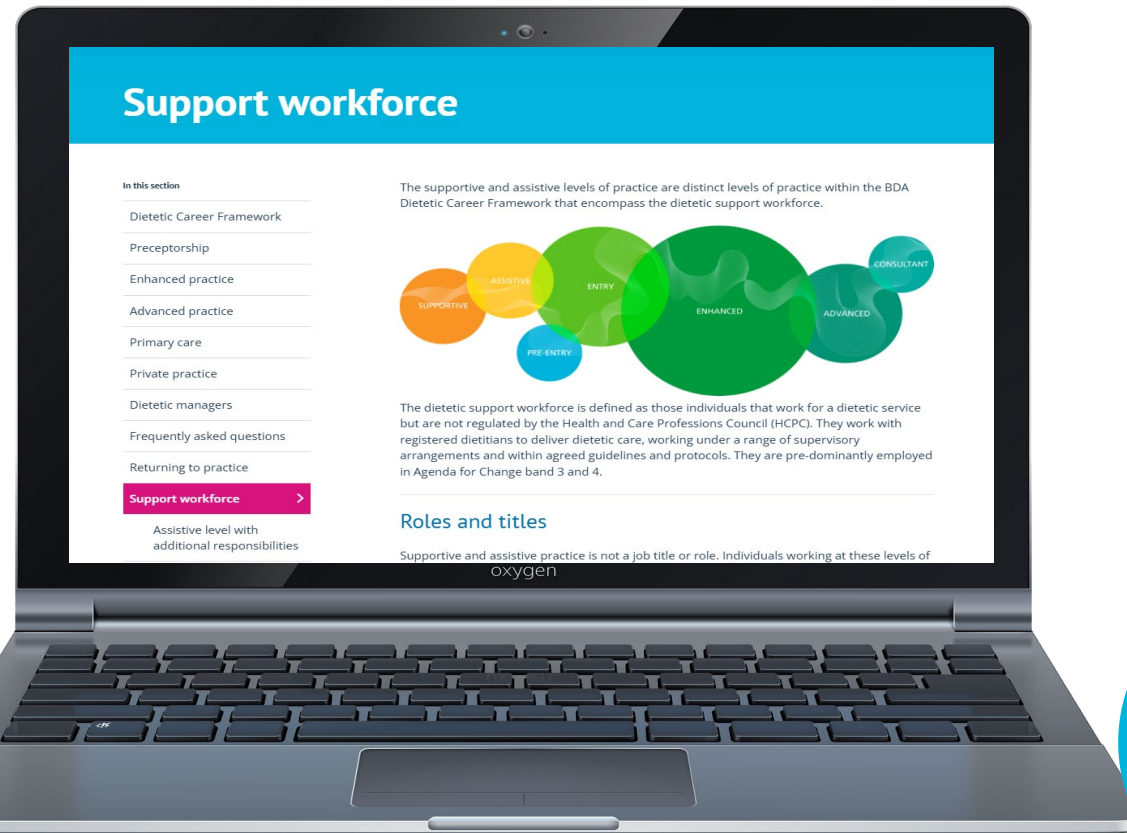
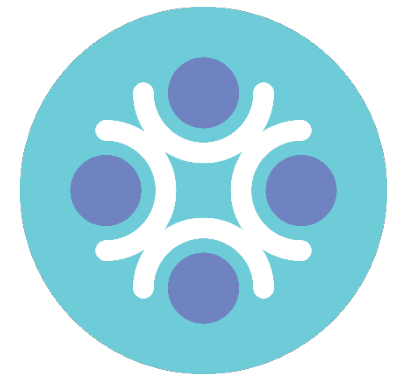
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Membership



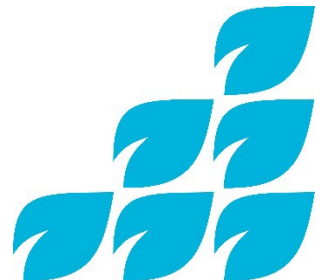
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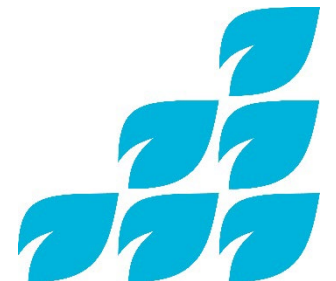
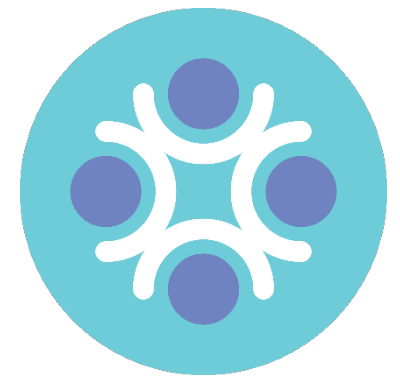
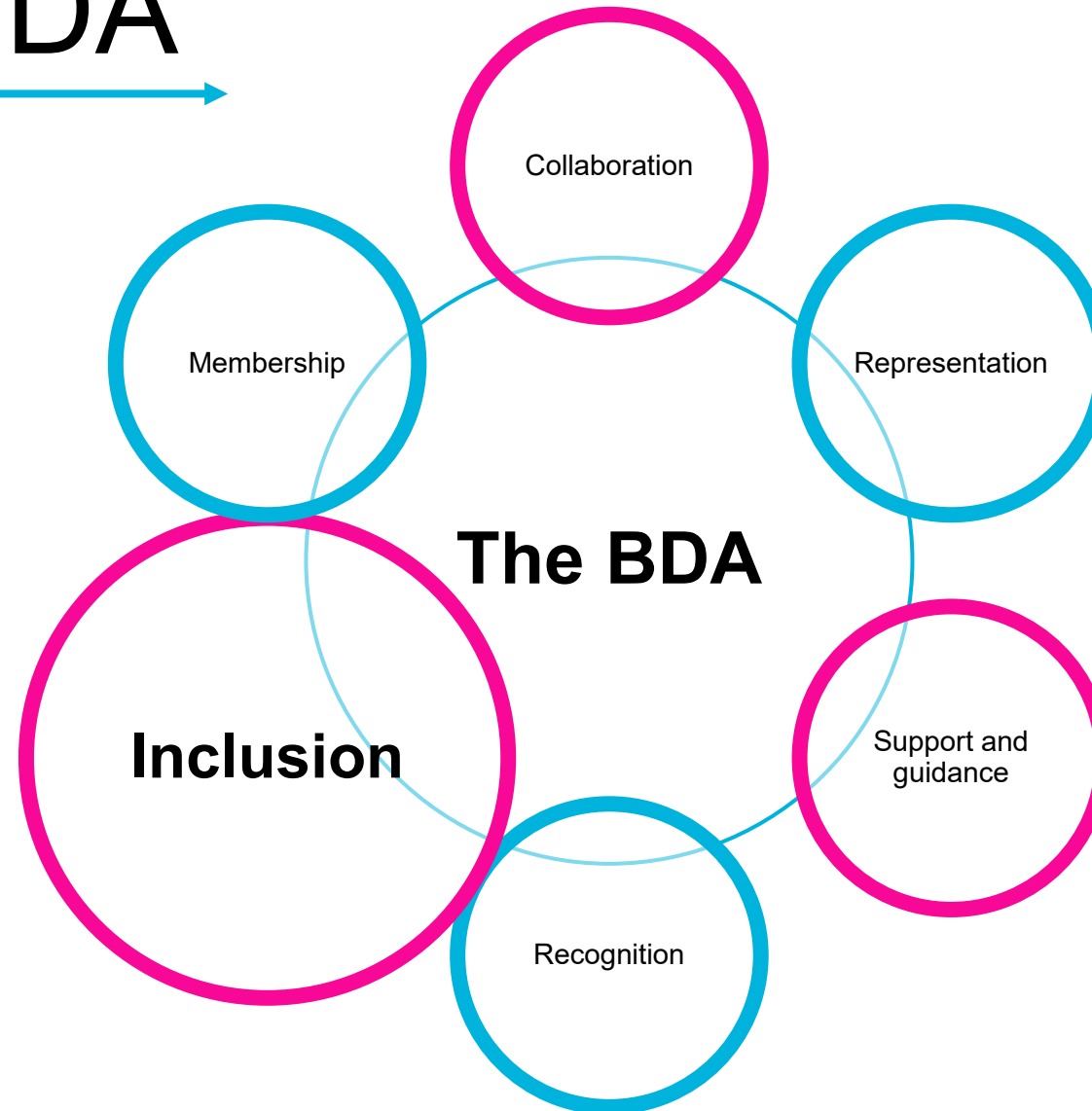
Support and
guidance

New and updated for 2025:

- [Dedicated support workforce hub](#)
- Quarterly newsletter
- [Accountability and Delegation Guidance](#)
- [Dietetic Career Framework](#)
- [Roles and Responsibilities Guidance](#)



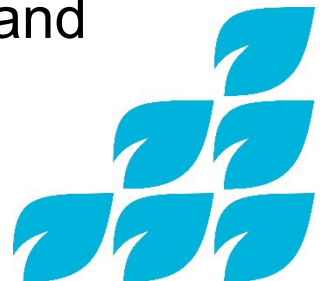
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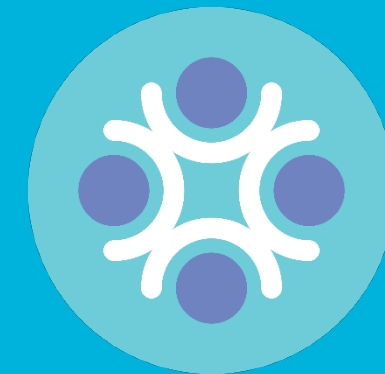




Other action: best practice

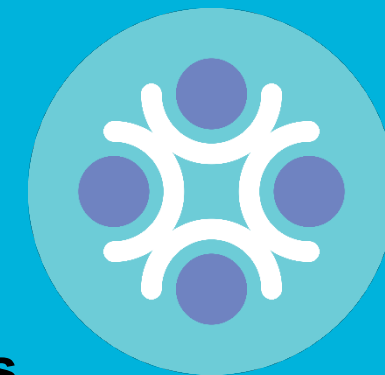
- Utilise and promote the available resources
 - Personal development plans
 - Annual appraisals
 - Career conversations
 - Access to required education and training
- Regular CPD
 - Participation in celebration events
 - Engage in opportunities to volunteer and represent
 - Respond to calls to action
 - Integration into discussions and decision making





Thank you





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