**The Society & College of Radiographers**

**Professional Officer Report for STRF (October 2016).**

**Please also refer to my SCoR Scotland Mind Map**

**Scottish Government Health Directorate (SGHD)**

Jacqui Lunday Johnston is now back from maternity leave and Tracy goes back to her normal role.

3 improvement advisors have been employed – Mark Hamilton, Improvement Advisor from West Lothian, Jed Quirke, Improvement Advisor from South Ayrshire Council and Greer Gay, Improvement Advisor with AHP background.

AILIP launch being organised for November.

*Scottish Cancer Task Force (SCT)*

# The new Scottish Cancer Plan entitled **Beating Cancer - Ambition and Action** has now moved into an implementation stage to which I have suggested some proposals**.** The main focus of the meeting was on this plan. The implementation plan illustrates and monitors the progress via nominated “responsible” individuals and/or groups, including projected timescales. A review of the SCT membership also took place – there were no radiotherapy updates. Systemic Anti-Cancer therapy - a presentation was delivered on phase 1 of the SACT Future Service Delivery project, in the West of Scotland.

The next meeting is on Friday 28th October – agenda is 

I met with Lindsay Allan,Policy and Public Affairs Adviserfrom Cancer Research UK who is involved in writing a report of diagnostic imaging capacity in the devolved nations. A good meeting at which I raised all the usual issues surrounding clinical imaging services – workforce; reporting radiographers; out of hours services etc.

*AHP small occupations group*

This meeting, at the CHPOs office – took place on 30th June in response to the issue of sonographer workforce shortages. It was investigative in nature and included other “small occupations” including detail of the current deficiencies in the numbers and levels of experience of Medical Physics staff in services that involve ionising radiation and the difficulties in recruitment.

Therapeutic Radiographers are no longer on the shortage occupation list – Diagnostic Radiographers still are as are Sonographers – see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tier-2-shortage-occupation-list>

**National Services Division (NSD)**

**NHS HIS**

* Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) has invited me to be part of the Scottish Breast Screening Programme Review Team looking into the appointments system. This work will finish by the end of the year with a report published. The service have been made aware of the review and further information, including the Terms of Reference for this work is provided through the following link: <http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/governance_and_assurance/programme_resources/breast_screening_review.aspx>
* The Breast Screening Standards Review has now been postponed till 2017 – we now have a Mammographer to represent us on this review team.

**AHPfS**

The next meeting takes place on 8th December. AHPfS now has a work plan – see 

* I wrote the AHPfS response to the NES consultation of supervision – see 
* SG has a project with the objective to create a workforce and workload measurement tool for AHPs in Scotland.

**Learning & Education**

*NHS Education for Scotland (NES*) <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/>

Major changes in AHP workforce at NES – it looks to me as though many activities are “on hold”

* The NES Radiography Advisory Board is scheduled for 2nd December - Nicola, did you get an invite? 
* The NES AHP Advisory Board is scheduled for 19th December – would someone like to go?
* NES have recently updated the items on the News page of the Effective Practitioner website.  They invite you to have a quick look at the updates please click this [link](http://www.effectivepractitioner.nes.scot.nhs.uk/info-centre/news.aspx).  Healthcare Associate Infection (HAI) have posted a survey

Students:

The 2nd Inter-University Conference in Scotland is taking place on Saturday 29th October at RGU in Aberdeen – programme is here. Both RGU and GCU have Student Radiographer Societies – see <http://www.sor.org/learning/student-zone/radiography-societies>



**SCoR**

* SCoR RoY awards is on 8th November at House of Commons
* Steve Herring is the new SCoR President
* There have been updates to CPD Now and the PEAS Accreditation and also some “reflection” guidance at <http://www.sor.org/news/recording-reflective-cpd>
* The leads of the 3 main radiotherapy professional bodies spoke at an event with MPs – see <http://www.sor.org/news/radiotherapy-cancer-treatment-past-or-future>
* Some recent SCoR publications on the document library are <https://www.sor.org/learning/document-library> :
* *Trans Equality; guidance for the radiography workforce (imaging and radiotherapy)*
* *Approval and Accreditation Board; Annual Report 2013-2014*
* *Survey into student bullying on clinical placement*
* *Computerised Tomography (CT) scanners in Nuclear Medicine facilities; use by nuclear medicine practitioners from both radiographic and technologist backgrounds.*
* *Census of the Radiotherapy Radiographic Workforce in the UK, 2015*
* *Achieving World-Class Cancer Outcomes: The Vision for Therapeutic Radiography*

Also, please do sign up for the on-line manager’s network within SCoR – ***First Talk***; the SoR members forum ***SCoR Talk***; and for students ***Student Talk***.

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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, so feel free to ask me.