**The Society & College of Radiographers**

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

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

* Items discussed at the meeting on Monday 25th March

**Cancer waiting times:**

Lack of awareness of standards

Not all have specific Cancer services manager

Lack of effective breach analysis

Issues meeting them, especially around endoscopy access (action plan for this).

Referral guidelines refreshed

**Screening:**

Proposal for national service and Director of Screening to better coordinate

Asked to consider impact of changes to screening services downstream.

**IHDP:**

Contract with PHE in place from 1st April for RT data.

Issue with Chemocare as differences in contracts. Discussions ongoing to make a national one.

You may be interested in this 

* I had a telecom with a Policy Officer from CRUK (Ben Moore) who has written a paper regarding “a new approach to workforce planning” which involves the diagnostics phase of the cancer pathway (radiographers, radiologists and those from the pathology workforce). He is meeting with workforce planners in Scottish Government and I highlighted SCIN, SRTP and Tracy McInnes as well. Seemingly the proposal is to start with D Rads (measuring demand etc). On behalf of SCoR, I offered my ongoing support and advice which he welcomed. The original paper from Oct 18 (been updated to correct factual errors) is at 

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

* SCoR continues to support the Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme (SRTP) – Richard Evans (SCoR CEO) still sits on the overarching steering group.
* The cross boundary reporting pilot has started
* The sub-group for advanced practice education has not met recently - next meeting scheduled for 29th April.

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

* MM is a member of the **SCIN Steering Group** – meeting took place on March 28th where the following were discussed:
  + SCIN Workplan – see 
  + IR(ME)R update from new Inspector
  + SiSAT - a self-assessment quality tool for Scottish Radiology depts. – will come out soon.
  + MR Pacemakers
* See <https://www.scin.scot.nhs.uk/>
* The annual SCIN event takes place on 23rd May – do register! See <https://www.nsssurvey2.scot.nhs.uk/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/255597/lang/en>
* The SCIN Radiographer Focussed Event is to take place on 7th November – save the date.

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

* 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 will hold its inaugural meeting on 25th April – I am attending.
* We are hoping that there may be a new SIG for Mammography – watch this space.

***NES***

* NES ran the event entitled: *Capitalising on the knowledge and skills across Radiography* on 25th March. This relates to a piece of work that Fiona Hawke is seconded to NES to complete (in terms of the 4 tier system). The aim was to R*eview the current scope of the Assistant Practitioner (Radiography) workforce in Scotland and to explore their potential to support the wider Transforming Roles agenda*
* A greater awareness of the wider workforce development agenda in Scotland
* A better understanding of how Assistant Practitioners are currently supporting the delivery of Radiography services in Scotland
* An improved awareness of tools and resources to support the development of the workforce
* Informed discussion on how to overcome potential challenges in role development across all levels of the radiography workforce
* An opportunity to share good practice and consider the impact of role development
* Much of the debate centred around the Radiography (D) AP workforce – the work I had done when I was at NES (left 2012) still hangs on! 
* I delivered 2 presentations – see 
* There are 35 CoR accredited APs in Scotland (3 in RT and the rest imaging)
* There are 95 RAs in Scotland (19 have been accredited before, the rest haven’t).
* I would still like to have a clinical radiographer to be on the AHP Portfolio (TURAS) User Group – any volunteers? See <https://turasdashboard.nes.nhs.scot/> It is open to anyone to use (just register) – will have links for HCPC audit support. Of course our own SCoR CPD Now does the exact same thing (there are on-line tutorials too) – I know that TURAS took over the use of e-KsF which was mandatory for NHS Scotland staff to use.

***AHPfS***

Has not met since my last PO report.

***Other***

* Sonographer Regulation update: Towards the end of last year Health Education England (HEE) commissioned the Professional Standards Authority to assess sonography for statutory regulation using their published assessment tool.  They have now reported to HEE and this report will be included in the overall submission HEE will be making to the DH. Even if positive that will only be the start of what could be a two year or so ‘new professions’ process  by whichever statutory  regulator is selected to regulate the sonographers. There is no guarantee the DH will support statutory registration as Government policy is that there must be compelling evidence of a substantial risk to the public for statutory registration, the preferred option is PSA accredited voluntary registers. The SCoR Public Voluntary Register of Sonographers is not PSA accredited and we will not apply for this due to the high risks and costs for the organisation. See <https://www.sor.org/news/evidence-put-forward-statutory-registration-sonographers> and PSA: <https://www.professionalstandards.org.uk/home>
* William Woods ran a student seminar on Monday 1st April – seemingly very successful.
* **The 4th Inter-University student radiographer** conference had to be cancelled. Very disappointing.

***SCoR***

* 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.
* Remember to keep an eye on news items on the website at <https://www.sor.org/news>
* I have been delivering CPD talks around Scottish departments (D&T) – I like to get to depts. To speak with radiographers so please do invite me if you want me to come along.

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> :

* *Radiotherapy Radiographic Workforce UK Census 2018*
* *Guidelines for professional ultrasound practice*

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PS I have not included topics around my radiation protection (RP) role as this report is enough. There is plenty going on with RP though!

There is a new IR(ME)R inspector for Scotland based at NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland – Alastair McGown.