**The Society & College of Radiographers**

**Professional Officer Report for Scottish Council (August 2016).**

**Please also refer to my SCoR Scotland Mind Map**

**Scottish Government Health Directorate (SGHD)**

Jacqui Lunday Johnston is now back from maternity leave and Tracy goes back to her normal role.

*Scottish Cancer Task Force (SCT)*

# The new Scottish Cancer Plan entitled **Beating Cancer - Ambition and Action** has now moved into an implementation stage to which I have suggested some proposals**.** The main focus of the meeting was on this plan. The implementation plan illustrates and monitors the progress via nominated “responsible” individuals and/or groups, including projected timescales. A review of the SCT membership also took place – there were no radiotherapy updates. Systemic Anti-Cancer therapy - a presentation was delivered on phase 1 of the SACT Future Service Delivery project, in the West of Scotland.

I met with Lindsay Allan,Policy and Public Affairs Adviserfrom Cancer Research UK who is involved in writing a report of diagnostic imaging capacity in the devolved nations. A good meeting at which I raised all the usual issues surrounding clinical imaging services – workforce; reporting radiographers; out of hours services etc.

*AHP small occupations group*

This meeting, at the CHPOs office – took place on 30th June in response to the issue of sonographer workforce shortages. It was investigative in nature and included other “small occupations” including

Detail of the current deficiencies in the numbers and levels of experience of Medical Physics staff in services that involve ionising radiation and the difficulties in recruitment. I have shared all of the issues surrounding the crisis in Sonography workforce as well as the various SCoR policy documents on US services. In addition I gave a brief update on the work in NHS England around US education and workforce.

Therapeutic Radiographers are no longer on the shortage occupation list – Diagnostic Radiographers still are as are Sonographers – see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tier-2-shortage-occupation-list>

The next meeting will take place on 30th August – unfortunately I cannot attend as I am chairing a meeting in London that day.

**National Services Division (NSD)**

*Screening - AAA*



The Education, training and CPD SOP has been amended – see above. The next meeting is scheduled for 14th Sept

*Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN) The* most recent SCIN sub-group entitled “Horizon Scanning” newsletter

**The network is very keen to get more operational radiography staff involved in its various working groups – please do encourage your colleagues to do so – great CPD.**

The SCIN steering group meeting took place on 16th June. There is to be an event exploring all of the national networks – it is entitled **Maximising the Impact of National Managed Clinical and Diagnostic Networks on 24 OCTOBER 2016, 9:30am-4:30pm in a Central Scotland location. See attached flyer**

If interested, contact NSS.NNMSEvents@nhs.net

There is now a live Twitter feed at NSS.SCIN@nhs.net

The next SCIN Horizon Scanning meeting will be held on Thursday 25 August.

**NHS HIS**

* Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) has invited me to be part of the Scottish Breast Screening Programme Review Team looking into the appointments system. This work will finish by the end of the year with a report published. The service have been made aware of the review and further information, including the Terms of Reference for this work is provided through the following link: <http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/governance_and_assurance/programme_resources/breast_screening_review.aspx>
* The Breast Screening Standards Review has now been postponed till 2017 – we now have a Mammographer to represent us on this review team.
* NHS HIS now (from April this year) regulates independent clinics in Scotland. Independent clinics are defined in the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 as clinics that are not part of a hospital and from which a medical practitioner, dental practitioner, registered nurse, registered midwife or dental care professional (clinical dental technician, dental hygienist, dental nurse, dental technician, dental therapist, orthodontic therapist) provides a service, which is not part of the National Health Service. The term ‘service’ includes consultations, investigations and treatments. So this will include the “baby bonding” clinics (as well as those providing care in hairdressers/client’s homes etc) – the “company” now needs to register with NHS HIS because they are providing a service (see above definition), not because they employ Sonographers. The Registration form (see attached) is at <http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/inspecting_and_regulating_care/independent_healthcare/register_a_new_service.aspx> **The form must be completed electronically and they have a deadline of 1st September 2016 Independent service providers are reminded that it is an offence to operate an unregistered service after 1 April 2017.**

**AHPfS**

The next meeting takes place on 1st Sept – perhaps Jonathan is able to give a further update.

**Learning & Education**

*NHS Education for Scotland (NES*) <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/>

Major changes in AHP workforce at NES – it looks to me as though many activities are “on hold”

SCoR

* Steve Herring is the new SCoR President
* There is a PO job going at SCoR.
* There have been updates to CPD Now and the PEAS Accreditation
* Some recent SCoR publications on the document library are <https://www.sor.org/learning/document-library> :
* *Approval and Accreditation Board; Annual Report 2013-2014*
* *Survey into student bullying on clinical placement*
* *Computerised Tomography (CT) scanners in Nuclear Medicine facilities; use by nuclear medicine practitioners from both radiographic and technologist backgrounds.*
* *Census of the Radiotherapy Radiographic Workforce in the UK, 2015*
* *Achieving World-Class Cancer Outcomes: The Vision for Therapeutic Radiography*

Also, please do sign up for the on-line manager’s network within SCoR – ***First Talk***; the SoR members forum ***SCoR Talk***; and for students ***Student Talk***.

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PS I have not included topics around my radiation protection (RP) role as this report is long enough. There is plenty going on with RP though, so feel free to ask me.