

## **Magnetic Resonance Advisory Group (MRAG) Work plan 2018 - 2019**

### **RATIONALE:**

MRAG will be fundamental in promoting the role of SCoR as the appropriate professional body and trade union for practitioners in Magnetic Resonance Imaging and will support the work of the organisation within the context of Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

### **MRAG OBJECTIVES:**

- To promote SCoR's policies, strategies and publications within the context of MRI to the benefit of services, MR practitioners and patients.
- To promote membership of SCoR by MRI radiographers and practitioners.
- To provide information and advice to support SCoR policy and strategy development.
- Act as a consulting and advisory body without executive powers. Members of the MRAG shall have a responsibility to act as a source of expertise and leadership for those striving to extend their scope of practice into MRI.
- To advise the Council on issues of magnetic resonance imaging and to recommend necessary strategic activities.
- To develop professional guidelines for approval and publication by The Society and College of Radiographers, as appropriate.
- Communicate the work of the MRAG to SCoR members, members of participating organisations, and other national bodies.

### **TARGETS FOR 2018:**

- Encourage and facilitate the exchange of information across the profession by actively liaising with other professional bodies within the MR community.
- Develop shared knowledge links and work with other Organisations to promote awareness and educate practitioners in safety issues relevant to MRI.
- Ensure representation of the profession on relevant MRI professional bodies, DH governing bodies and AHP panels to ensure the profession is proactive in consultations and guidelines (i.e. MHRA, NICE,) thereby contributing to national agendas.
- Contribute to and support relevant publications across the organisation, to include: Radiography, Synergy and relevant articles / information on the MRAG Web Pages.

### **TARGETS FOR 2018 *cont.***

- To raise the profile of MRAG's work by Social Media, visibility at conferences and presenting and representing SCoR.
- Provide members with current MRAG support and advice via the MRAG Web Pages and by answering members' enquiries.
- Review the MRAG web pages and populate with news items and relevant documentation.
- Review and update the BAMRR/ MRAG joint publication : Safety in Magnetic Resonance Imaging 2016
- To formulate a communication plan and content for MR Safety Week.
- To contribute to the development of the content of e -LfH MR safety modules.
- To assess the competencies and input into the accreditation process for MR Safety Expert Role ensuring that our profession is fairly represented.
- To contribute to any further work arising from the published clinical consensus for mp MRI Prostate and Guidance for CCGs.
- To contribute to the development of Guidance for MR Installation Planning.
- To produce a report on the role of Assistant Practitioners in MRI as part of the wider organisations work on Scope of Practice of Assistant Practitioners.
- To keep members informed regarding Gadolinium Deposition and use of Contrast Agents.
- To work with NHSi on specific guidance related to the safe removal of patients from MR Scanners.
- To raise awareness of Advanced Practice in MRI including the scope of MR Reporting to encourage AP accreditation within MR.

### **ACHIEVING THE TARGETS:**

- The Chair of the group will prepare an annual report for SCoR Council.
- To confirm achievement of targets, the group will monitor the progress of ongoing work to ensure it remains within time frames and budgets.
- Accountability of the group is via the Chair.



### **ANTICIPATED COSTS:**

Approximate costs for the work of the group are:

- 12 members x 2 meetings a year
- Additional work/small group meetings
- Supporting member attendance at events

In addition funding may be required to produce promotional materials and publications.

### **BENEFITS:**

- Increasing the profile and contribution of the Society in MRI.
- Ensuring that MRI services and radiographers/ practitioners engage with and benefit from the career progression framework (formerly known as the four-tier structure).
- Ensuring that services and radiographers /practitioners benefit from the Society's expertise and resources in clinical, educational and safety matters.