**The Society & College of Radiographers**

**Professional Officer Report for Scottish Council (November 2018).**

***Consultations***

The HCPC Standards for Prescribing consultation – see <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registrants/getinvolved/consultations/index.asp?id=236>

Also, see their increase in fees consultation (up to £106) <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/mediaandevents/news/index.asp?id=886>

SCoR will respond – your contribution is important.

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

MM continues to be an active member of the Scottish Government’s Cancer Taskforce where updates on the cancer strategy implementation phase are decided. All aspects of the cancer patient pathway are discussed.

Last meeting took place on Monday 12th November – main issues discussed: the Cancer Research UK Diagnostic Workforce in Scotland Report – see  

The new NHS Scotland National Planning Board (formerly the National Planning Forum) – the Cancer Workforce is the first to be reviewed. The forward view is expected to include developing an understanding of future need, changes in clinical practice, technological change and other issues that will have an impact on the demand for services, and their future configuration.

***Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme (SRTP)***

SCoR continues to support the Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme (SRTP) – there are now 3 Workflow Managers as well as the Directors. This Programme is Government funded for 3 years to undertake projects relating to radiology – inter-board collaboration; data intelligence and service / role transformation.

Richard Evans (SCoR CEO) still sits on the overarching steering group. MM now sits on 2 sub-groups: (1) the Reporting Radiography Pilot  and (2) the Education and Co-ordination groups  – both relate to radiographic advanced practice. MM developed the attached matrix of US and Mammography education across the UK. 

The RR pilot attracted 6 applicants to the Consultant Radiographer post and ?13 to the Advanced Practitioner roles – interviews have taken place.



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

MM is still a member of the **SCIN Steering Group** –

See <https://www.scin.scot.nhs.uk/>

See newsletter attached 

Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN) annual event took place on Thursday 4th October in Dundee. Presentations from the day will be uploaded to their website.

***Special Interest Groups (SIGs)***

* New Scottish CT Radiographers Special Interest Group (SIG) is now set up. Fiona Hawke is the temporary contact.
* New Scottish Ultrasound SIG is set up now. Morag Stout is the contact.
* Reporting Radiographers SIG Scotland (RRIGS) still going on. Kirsteen Graham is the contact.
* We are hoping that there may be a new SIG for Mammography – watch this space.

***NES***

* Growing capacity for AHP student practice based learning – see <https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/newsroom/features-and-articles/growing-capacity-for-ahp-student-practice-based-learning.aspx>

***AHPfS***

* The last meeting took place on 15th November. Items discussed were the AHPfS WorkPlan; feedback from a meeting with the CNO and CHPO (Acting); the Staffing Bill; and the day also included an excellent training session on lobbying in the Scottish Parliament.
* I was also involved in the Cabinet Secretary meeting at AHPfS the same day. This was very successful (she gave us 1 hour) - I managed to ask 3 questions:

- workforce and funding for PG pre reg fast track education

- a discussion about the diagnostic workforce (cited the Cancer Research Workforce Report).

- how does she see the barriers that we experience in advancing practice- she agreed with our thoughts.

I like her!! She is forthright and assertive and does not tolerate inequity. There were several other general AHP questions which I can feedback later. 

* The new CHPO post at Scottish Government – AHPfS have asked the Cabinet Secretary for a seat on the interview panel. Tracy McInnes is acting up in the role presently.
* Chris Rowley is on a 2 year secondment to Scottish Government to do “workforce and education”.
* **Scotland’s Position Statement on Supervision for Allied Health Professions** which has been developed in partnership with AHP Directors Scotland Group, AHP Federation Scotland, NES and Scottish Government. The position statement aims to provide guidance to support the provision of supervision for all AHP’s and HCSW in Health and Social Care across Scotland. Currently there is a Survey being undertaken for all AHP’s in Scotland on Supervision, results of which will be sent to me in December 2018.  Many Health Boards have already developed policy statements to implement this – NHS GG&C, this will be mandatory for all AHPs. It would be good to discuss this with D&T Radiographers as this will involve “meetings”, keeping records and protected time. 
* A short life working group on AHP transforming advanced practice roles - program aim – to create nationally consistent sustainable and progressive roles. To provide an overarching forum to coalesce and inform AHP role developments that are emerging from either policy or service imperatives to ensure nationally consistent, sustainable and progressive AHP roles and career pathways.
* We need to decide on who the new SCoR rep is to the AHPfS – Jonathan McConnel has done a fantastic job over the last few years.

***SCoR***

* Most people are clear about what the Society of Radiographers does, but perhaps the work carried out by the College is less so – really useful information about what the impact of the College is – see <https://www.sor.org/about-us/college-board-trustees/what-impact-college-radiographers>
* October was Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month – many news articles of interest to AHPs were published on the SCoR website – see <https://www.sor.org/news/medical-ultrasound-awareness-month>
* On WRD (8th Nov.) Richard was interviewed about the UK radiographic workforce – see <https://www.sor.org/news/bbc-interview-society-ceo-highlights-radiographer-workforce-shortage>
* **The 4th Inter-University student radiographer** conference is scheduled for Saturday 16th March 2019 at GCU.
* CPD Now Radiography app - see <https://www.sor.org/news/cpd-now-radiography-app-must-all-members>
* E-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH) Image Interpretation modules - Over 100 modules: adult skeleton and chest; paediatric skeleton. An excellent free resource to all in the NHS, who require updating skills in image interpretation. Future modules include adult abdomen; paediatric chest and abdomen; CT. The main website is [www.e-lfh.org.uk](http://www.e-lfh.org.uk) The II project is: <http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/projects/imageinterpretation/index.html>
* Remember to keep an eye on news items on the website at <https://www.sor.org/news>

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

* *Radiotherapy Radiographic Workforce Census 2017*
* *Guidance on mental capacity decisions in diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy*
* *Proton Beam Therapy – Guidance*
* *Student and recently qualified radiographers survey 2017*
* *Diagnostic Radiography UK Workforce Report 2017*
* *Values-based Practice in Diagnostic & Therapeutic Radiography: A Training Template*
* *Good practice guide for paediatric radiotherapy - Second Edition*
* *Multiparametric Magnetic Resonance Imaging (mpMRI): Prostate Imaging Guidance Document 1.5 Tesla*
* *Patient Public and Practitioner Partnerships within Imaging and Radiotherapy: Guiding Principles*
* *The Role of the Radiographer in DXA and Osteoporosis Services*
* *Approval and Accreditation Board; Annual Report 2016-17*
* *National Best Practice Guidelines for the CT Colonography Service*
* *The Diagnostic Radiographer as the entitled IR(ME)R Practitioner*
* *Obtaining consent: a clinical guideline for the diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy workforce*

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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!