

**STRF REPORT to Scottish Council AGM October 2019**

Main topics for discussion and consideration by the group are outlined below:

**National Radiotherapy Sub group (this is a subgroup of the National Cancer Clinical Services Group (NCCSG) )**

**All departments are represented on this group**

Main issues discussed include –

Radiotherapy education – this issue was raised at RT sub group and NCCSG as a result of vacancies at QMU, with the potential to impact on the clinical service. Although the vacancies have now been filled this is still an area of concern in terms of PGD course not running and therefore potential impact on recruitment to clinical posts

RTDS (Radiotherapy Data set)

This project is ongoing. All departments have submitted sample data to PHE which has been mapped and some errors identified. This has now been returned to the project lead, and will be reviewed with the individual departments.

MRI

A national business case for MRI simulators for radiotherapy is being drawn up through TSE. All departments are involved in this process, with each department developing the individual section related to their department needs etc while working together on the overall document.

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**HEI's**

Reports from the two HEIs are submitted and discussed at each meeting.

There have been some staffing changes at GCU following the retirement of one of the lecturers. In radiotherapy they have 3.2 wte lecturers. The GCU degree validation is due to be completed in October 2019. There have been a number of changes to the course including the development of a new 20 credit module which will include: patient safety, clinical governance, quality management, error reporting and image matching. GCU are not currently running radiotherapy masters modules due to insufficient numbers.

QMU current establishment is 1.7wte radiotherapy lecturers. One of the main areas of concern for the clinical departments has been around the future of the PGD pre registration course , there has been no intake on this course for two years. Radiotherapy managers are meeting with Dean of School of Health Science and the Head of Division in October. QMU – working on a proposal of a more flexible learning pathway for pre Reg degree qualification. A joint

stakeholder consultation event is being held at QMU on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, representatives from STRF and wider clinical service will attend this meeting which will look at proposed changes and revalidation

QMU were hoping to add radiotherapy masters modules again this summer based on those already in place, however 12 students will be required for a module to run.

The managers informed the meeting that in some centres in-house solutions to training have been established to fill the gap , and that masters modules/courses at other universities had also been accessed successfully.

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