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2025 Radiotherapy Radiographic Workforce Census

Welcome

Welcome to the UK radiotherapy radiographic workforce census 2025. The Society of Radiographers and the College of Radiographers is carrying out this survey which sits alongside the similar IPEM physics and RCR Clinical Oncologist workforce censuses. The results of this survey will inform the work of professional bodies, workforce planners within each UK country, commissioners, and providers of radiotherapy. It is important we obtain information from all centres delivering radiotherapy, both NHS and private centres, and from all the UK countries.

The data will be published by country and by cancer centre name. [You can find previous submissions on the SoR website](#) or contact Spencer Goodman using the details below.

Please answer the census on behalf of your cancer centre provider. Please include all radiographic staff within your budgetary control EXCEPT radiotherapy support and administrative staff. You will be asked about workforce levels in each AfC band as of 1 November 2025. If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band.

All questions must be answered. The census may take you up to 35 minutes to complete. Please contact Spencer Goodman on 020 7740 7257 or email at spencerg@sor.org if you have any questions about this census.

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1) Your details*

Name*

Forename: _____

Surname: _____

Email address *: _____

Job Title : _____

2) For which healthcare organisation are you responding?*

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3) Are you responding for all therapeutic radiography hospital sites at your organisation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4) You have said you are not responding for all hospital sites at your organisation. Please tell us which sites you are responding for.

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Information about your Radiotherapy Service

This census asks for the number of treatment machines and the total daily number of clinical hours of treatment that the service operates to provide some additional context to the numbers of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager.

5) Commissioned machines

	No. of machines	Total daily hours available
Linear accelerators		
Planning CT Scanner		
Planning MRI		

Establishment and in-post figures

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy support or administrative staff in the figures.

If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band. You can see the NHS AfC pay bands on the NHS Employers' website.

6. Please provide ESTABLISHMENT, IN-POST figures and JOB TITLES at each pay band as of 1 NOVEMBER 2025.

This question asks for:

- Establishment WTE - this is what is included within the RT Service Managers budget
- Number of staff in post WTE - WTE of all staff in post
- Number of staff in post HEADCOUNT - number of staff in post which would give an indication of numbers of staff who don't work full-time and could be used to project future training requirements.
- Number of staff in an apprenticeship role HEADCOUNT - this is to establish how many of the No. of staff in post HEADCOUNT are via an apprenticeship training route.

Please put an entry into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

	Establishment WTE	Number of staff in post WTE	Number of staff in post HEADCOUNT	Number of staff in an apprenticeship role HEADCOUNT
Band 3				
Band 4				
Band 5				
Band 6				
Band 7				
Band 8a				
Band 8b				
Band 8c				
Band 8d				
Band 9				
Band N/A				

Vacancy figures (WTE)

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy support or administrative staff in the figures.

If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band. You can see the NHS AfC pay bands on the [NHS Employers' website](#).

7) Please provide VACANCY Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) figures as of 1 NOVEMBER 2025.*

Please put a DECIMAL number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

There are some additional blank rows should you require. However, these are not mandatory.

	Posts VACANT (WTE)	Radiotherapy radiographic workforce JOB TITLES
Band 3		
Band 4		
Band 5		
Band 6		
Band 7		
Band 8a		
Band 8b		
Band 8c		
Band 8d		
Band 9		
Band N/A		

Three-month vacancy figures (WTE)

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy support or administrative staff in the figures.

If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band. You can see the NHS AfC pay bands on the [NHS Employers' website](#).

8) Please provide THREE-MONTH VACANCY Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) figures as of 1 NOVEMBER 2025.*

Please put a DECIMAL number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

There are some additional blank rows should you require. However, these are not mandatory.

	Posts VACANT FOR 3 MONTHS (WTE)	Radiotherapy radiographic workforce JOB TITLES
Band 3		
Band 4		
Band 5		
Band 6		
Band 7		
Band 8a		
Band 8b		
Band 8c		
Band 8d		
Band 9		
Band N/A		

Establishment by site (WTE)

This question asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager.

For support with definitions of Advanced Practitioners and Enhanced Practitioners from the NHS Employers website, please [click here](#).

9) Therapeutic radiographer establishment by SITE (whole time equivalent) as of 1 NOVEMBER 2025.

*This question was first requested to be included in the 2021 census. As this is an evolving data-set, we thank you for your previous input. We understand this information may not be available for all centres, however, please do include any relevant information you may have available.

*Enhanced Practitioner definition:

The national definition of Enhanced Practitioners is still relatively new Framework. The intention is to ascertain numbers of those staff that have either an Enhanced Practitioner Title or equivalent in terms of Post Graduate Qualifications and are not in the Advanced Practitioner Category. Therefore, classifying staff that have moved on from Practitioner level and have some form of Post Grad qualification as a baseline necessity for the role.

Please **do not include figures if practitioners are currently working towards a qualification as this will be captured in the next year's census.*

Please put a WHOLE number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress. There are four additional blank rows should you require. However, these are not mandatory.

	Enhanced practitioners WITHOUT M-level qualification	Enhanced practitioners WITH ANY M-level qualification	Advanced practitioners WITHOUT M-level qualification	Advanced practitioners WITH ANY M-level qualification	Consultant practitioners WITH Doctoral level qualification	Consultant practitioner WITHOUT Doctoral level qualification
Brachytherapy						
Breast						
GI (upper/lower)						
Gynaecological						
Head and neck						
Lung						

Neuro						
Palliative						
Prostate						
Rectum						
Information management & technology						
Professional development						
Research / clinical trials						
Technical development						
Practice educator						

Total establishment (headcount)

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy helpers or admin staff in the figures.

If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band. You can see the NHS AfC pay bands on the [NHS Employers' website](#).

10) Please provide ESTABLISHMENT headcount figures as of 1 NOVEMBER 2025.

Please put a WHOLE number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

	Radiotherapy radiographic workforce establishment (HEADCOUNT)
Band 3	
Band 4	
Band 5	
Band 6	
Band 7	
Band 8a	
Band 8b	
Band 8c	
Band 8d	
Band 9	
Band N/A	

11) Does the service have apprentices?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

12) Are the apprentices funded separately to establishment?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

13) Does the budget establishment provide the capacity to meet demand?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Long-term absences (headcount)

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy support or administrative staff in the figures.

If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band. You can see the NHS AfC pay bands on the [NHS Employers' website](#).

*Long term sickness absence is defined as any continuous period of 28 calendar days or longer for the purposes of the following question.

14) Please provide LONG-TERM ABSENCES headcount figures as of 1 NOVEMBER 2025.*

Please put a WHOLE number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

	Posts with post holder on CAREER BREAK (headcount)	Posts with post holder on NON COVID-19 related LONG TERM SICKNESS ABSENCE (headcount)	Posts with post holder on COVID-19 related LONG-TERM SICKNESS ABSENCE (headcount)	Posts with post holder on MATERNITY / PATERNITY / PARENTAL LEAVE (headcount)	Posts with post holder on an active SECONDMENT (headcount)
Band 3					

Band 4					
Band 5					
Band 6					
Band 7					
Band 8a					
Band 8b					
Band 8c					
Band 8d					
Band 9					
Band N/A					

Predicted retirement (headcount)

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy support or administrative staff in the figures.

If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band. You can see the NHS AfC pay bands on the [NHS Employers' website](#).

15) Number of radiotherapy radiographic workforce posts with post holder due to RETIRE (headcount) over the next 5 years.*

Please put a WHOLE number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

	Retire between 1 November 2025 and 31 October 2026 (headcount)	Retire between 1 November 2026 and 31 October 2027 (headcount)	Retire between 1 November 2027 and 31 October 2030 (headcount)
Band 3			
Band 4			
Band 5			
Band 6			
Band 7			
Band 8a			
Band 8b			
Band 8c			
Band 8d			
Band 9			
Band N/A			

Leavers (headcount)

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy support or administrative staff in the figures.

If your centre does not use AfC bands then place your answers in the response marked Band N/A or use the approximate pay band. You can see the NHS AfC pay bands on the [NHS Employers' website](#).

16) Number of radiotherapy radiographic workforce posts where the post holder has LEFT since the last census date, 1 NOVEMBER 2024? (We will use these figures to calculate staff turnover.)*

Please put a WHOLE number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

	Leavers (headcount)
Band 3	
Band 4	
Band 5	
Band 6	
Band 7	
Band 8a	
Band 8b	
Band 8c	
Band 8d	
Band 9	
Band N/A	

17) What were the reasons that therapeutic radiographers left their posts?*

(Select all that apply.)

- ☐ None have left
- ☐ Promotion in another RT centre
- ☐ Retirement
- ☐ Left profession but still working in health services
- ☐ Left profession and working outside of health services
- ☐ Education - radiotherapy
- ☐ Personal reasons such as moving home, change in personal circumstances, health issues
- ☐ Move to Proton services
- ☐ Other - please state: _____

18) If you selected the option for *having left the profession but still working in health services*, please state the number of therapeutic radiographers who have moved to mammography.

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Protected titles

19) Please confirm what title(s) you use in your centre.*

(Select all that apply)

Remembering that our HCPC-protected titles are:

- *Therapeutic radiographer*
- *Radiographer*

☐ Therapeutic Radiographer

☐ Radiographer

☐ Advanced Clinical Practitioner

☐ Advanced Practitioner

☐ Advanced Therapeutic Radiographer

☐ Consultant Radiographer

☐ Consultant Therapeutic Radiographer

☐ Dosimetrist

☐ Enhanced Practitioner

☐ Planning Radiographer

☐ Pre-treatment Radiographer

☐ Radiation Therapist

☐ Radiotherapist

☐ Review Radiographer

☐ Therapy Radiographer

☐ Trainee Advanced Clinical Practitioner

☐ Treatment Radiographer

☐ Other - please state: _____

Recruitment

This census asks for the number of therapeutic radiographers, assistant practitioners, trainee assistant practitioners and clinical support workers (delivering radiotherapy) working under the budgetary control of the radiotherapy service manager. Please do NOT include radiotherapy support or administrative staff in the figures.

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20) Number of radiotherapy radiographic workforce posts where post holder(s) have been or are planned to be RECRUITED INTERNATIONALLY. *

Please put a WHOLE number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

	INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT between 1 November 2024 and 31 October 2025 (headcount)	PLANNED international recruitment between 1 November 2025 and 31 October 2026 (headcount)
Band 3		
Band 4		
Band 5		
Band 6		
Band 7		
Band 8a		
Band 8b		
Band 8c		
Band 8d		
Band 9		
Band N/A		

21) Have you supported a RETURN TO PRACTICE radiographer between 1 November 2023 and 31 October 2025? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

22) How many therapeutic radiographer students do you feel can be supported in total, at one time? The intention for collecting this data is so it can be cross matched with the HEI data on numbers being placed.*

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23) Please provide the number of therapeutic radiographer STUDENTS for each year of study that are supported within your radiotherapy centre as of 1 November 2025. *

Please put a WHOLE number into each box below to progress to the next question. You may have to enter 0 to progress.

	Number of therapeutic radiographer STUDENTS (headcount)
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4 (if applicable)	

Number of posts filled by agency staff

24) As of 1 November 2025, were you using any agency therapeutic radiographers? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

25) Why were agency therapeutic radiographers being used?

(Select all that apply)

☐ Due to an increase in the therapeutic radiographer establishment

☐ Due to existing vacancies in the therapeutic radiographer establishment

☐ To cover long-term absence

☐ Other - please specify: _____

26) As of 1 November 2025, how many agency therapeutic radiographers were used (headcount)?

(Please enter WHOLE numbers.)

	Band 5 equivalent (headcount)	Band 6 or greater equivalent (headcount)
Agency staff trained in the UK		
Agency staff trained overseas		

Therapeutic radiographers employed in dosimetry

We would like to know the number of therapeutic radiographers employed in dosimetry. Normally we do not capture this information when the radiographers are not under your budgetary control.

Please could you therefore indicate the total number of radiographers employed in a dosimetry role in your trust. In response to this question, please include those **both within and outside of your budgetary control**. We are aware that you may have already included those in your budgetary control in previous answers.

27) Number of therapeutic radiographers employed in dosimetry as of 1 NOVEMBER 2025 (headcount).*

(Please enter a WHOLE number. You may have to enter 0 to progress.)

	As of 1 November 2025, how many staff working in dosimetry in your department are WITHIN your budgetary control	As of 1 November 2025, how many staff working in dosimetry in your department are OUTSIDE your budgetary control
Band 5		
Band 6		
Band 7		
Band 8a		
Other – write in		

28) How many other therapeutic radiographers are you aware of working within cancer services (for example, but not limited to, sonography, mammography, research etc) who are not in your budgetary control and are not included in the question above (headcount)?*

(Please enter a WHOLE number.)

Final page - your comments

29) Please use the box below to provide any comments you may have related to your submission. If you are over-established at any AfC bands, please give details here.

Thank You!

Thank you for taking our survey. Your response is very important to us.