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**MINUTES OF THE NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVISORY GROUP (NMAG) HELD ON
TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2017, AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF
RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

PRESENT:

- Penny Delf {PD}
- Sai Han {SH}
- David Jones {DJ} {Chair}
- Mark McDade {MMD}
- John Thompson {JT}
- Jo Weekes {JW}
- David Williams {DW}

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}
- Clare Leeson {CL} {P&E Admin}
- Lynda Johnson {LJ}
- Sue Johnson {SJ}

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introductions were made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Tristan Barnden, Christopher Kalinka, Simon King, Angela Meadows and Jim Reid.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2017, were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 CT competency/MR competency docs (*minute 5.1*)

At the last meeting SK agreed to share the Apprenticeships Guide February 2017 with the group via Synapse. It was noted that this has been done, although there are still no radiography apprenticeship. SCoR had presented both a diagnostic standard and a therapeutic standard but was rejected by Skills for Health who indicated that only one standard would be accepted. SJ will keep the group undated on progress of this issue.

ACTION: SJ

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4.1.2 In regard to the clinical standards, it was noted that the one year associate practitioner in mammography standard is a work in progress and will be out for consultation at the end of this month. There was a brief discussion around the foundation apprenticeship degree with concern as the pay band.

4.2 Radiographer/Technologist clinical report & recent national discourse (minute 6.1)

At the last meeting the Chair agreed to ask the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) for their interim position statement on the CT document. The report is not yet finalised, so nothing further to report at present.

4.3 Commercially Produced Cyclotron Manufactured 99Tcm – in the UK”. Mr Ron Barrack- & Q&A / discussion (minute 11.1)

Following the presentation by Ron Barrack VA was tasked with uploading his slides to Synapse where group members can access. This has been completed.

4B TRAINING

SJ informed the group that Charlotte Beardmore {CB} Director of Professional Policy wanted to know if anyone has any ideas for nuclear medicine training programmes or PET CT programmes. There was a discussion around this and SJ will report back to CB. To note that the British institute of Radiology (BIR) run a hybrid imaging study day in January/February each year.

It would appear that:

- EANM used to run a course on a yearly basis but this has now stopped
- BIR usually run a PET CT study day every year with the emphasis on CT
- IEEA also run a course
- Bolt-ons was also mentioned and these are for those who have already qualified in nuclear medicine training to do PET CT, you need to have the underpinning core knowledge before embarking on such a course
- BNMS – check the website for further information
- SJ will liaise with UWE to find out if they run such courses
- Very formal training is done at Kings College
- Alliance Medical put on such courses in North Wales – a structured support to teaching PET CT

There was a suggestion of this group seeking a dedicated study day for PET CT focused on radiographer and technologist issues rather than the medical requirements.

5. WORKPLAN

SJ informed the group that a workplan was last produced in 2014. The group went through the document, reviewing and updated as necessary. VA will incorporate comments and send to the chair and SJ for checking.

ACTION: VA & SJ

- 5.1 Workforce survey-scope of practice. There was a discussion around carrying out a survey and asked volunteers to work on a small ‘task and finish group’ for the Scope of Practice document. It was agreed that the group will have a brainstorming session via Synapse and come up with a rationale by the end of the year. PD, JW and JT agreed to work on pulling together the vision document and come back with a draft within three months showing the rationale, aims and objectives.

ACTION: PD, JW & JT

Position Statement of PET MR SJ indicated that she will try to see if she can source any work ‘in draft’ on this and share with the group, bearing in the mind the needs of the current workforce.

ACTION: SJ

- 5.1.2 Webpage – The Chair reminded the group to send in any updated bios and photos for the webpage. There was a short discussion around populating the nuclear medicine webpage with articles, news etc. JT will monitor the webpage from now on.

ACTION: JT & ALL

- 5.1.3 The group discussed the need for reviewing the nuclear medicine curriculum across Europe as they felt this was still necessary it may not be achievable.

- 5.1.4 NMAG Study Day for 2018 – Following discussion of arranging a nuclear medicine study day for next year PD and JW agreed to take charge of this. SJ will provide the administrative support. SH agreed to assist with clinical areas. SJ will set up a folder on Synapse for group to populate with ideas and themes. It was noted that the last study day was in 2014 and VA was tasked with looking for the topics that was discussed then (just to get an idea) and send to SJ. ‘Freebies’ and any sponsorship may be sought. What about a budget? SJ will seek clarification on this.

ACTION: VA & ALL

- 5.1.5 MMD agreed to provide some articles and JT will speak with some of his students to provide articles for 2019.

ACTION: MMD & JT

- 5.1.6 DJ will speak with Ron Barrack to find out if he would be willing to write an article for the Imaging and Therapy Practice.

ACTION: DJ

6. NEW REGULATIONS BSSD TRANSPOSITION

- 6.1 Lynda Johnson {LJ} Professional officer for Clinical Imaging joined the meeting by teleconference and gave an update on the new IRMER regulations.

It was noted that LJ works with Maria Murray as part of the radiation protection officer team.

7. UPDATE/REPORT FROM SCoR OFFICER (NEWS)

SJ gave an update to the group.

7.1 Independent Prescribing for Diagnostic Radiographers' Update

SJ updated the group informing them that the case went to the Commission for Human Medicines (CHM) on 27th July to put forward the case for independent prescribing for diagnostic radiographers. It was a very challenging meeting and not supported by our radiological colleagues, which was very disappointing. The report has not as yet been received.

7.2 Assistant Practitioners

There was nothing more to report at present. SJ will add apprenticeship to the group workplan alongside an update of the scope of practice.

7.3 DoH Consultation on the Regulation of all Health Professions

SJ informed the group that consultation on professional regulation is being undertaken by the Department Of Health. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/promoting-professionalism-reforming-regulation> members of the group are encouraged to feedback.

ACTION: SJ, VA & ALL

8. ToR/GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION

- 8.1 DJ announced that he is standing down as Chair after this meeting and asked if anyone wanted to take on this role. No one at the meeting did but SJ informed all that Angela Meadows (who was not present today) was interested in taking up the position. This was agreed by everyone.

- 8.2 PD is the current Vice Chair and will remain so.

- 8.3 Three members tenure will be coming to an end on 30th June 2018 and they were advised to send an update CV to VA if they wished to apply to stay for another term.

- 8.4 The new ARSAC radiographer will be invited to join N MAG as per the terms of reference.

9. TRIPARTITE MEETING FEEDBACK

9.1 The Chair gave a summary of the recent tripartite meeting. SJ agreed to upload the draft minutes to Synapse.

ACTION: SJ

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

10.1 The Chair thanked the group for their support and hard work during the time he was Chair of the group.

10.2 Dates of future meetings were agreed as:

- Wednesday 7th March 2018
- Wednesday 7th November 2018