**The Society & College of Radiographers**

**Professional Officer Report for Scottish Council (June 2016).**

**Scottish Government Health Directorate (SGHD)**

*Scottish Cancer Task Force (SCT)*

The next meeting of the SCT is scheduled for 24th June. You will have seen a copy of the SoR response to the new Scottish Cancer Plan entitled **Beating Cancer - Ambition and Action.** I know that SC has also sent a response as well as RRIGS.

I will be making contact with a rep from CRUK, Lindsay Allan, who is the current project lead on diagnostic imaging capacity in the devolved nations.

A new National Clinical Strategy has been published – see <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0049/00494144.pdf>

The Strategy sets out a framework for the development of health services across Scotland for the next 10-15 years. It sets out the case for: planning and delivery of primary care services around individuals and their communities; planning hospital networks at a national, regional or local level based on a population paradigm; providing high value, proportionate, effective and sustainable healthcare; transformational change supported by investment in e-health and technological advances.

*AHP small occupations group*

I have been invited to a meeting of this group by the CHPOs office – takes place on 30th June. This is following the SG meeting regarding the ultrasound workforce (see below as a reminder).

*Sonographer workforce shortage:*

I have raised this major issue with the CHPOs office asking for a meeting to discuss the workforce crisis (to include CHPO; DCHPO; NES; CoR and US staff from GCU). The US meeting with Scottish Government etc on 18th March went very well with some action points coming out – reconvening of the small occupations workforce group focussing on US; collecting reliable workforce data on the NHS Scotland Sonographer workforce; and further discussions around the funding available in the new Cancer Strategy

**National Services Division (NSD)**

*Screening*

AAA – The 1st AAA study day took place on 17th May 2016 at Perth Ice Rink and was a great success.

*Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN) The* most recent SCIN sub-group entitled “Horizon Scanning” newsletter

**The network is very keen to get more operational radiography staff involved in its various working groups – please do encourage your colleagues to do so – great CPD.**

The new radiography network manager is Dr Fiona Hawke – great news. Here is a copy of the most recent SCIN newsletter. 

The SCIN steering group meeting takes place today (16th June) – it seems that SCIN and Scottish Council meetings clash quite regularly.

**NHS HIS**

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) has been asked by the Scottish Government to undertake a programme of quality assurance for all screening programmes in Scotland. Working closely with colleagues in the screening community, they have developed a methodology for carrying out this quality assurance project. A workshop to review this methodology is scheduled for 29th June to which I have been invited.

NHS HIS now (from April this year) regulates independent clinics in Scotland. Independent clinics are defined in the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 as clinics that are not part of a hospital and from which a medical practitioner, dental practitioner, registered nurse, registered midwife or dental care professional (clinical dental technician, dental hygienist, dental nurse, dental technician, dental therapist, orthodontic therapist) provides a service, which is not part of the National Health Service. The term ‘service’ includes consultations, investigations and treatments.

So this will include the “baby bonding” clinics (as well as those providing care in hairdressers/client’s homes etc) – the “company” now needs to register with NHS HIS because they are providing a service (see above definition), not because they employ Sonographers. The Registration form (see attached) is at <http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/inspecting_and_regulating_care/independent_healthcare/register_a_new_service.aspx>

**The form must be completed electronically and they have a deadline of 1st September 2016 Independent service providers are reminded that it is an offence to operate an unregistered service after 1 April 2017.**

**AHPfS**

I was unable to go to the last meeting – I have been doing lots of travel for SCoR recently. Some AHPfS information for you.

Jonathan continues to attend for SC which is great.  

**Learning & Education**

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

* NES would like to re-run the National HCSW Annual Conference in September this year– they are requesting substantial amounts of money from the Professional Bodies as financial support. Last year, only 8 radiographic APs and HCSW attended – **before I commit SCoR funding, would your HCSW / APs attend?**

SCoR

* You will have heard that the SCoR CEO (Richard Evans) has been awarded an OBE for services to radiography.
* The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) has published revised guidance on conduct and ethics for students.

 Revisions include:

* Strengthening the requirements for students reporting concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users or carers.
* A new requirement for students to inform an appropriate member of staff at their education provider or practice placement provider if something has gone wrong in any care, treatment or other services they have carried out on, or with a service user.
* New guidance for students to support the development of knowledge and skills on delegation and to safeguard the safety and wellbeing of service users or carers at all times.
* Some recent SCoR publications on the document library are <https://www.sor.org/learning/document-library> :
* *Have you paused and checked? MRI*
* *Intimate Examinations and Chaperone Policy*

**FYI**

The General Medical Council has launched a new tool for doctors and other healthcare professionals.

This interactive [**tool**](http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/29321.asp) is for decision-making involving adults and will help you decide what to do when you doubt your patient’s capacity to make decisions about their care.

It includes a case study at each stage of the decision-making process to show how our guidance applies to the clinical situations you may face. [**http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/29321.asp**](http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/29321.asp)

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.