**RADIOGRAPHIC INFORMATICS GROUP**

**WORK PLAN
2014**

# CONTEXT

Information Technology (IT) is a comprehensive term which incorporates those systems, processes and technologies which support the full range of contexts in which the radiography workforce uses information in order to carry out its business. This might be image and patient information data but also includes the information and technologies we use to communicate with stakeholders including other health professionals, patients and the public.

The purpose of the Radiographic Informatics Group is to enable the Society and College of Radiographers to keep abreast of change and to inform members of the radiographic profession of specific and wider IT issues. Engagement of radiography professionals in the development and application of IT will be paramount in ensuring radiography services are modern and effective for the delivery of high quality patient care.

IT therefore supports clinical governance and the development of evidence based practice; it will enable radiographers to actively contribute to and use a range of digital health and learning technologies ensuring they provide the best possible care for their patients and clients.

**RATIONALE**

The Radiographic Informatics Group will be fundamental in assisting radiographers, managers, and education providers to embed IT into everyday practice.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE IM&T GROUP**

* To formulate a strategic direction for the professional development of radiographers in relation to the IT agenda.
* To undertake a comprehensive IT skills audit, specific to the radiography profession, to establish a baseline of IT competency. This data will assist in future planning for radiographers IT needs and ensure training standards are agreed and implemented at all levels of the workforce.
* To maintain and enhance the knowledge and skills of radiographers in relation to the IT agenda, thereby delivering clinically effective and patient focused services.
* To influence the IT national strategy in order to meet the professions requirements.
* To promote best practise for IT within the field of radiography.
* To engage with other professional groups involved in IT as appropriate.
* To act as a resource for the profession on IT issues.
* To develop and review professional guidelines for publication by The College of Radiographers, as appropriate.
* To provide regular, ongoing workshops, seminars and education forums.

**MEETINGS**

The group will normally hold a minimum of two meetings per annum. At least one meeting will usually be via teleconferencing,

**TARGETS FOR 2014/2015**

* Development of Radiographic Informatics Strategy for the profession.
* Focus Groups and Survey to determine informatics needs and views of the profession.
* Representation and input into Informatics Stream at UKRC.
* Radiographic Informatics Group organised workshop/event for early 2015.

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* Contribute and support informatics publications across the organisation, to include: Radiography, Imaging and Therapy Practice and professional social media sites and relevant articles / information on the Radiographic Informatics Group WebPages.
* Provide members with current informatics support and advice via the Radiographic Informatics Group WebPages and by answering members enquires.
* Ensure representation of the profession on relevant informatics panels thereby contributing to national agendas.
* Respond to relevant consultations.

**ACHIEVING THE TARGETS**

The Chair of the group will prepare an annual report for SCoR Council.

To confirm achievement of targets, the group will monitor the progress of on going work to ensure it remains within time frames and budgets.

Accountability of the group is via the Chair.

**BENEFITS**

* Raising the profile of radiographic informatics across the profession.
* Promoting the national informatics agenda.
* Helping to embed health informatics into undergraduate and post graduate programmes of education.
* Promoting links with other professional bodies and key stakeholders.
* Providing a communication link and radiographic informatics advice resource for members.