**The Society & College of Radiographers**

**Professional Officer Report for Scottish Council (August 2019).**

***Consultations***

Jonathan alerted us to this one on **Falls and Fracture Prevention Strategy for Scotland, 2019 – 2024 – see** <https://consult.gov.scot/health-and-social-care/falls-and-fracture-prevention-strategy/>

Closes on Monday 30 September 2019.

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

* MM has the SCoR seat - met in June.
* Alan Roger (retired from Beatson years ago) is now an invited guest on SCT (specifically invited by Dr Aileen Keel (as Chair)
* Marianne Barker (I think she took over from Liz Porterfield) gave an update on the action plan from the Cancer Strategy – the action plan has been “paused” by the Cabinet Secretary (i.e. no new monies available for Boards in the meantime); there is a full staffing complement at the Cancer Policy Team at SG; there is a small working party looking into the under-dosing of chemotherapy for Breast patients at NHS Tayside;
* Nicola Barnstaple - there is to be an improvement plan launched in October this year for cancer waiting times (specifically focussing on the 62 day target which is not being met for colorectal/urological cancers). 31 day target ok.
* Sarah Manson – potential for lung cancer screening
* Referral guidelines launched January of this year with a quick reference guide.
* You may be interested in this CRUK briefing on the use of Proton Therapy in the UK:



***Scottish Government AHP Transforming Roles Group***

Has not met since my last report.

***AHP Strategic Workforce Group***

MM is the AHPfS rep on this group being led by NES – still waiting to here when the first meeting will be.

***National Services***

FYI only –see 

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

* The sub-group for advanced practice education met in June and August. A Sonographer Framework is drafted (like the RR one last year). The last meeting will take place in August but the Mammography work will carry on via the Access Collaborative – I have offered SCoR support. See note at 

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

* See <https://www.scin.scot.nhs.uk/>
* The SCIN Radiographer Focussed Event is to take place on 7th November – save the date and **register** at <https://www.scin.scot.nhs.uk/radiography-event-november-2019/>
* Fiona Hawke has developed a policy for NHS Borders in terms of how radiography staff can fulfil their responsibilities around “supervision” – I believe she is sharing this.

***Special Interest Groups (SIGs) – see*** [***https://www.scin.scot.nhs.uk/special-interest-groups/***](https://www.scin.scot.nhs.uk/special-interest-groups/)

* The Scottish CT Radiographers Special Interest Group (SIG) – contact is John Airlie (NHS Borders) at [John.Airlie@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:John.Airlie@borders.scot.nhs.uk)
* Scottish Ultrasound SIG - Morag Stout at [Morag.Stout@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Morag.Stout@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)
* Reporting Radiographers SIG Scotland (RRIGS) - Kirsteen Graham at [kirsteen\_b@hotmail.com](mailto:kirsteen_b@hotmail.com)
* The new Paediatric SIG held its inaugural meeting – Jemma Hammond - [j.hammond2@nhs.net](mailto:j.hammond2@nhs.net)
* We are hoping that there may be a new SIG for Mammography in January 2020 – watch this space.

***NES***

* An inaugural networking meeting of the new Radiography Assistant Practitioner (AP) group is taking place on October 24th

***AHPfS***

* A letter was sent to the Cabinet Secretary regarding the CHPO post – see 
* The consultation response I wrote on the National Whistleblowing Standards at the **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman** for AHPfS is here 

***Other***

* You may know that I have previously received a few e-mails raising the issue of Band 5s working OOH in Band 6. My last report gave lots of details on this. Now SoR have developed a campaign to raise further awareness about job evaluation etc – see <https://www.sor.org/news/society-launches-job-evaluationmatching-awareness-campaign>

***SCoR***

* Are you thinking about CoR accreditation and need help? See <https://www.sor.org/news/expressions-interest-required-cor-accreditation-retreat>
* Please note the new Quality Standard for Imaging (formerly known as ISAS) – see <https://www.sor.org/about-radiography/quality-standard-imaging-formerly-isas>
* Also a new(ish) Quality Forum – see <https://www.sor.org/career-progression/managers/conversations>
* You will no doubt have heard the news about “regulation of sonography” – see <https://www.sor.org/news/no-statutory-regulation-sonographers-society-expresses-disappointment-and-dismay> Charlotte Beardmore has also written to Health Education England about this see 
* From 2020, SCoR will be offering webinars free of charge to members – watch this space
* RT services news (although given at Westminster, it is still relevant to the Scottish Parliament):

<https://www.sor.org/news/society-gives-evidence-radiotherapy-parliamentary-group> - more information at the bottom of this page.

<https://www.sor.org/news/cancer-treatment-being-seriously-affected-lack-diagnostic-and-radiotherapy-staff>

<https://www.actionradiotherapy.org/our-manifesto>

* Please note that there are now several “Glasscubes” virtual groups in the CoR (free for members to register) – Groups are: advanced practitioner; reporting radiography; radiation protection; CT head, research radiographers, and consultant practitioners. If anyone is interested in joining these, please let MM know.

The P&E Team at CoR are really busy writing more and more guidance / policy documents – please ensure these are read and used. Some recent SCoR publications on the document library are <https://www.sor.org/learning/document-library> :

* *Work Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (Sonographers)*
* *Patient safety leaflet: Having an MRI scan?*
* *Referring a patient for an MRI scan*
* *'What you can expect from us’ patient guidance poster*
* *'What do patients want?' guidance poster*
* *Join the Patient Advisory Group (PAG) poster*
* *Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2017; briefing for radiographers who undertake commenting or reporting*
* *Ultrasound Workforce UK Census 2019*

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