**The Society & College of Radiographers**

**Professional Officer Report for Scottish Council (March 2019).**

***Scottish Cancer Task Force (SCT)***

MM continues to be an active member of the Scottish Government’s Cancer Taskforce - Last meeting took place on Monday 12th November – minutes are 

***Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme (SRTP)***

* SCoR continues to support the Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme (SRTP) – Richard Evans (SCoR CEO) still sits on the overarching steering group. MM sits on 2 sub-groups: (1) the Reporting Radiography Pilot  and (2) the Education and Co-ordination groups  – both relate to radiographic advanced practice.
* There is an updated Reporting Radiographer Knowledge Skills and Behaviours document developed by Jonathan McConnell and Chris Rowley as part of the work that Chris is undertaking in developing a knowledge, skills and behaviour framework for Advanced Practitioners, including reporting Radiographers.
* See  and there is to be the second SRTP Conference on 14th March.  This event will offer the opportunity for the wider Scottish Radiology community to come together to discuss and shape the next steps for Radiology in Scotland. See [www.sharedservices.scot.nhs.uk/health-portfolio/programmes/radiology/](file:///\\freddy\projects\Shared%20Service%20Portfolio\Health\Radiology\02%20Implementation%20Phase\Comms%20&%20Engmnt\Stkhldr%20Engmnt\2019-03-14%20SRTP%20Event\Comms\www.sharedservices.scot.nhs.uk\health-portfolio\programmes\radiology\)

***Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN)***

* MM is a member of the **SCIN Steering Group** – 6th December meeting minutes at 
* See <https://www.scin.scot.nhs.uk/>
* The annual SCIN event takes place on 23rd May – do register! See <https://www.nsssurvey2.scot.nhs.uk/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/255597/lang/en>

***Special Interest Groups (SIGs)***

* New Scottish CT Radiographers Special Interest Group (SIG) is set up. Fiona Hawke is the temporary contact.
* New Scottish Ultrasound SIG is set up. Morag Stout is the contact. 2nd meeting takes place today.
* Reporting Radiographers SIG Scotland (RRIGS) still going on. Kirsteen Graham is the contact.
* We are hoping that there may be a new SIG for Mammography – watch this space.

***NES***

* NES are running an event entitled: *Capitalising on the knowledge and skills across Radiography* on 25th March,to which a manager and an AP are invited from each Board. This relates to a piece of work that Fiona Hawke is seconded to NES to complete (in terms of the 4 tier system).
* There is a new The fairly new TURAS platform (a single unified digital platform owned by NHS Scotland) that some of you may be using is being further developed to include an AHP Portfolio (a repository for all of your CPD evidence). It will be launched at the end of March 2019 – watch out for awareness raising sessions in your local Boards. Some HEIs are using this for their AHP student assignments etc. See <https://turasdashboard.nes.nhs.scot/> It is open to anyone to use (just register) – will have links for HCPC audit support. Of course our own SCoR CPD Now does the exact same thing (there are on-line tutorials too) – I know that TURAS took over the use of e-KsF which was mandatory for NHS Scotland staff to use. If any radiographer is interested in joining the User Group for TURAS please let MM know.
* **Scotland’s Position Statement on Supervision for Allied Health Professions**  - how is this going on in Boards? 
* The short life working group on AHP transforming advanced practice roles is still progressing and MM sits on this. A recent presentation and notes from the last meeting 

***AHPfS***

* The last meeting took place on 5th February – both Gillian and Morgyn attended  and 
* This also involved the AGM – convenor report see 
* The AHPfS Convenor has monthly telecons with the CHPO office – each Policy Officer for professional bodies is asked to support this – MM does this as part of a rota.
* The latest briefing from RCSLT on the Staffing Bill (I don’t have the capacity to be involved in this work) - 

***Other***

* William Woods (QMU & student rep on Scottish Council) is running a student seminar on Monday 1st April at 9:30am at QMU.
* **The 4th Inter-University student radiographer** conference is scheduled for Saturday 16th March 2019 at GCU.
* You may know that I have previously received a few e-mails raising the issue of Band 5s working OOH in Band 6. I raised this at a recent meeting of all Officers at SCoR HQ (Trade Union and Professional) – a long discussion took place that this seems to be happening in lots of radiology depts. across the UK. I really think that the present published AfC job profiles need to be updated - there was agreement. A small working group is going to look at these profiles (Deborah will also keep an eye on this). Do ensure that staff are acting within their scope of practice and are adequately trained (and IR(ME)R entitled) to undertake the role that they do in CT. In terms of out of hours, there really should be some sort of Band 6 supervision even if it is not in CT but in the dept.
* The Council for Allied Health Professions Research (CAHPR) is running seminar on 20th May – see 

***SCoR***

* To help you to know the difference between the Society (SoR) and the College (CoR) please see <https://www.sor.org/about-us/who-we-are> and <https://www.sor.org/college-of-radiographers>
* Please note that there are now several “Glasscubes” virtual groups in the CoR (free for members to register) – Groups are: advanced practitioner; reporting radiography; radiation protection; CT head, research radiographers, and consultant practitioners. If anyone is interested in joining these, please let MM know.
* As well as running study days, SCoR now run monthly webinars – see the website for details.
* Sean Henderson-Kelly is retiring on March 29th – Joel Wilkins at SCoR is acting in his membership role.
* Remember to keep an eye on news items on the website at <https://www.sor.org/news>
* I have been delivering CPD talks around Scottish departments (D&T) – I like to get to depts. To speak with radiographers so please do invite me if you want me to come along.

The P&E Team at CoR are really busy writing more and more guidance / policy documents – please ensure these are read and used. Some important SCoR publications on the document library are <https://www.sor.org/learning/document-library> :

* *Communicating Radiation Benefit and Risk Information to Individuals Under the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations (IR(ME)R)*
* *Trainee consultant and consultant radiographer survey 2018*
* *Safety in Magnetic Resonance Imaging*
* *The impact of IR(ME)R 2017 IR(ME)R (NI) 2018 on pregnancy checking procedures*
* *The recording of images and clinical discussions by patients during diagnostic imaging, interventional procedures and radiotherapy treatments. Second edition.*
* *NHS obstetric ultrasound examinations. Guidance on sale of images, fetal sexing, commercial considerations and requests to record. Third edition.*
* *Principles for continuing professional development and lifelong learning in health and social care*
* *The radiological investigation of suspected physical abuse in children*
* *Guidelines for professional ultrasound practice*
* *Practical Tips for Delivering Difficult News in Obstetric Ultrasound*
* *Radiotherapy Radiographic Workforce Census 2017*
* *Guidance on mental capacity decisions in diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy*

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PS I have not included topics around my radiation protection (RP) role as this report is enough. There is plenty going on with RP though!

There is a new IR(ME)R inspector for Scotland based at NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland.