**The Society & College of Radiographers**

**Professional Officer Report for Scottish Council (December 2017).**

***Consultations***

Department of Health on behalf of the four UK Health Departments on the Regulation of Medical Associate Professions in the UK – important for radiology because of Physician Associates (PAs) - please read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulating-medical-associate-professions-in-the-uk>

SCoR will respond – your contribution is important.

***Scottish Cancer Task Force (SCT)***

Took place on Friday 10th November – main focus was be on the implementation of the cancer strategy. See updated monitoring tool (cancer strategy) at  and QPI update at 

I wrote a letter to the Cabinet Secretary (signed by the SCoR President) asking about who is on the new group *“Scottish Cancer Clinical Delivery Group”* see 

Next meeting scheduled for February.

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar “***Next steps for cancer policy - prevention, diagnosis and treatment” -*** Wednesday, 23rd May 2018, Central Edinburgh - <http://www.scotlandpolicyconferences.co.uk/book/cancer-policy-in-Scotland-2018>

***National Radiology Implementation Programme (NRIP)***

Jim Cannon has a new role in this National Programme – the 1st meeting of the overarching Board took place on 4th November – Richard Evans (SCoR CEO) attended – see his notes at ??????

This will be an important national programme, which will run with support from SCIN. Watch this space. 

***Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN)***

MM is still a member of the **SCIN Steering Group** – updated Terms of Reference FYI. Next meeting in January.

Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN) review event took place on Thursday 9th November. See key messages atand then 

MM invited to a **SCIN “Radiographer”** meeting with NES, CHPO and Fiona Hawke (& Alley Spiers) on 16th November in Edinburgh – thanks for all your responses to the questions posed by Fiona. Responses will inform discussions and role development out with reporting.

***Radiographer Career Progression***

*What modalities do band 5 radiographers rotate through?*

*How do you build your skills base in CT/MR?*

*How do you succession plan for ultrasound?*

*In line with the AfC job profile, Band 6 radiographers should undertake/have undertaken post graduate studies or equivalent relevant to their specialty*

*Is this true for your Band 6 Radiographers?*

*If not, what are the constraints?*

*If yes, how is this funded?*

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The meeting went well – see action notes attached:  A further meeting of HEI staff (the 3 radiography programmes), SCIN and MM for SCoR will take in place in January – hosted by NES.

MM invited to a **Radiology Workforce modelling** meeting on 7th November in Edinburgh – hosted by the CHPO office at SG. Discussions took place around radiography workforce; access to education etc. Attended by Radiographers; Managers and AHP Directors as well as SCIN, Jim Cannon and MM. No minute.

***NES***

NES are reviewing competencies for advanced practice (AHPs) – Jonathan McConnell sits on the group for SCoR – see FYI 

The NES Radiography (D&T) Advisory Groups are now “virtual” – Fiona Hawke leads on the D group (with help from Caroline Handley) and the T group by Lorraine Whyte at the Beatson.

NES AHP fellowships – the last 5 years. See success stories at  . One of the successes is the work on MRI Safety that Barbara Nugent (NHS Lothian) has done. She is hoping to write a full suite of MRI safety modules (has one published already on E-Learning for Healthcare. Further information is also available at  and <https://twitter.com/MRSAFETYMATTERS/status/918133082619826176>. It is fantastic that a radiographer can get so much done with some fellowship money from NES.

***AHPfS***

The next meeting takes place on 6th December. Draft minute at

Jonathan McConnell and Margaret Omand (T at Beatson) attended a lunch (13th November) where the Cabinet Secretary was present – the theme was **‘Working with the allied health professionals in primary care’** – a conversation with stakeholders. Reports are that it went well. Most recent AHPfS literature is at 

The **AHP Operational Measures Dataset Consultation** has now concluded.  The response documents are available from the ISD Scotland website via the link below. <http://www.isdscotland.org/Products-and-Services/Data-Definitions-and-References/Allied-Health-Professionals-National-Dataset/Operational-Measures.asp>

***SCoR***

As well as a successful SC AGM& Study Day, the 3rd Inter-University student radiographer conference took place on 11th November at QMU in Edinburgh  A fantastic event mainly organised by 2nd year students. Many interesting speakers.

I can give an update at the meeting regarding the development of “**apprenticeships”** in both Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiography as well as Mammography Associates. These are moving at a “pace” in England and now started in Wales but nothing as yet (I know of) in Scotland.

Remember to keep an eye on news items on the website at <https://www.sor.org/news>

Some recent SCoR publications on the document library are <https://www.sor.org/learning/document-library> :

* *Pause & Check – IR(ME)R Referrers*
* *Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Equipment, Operations and Planning in the NHS*
* *The Radiological Investigation of Physical Abuse in Children*
* *Diagnostic Radiography: A Survey of the Scope of Radiographic Practice 2015*

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PS I have not included topics around my radiation protection (RP) role as this report is long enough. There is plenty going on with RP though, especially with the new Regulations for February 2018 so feel free to ask me.