Kent Oncology Up-Skilling Band 6 Therapeutic Radiographers Project

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Band 6 Up-Skilling



- Project started in April 2023
- Training issues during the COVID Pandemic
- Project Aims
- Saturday training (3 Saturdays)
- Assessing staff engagement
- Setting expectations
- Internship (period of clinical supervision)
- Personal Development Plans





Saturday Training

Topics Covered:

- Clinical Reflective writing
- Incidents and Errors
- Imaging competencies
- Internship Program





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Challenges for the Kent Oncology Centre

- Project timescale
- Retention/recruitment strain
- Proximity to London
- Additional resources required
- Thinking differently
- Workforce Strategy
- Responding to staff feedback
- Preceptorship



Outcomes of Project thus far



- 10 staff have completed the up-skilling program (April 2023-Sept 2024)
- 6 of these staff have been promoted
- 5 staff are currently undertaking their internship
- 4 staff will start in December
- 4 staff remaining to complete internship in early 2025
- Better career development opportunities for staff
- Improved staff morale and motivation

How this project meets the MTW Strategy Triangle



- Clinical Strategy
- Sustainability
- Patient Access
- People
- Patient Experience
- PRIDE: MTW Trust Values
- Exceptional people, outstanding care!





What Now?



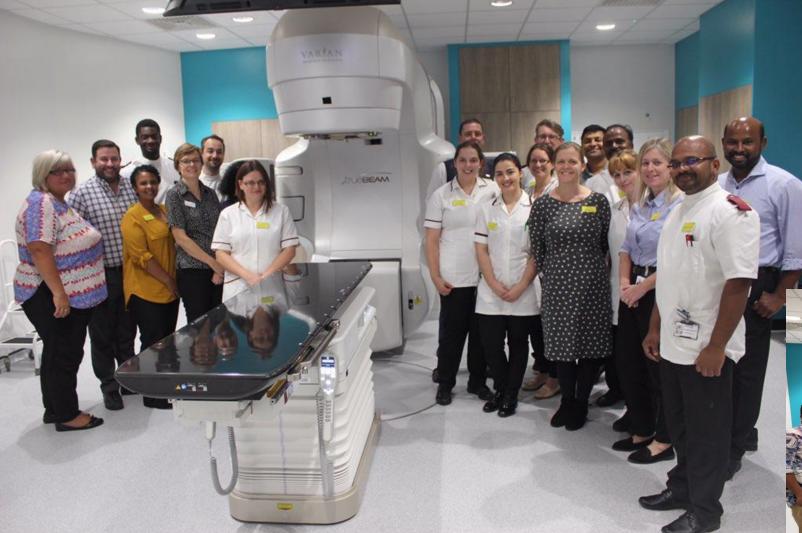
- Personal commitment
- The Practice Development/Education Team commitment
- Preceptorship Offer
- Regional and National collaborative working
- Sharing best
- Workstreams to support staff groups
- Continue the cycle of upskilling
- Celebrate our success!





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Thank you for listening Any Questions?

