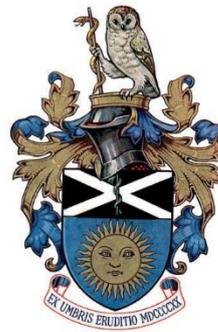


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**MINUTES OF THE MAGNETIC RESONANCE ADVISORY GROUP (MRAG) HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018, AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF  
RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

**PRESENT:**

- Stephen Boynes {SB}
- Carolyn Costigan {CC}
- Kirsten Farrell-Savage {KFS}
- Darren Hudson {DH}
- Denise Newsom {DN}
- Rakesh Puni {RP}
- Jacqueline Pursey {JP}
- Prasad Vadday {PV}
- Darren Walls {DW}
- Rachel Watt {RW}
- Chris Wright {CW} {Chair}

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}
- Alex Lipton {AL}

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, were approved as a true and accurate record.

**3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP**

- 3.1 KFS has come to the end of her tenure on the group and was therefore, thanked by the Chair for all her hard work during that time. It was agreed that VA would draft a thank you letter in the first instance.

**ACTION: VA**

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#### **4. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

- 4.1 AL updated the group on the actions log and reminded them to send in any news items etc. for the webpage. It was noted that the workplan was presented to the College Board of Trustees but no response yet. AL will go back to them for approval.

**ACTION: AL**

4.2 GD Deposition – minute 8.1

AL informed the group that this has not been taken back to the BIR MR Safety Board meeting to date but is in the process of getting a radiology contact from the RCR.

4.3 Transdermal Patches – minute 10.1

AL is yet to go back to the pharmacist with papers from the group to support the removal of medicinal patches (without any metal component). AL will contact the pharmacist after this meeting.

**ACTION: AL**

4.4 MR Simulators – minute 18.1

Following discussion and further information supplied by group members AL will get back in contact with the person who asked the original query for an update. DH agreed to send some information onto AL. His organisation is planning to buy one of these simulators. The group agreed this could be an interesting article for one of our future publications.

**ACTION: AL & DW**

#### **5. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- 5.1 DIAG – RP informed the group that he had not attended the last meeting so nothing to report. However, he did mention that when he attended the first meeting there was huge interest around assistant practitioners with lots of different strands. He hope to attend the next one and give an update at the next MRAG meeting.

**ACTION: RP**

5.2 BAMRR – RW provided the following report:

- Membership is doing well and continuing to grow
- A very successful ‘Further MRI’; course was run on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in London
- UKRC BAMRR session is planned on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at the ACC & Exhibition Centre Liverpool from 2.10 - 3.30pm. Please see UKRC website for more information <http://www.ukrc.org.uk>
- 35<sup>th</sup> Annual BAMRR Conference in Nottingham on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Please see BAMRR website for more details, provisional programme and poster/oral paper submission information – <http://www.bamrr.org>

- Plans are in place for an Introductory MRI course – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at the NCSM Loughborough. Registration to open soon.

RW was thanked for her report.

- 5.2 IPEM MR SIG - AL updated the group. Risk assessments on the BIR website have been updated (the pregnant staff RA) and there was some discussion around the rewording of advice for pregnant staff.

## 6. CLINICAL CONSENSUS Mp MRI PROSTATE UPDATE

- 6.1 DW gave an update.

Last June JP and DW attended a ment has been written and was sent to two journals (European Radiology & BJU) but was not taken on for publishing. DW has been working on a protocol guidance booklet which PCUK would like SoR to endorse. The document has to go through SCoR process which will mean coming before MRAG group on synapse and then to UK Council. To note that the document will be published on the PCUK website as part and parcel of a guidance document. It was agreed that the group will work on this via Synapse.

**ACTION:** ALL

**Post meeting note: News received after the meeting that the papers has been accepted for publication in the BJU international journal.**

## 7. REVIEW OF MR SAFETY PUBLICATION

- 7.1 The group reviewed the MR Safety document section by section giving their comments and any amendments as needed. AL will amend document, upload to synapse and set up a teleconference to sign off in June, date to be advised.

**ACTION:** AL

## 8. HCPC REGISTRATION

- 8.1 RP had concerns around HCPC registration for international staff as it appears his trust is currently having problems recruiting MR radiographers, who it appears is not competent to do the work required although they are registered, and he queried the function of the HCPC. Following discussion, it was suggested that he raise these concerns direct with the HCPC or alternatively, he can refer to AL who will speak to Richard Evans or Charlotte Beardmore as to how best they can assist. It appears that this is common concern amongst managers. AL will also take this back to the regional managers meeting.

**ACTION:** RP & AL

**9. REVIEW OF MR SCoR WEB PAGES**

9.1 AL informed the group that SCoR is in the process of updating the whole website. The group then went on to discuss the MRAG webpage and made suggestions. It was agreed AL would ask Deeson about the hit rate of the MRAG page. To note that the NIOS standards are being updated. AL asked the group to have a look at the webpage and suggest ways of improving it. Further discussion will follow at the next meeting in November. It was agreed this would be a standing agenda item.

***ACTION: AL & ALL***

**10. USE OF FERRO MAGNETIC DETECTOR**

10.1 AL informed the group that she was contacted by NHSi regarding an incident of traction weights projecting into a scanner, they wished to understand why the use of FMDs wasn't more commonplace. AL had related back the comments from a previous discussion around these in 2013 and had agreed to discuss again with MRAG members and report back to NHSi.

***ACTION: AL***

**11. MR SAFETY WEEK**

11.1 AL asked the group to send her any ideas, via Synapse, for the MR safety week within the next two weeks so that they can discuss an article for Synergy News.

***ACTION: ALL***

**12. MR WORKFORCE – to include APs in MRI, Reporting etc.**

12.1 AL updated the group. Sue Johnson {SJ} professional officer is leading on the work relating to the Scope of Practice for Assistant practitioners. SJ will work with this group as the Scope develops. AL to check with the special interest groups to find out if they have any MRI Reporting radiographers.

***ACTION: SJ & AL***

**13. GADOLINIUM DEPOSITION/MEDICINES MANAGEMENT**

13.1 AL updated the group on the use of gadolinium and the recent updates around medicines management and PGDs in CA use. A discussion followed.

**14. MRSE, PET MR GUIDANCE, ELfH MR SAFETY MODULES and PR PLANNING MEETINGS – any updates**

14.1 PET MR Guidance/position statement – AL informed the group that the Working Party has started. AL is due to visit a MR unit next week.

- 14.2 Accredited MRSE- Work is progressing but dates for testing have been put back. Dan Wilson is leading this work and is seeking volunteers to test the competencies.

*ACTION: ALL*

- 14.3 ELfH MR Safety Module Working Party – AL informed the group that both IPEM and SCoR have agreed to contribute more and reminded the group that their input will be needed once work starts as the modules develop.

**Post meeting note: Since the meeting, AL has heard from Geoff Charles-Edwards and a meeting has been arranged for June 2018.**

## **15. SCANNING NON MR CONDITIONAL CARDIAC DEVICES**

- 15.1 AL updated the group and queried if anyone had any comments or experiences to share.

## **16. PAUSE & CHECK UPDATES**

- 16.1 The group discussed the document giving their final comments and signed it off. This was following contact from NHSi regarding remote removal from scanner. AL to contact editors to update.

*ACTION: AL*

## **17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 17.1 CC wanted to get the group view on how to deal with prisoners being scanned whilst handcuffed, as the prison officers who accompanies them do not wish to come in the scanning room and neither do they wish to take the prisoners handcuffs off. Is there a way to restrain the prisoners? She is concerned with the safety of the radiographer. Following discussion, it was suggested changing trust policy to inform prison wardens that patients will not be scanned unless an escort is provided.

- 17.2 AL asked the group if they had any comments on the British Institute of Radiology (BIR) professional guidance CEMEAW Regulations before she gave feedback to the BIR.

- 17.3 Some members appear to have problems receiving message via synapse. AL will send out a test email to ascertain which ones need assistance. Members to respond to AL.

*ACTION: ALL*

## **18. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- 18.1 The dates of future meetings have been agreed as:

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019