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Diagnostic Imaging Advisory Group (DIAG)

Meeting Summary

Date: 20th May 2019

Time: 11.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: Society and College of Radiographers HQ

In Attendance:

Members: : (state names with initials in brackets)	Role	Job Title	Site
Andy Creedon (AC)	Chair	Advanced Practitioner	University Hospital Coventry
Rachel Nolan {RN}	Vice Chair	Advanced Practitioner	Peterborough City Hospital
Nina Arcuri (NA)	Advisory		Cromwell Hospital
Deborah Henderson (DH)	Advisory	Radiographer	North Tyneside General Hospital
Victoria Hughes (VH)	Advisory	Lecturer	University of Liverpool
Alison Jenkins (AJ)	Advisory	Assistant Practitioner	Alliance Medical (North)
Stuart Mackay (SM)	Advisory	Senior Lecturer	University of Liverpool
Angela Meadows (AM)	Advisory	Radiographer/Unit Manager	Royal Preston Hospital
Jonathan McConnell (JMC)	Advisory	Consultant Radiographer	QE University Hospital, Glasgow
Richard Newman (RN)	Advisory	Radiographer	Yeovil District Hospital
Gareth Thomas (GT)	UK Council	UK Council	Cardiff University
Sue Webb (SW)	UK Council	UK Council	Broomfield Hospital
Nicholas Woznitza (NW)	Advisory	Consultant Radiographer	Homerton University Hospital
Observers:			
Sue Johnson (SJ)	Professional Officer		Society & College of Radiographers

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Apologies:

Leandra Archer (LA)	National Officer	National Officer – Northern Ireland	
Rakesh Puni (RP)		Manager	Wexham Park Hospital
Claire Watkiss (CW)	Advisory	Clinical Services Project Director	Alliance Medical (Midlands)
Valerie Asemah (VA)	Minutes		Society & College of Radiographers

Review of Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions:

Item No.	Description	Owner	Due Date	Status
1.2	Membership - SJ currently seeking replacement AP member to sit on DIAG. Group to send SJ details of any contacts they may have.	SJ and ALL	11 2019	Incomplete
1.3	SJ will follow up with Alison Jenkins as she has given apologies to two meetings consecutively. 25-10-2018 3.2.1. 20/05 Alison in attendance	SJ		Completed
1.4	Group to contact SJ or VA with any changes to their work contact details 20/05 No changes received	ALL		Completed
3.2.1	National Imaging Optimisation Board Update – DH to keep group updated on progress of article for Synergy News around way of sharing good practice 20/05 to become substantive agenda item	DH		Completed
	International Recruitment – Article on international recruitment is currently in development and SJ will check progress with Colin Ross when they meet next month. 20/05 in progress CR in touch with editor and is writing up	SJ		Completed
4.1 (vi)	DIAG Target Areas – members to use Synapse to communicate and to let SJ know of anything that needs adding/removing. SJ to source information on webpage usage for next DIAG meeting. 20/05 no news received	SJ & ALL		Completed
8.1	International Recruitment Short Life Working Party – SJ to source international radiographer/HEI representation for DIAG 20/05 Italian radiographer joined working party and the work is complete pending referencing and proof reading	SJ		Completed

12.1	IR (ME) R/IRR – SJ to send invitation to the group to join The Glasscubes Radiation Protection Forum. SJ still to send	SJ		Completed
12.1.1	SJ to invite Maria Murray (Professional officer for Scotland and UK Radiation Protection Lead) or Lynda Johnson (Professional Officer for Clinical Imaging) to the next meeting to give feedback to DIAG on IRMER/IRR. Lynda Johnson attended meeting 20/05 via phone and presented IR(ME)R update	SJ		Completed
12.2	CT Users Group Annual Meeting Update - SJ to contact Lynda Johnson with comments from DIAG members on the CT Users Annual Meeting report.	SJ		Completed
13.1.3	Imaging & Therapy Practice – Following discussion around I&TP magazine it was agreed that SJ would speak at the P&E Team meeting on whether DIAG members should be reviewing articles 20/05 consultant group are currently managing the review process. DIAG will be asked if required	SJ		Completed
14.1	AOB – some members voiced concern around the correct term for x-rays and wanted SCoR’s stance on phrases used such as ‘plain film radiography or ‘projection radiography’. SJ will investigate and report back. 20/05 remitted to UK Council members for definitive answer	SJ	11/20	Incomplete

As per standard Agenda to include:

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. round table in attendance:
- b. end of tenure/group membership
 - a. no tenure is yet complete. 1 AP vacancy due to resignation

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Leandra Archer, Rakesh Puni, Claire Watkiss and Valerie Asemah.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Agreed

4. Membership

See above

5. Action points

See table above

6. National Imaging optimisation Board update

DH gave the group an overview of the previous meeting:

- a. it was confirmed that the draft document on report turnaround times remained in draft format pending further national level discussions on funding its implementation
- b. DIAG has been invited to contribute to the update of Health Building Note 06-01, radiology departments. DH will represent the group and information will be shared to Synapse.
- c. The next call for data has gone out to service managers. After discussion, it was agreed that the new format appeared much more user-friendly. A request was made to ask whether the NI ODB would be able to make any of the information public to reduce the number of FOIA's that managers receive around equipment assets. SJ to check what information will be publicly available.

7. IR(ME)R update

Lynda Johnson provided an overview of current radiation protection work. Slides available on Synapse.

8. Items from Synapse since last meeting

8.1 red dotting

The group discussed the position of red dot and preliminary clinical evaluation (PCE) in contemporary imaging departments. The document Preliminary Clinical Evaluation and Clinical Reporting by Radiographers: Policy and Practice Guidance 2013 was reviewed and identified as a document ready for updating. This is especially so in the light of the new joint reporting standards that are under consultation with the RCR. The group felt that the next DIAG workplan should include work to find out exactly where PCE is in a modern imaging department, who is using it, what data is available, where other blockers and facilitators, with an overarching aim to develop a new document on PCE focused on standards and practical implementation. AC will add this to the next workplan, SJ will ensure this fits with SOR strategic approach

8.2 AHP public health strategy- implications diagnostic radiographers

DIAG had a brief look at this framework and considered the need for improved role modelling. Education providers have incorporated public health into the preregistration education program however education is required across the whole team from assistants upwards. It is recognised that roles are changing within healthcare and there is a need to recognise where radiographers provide advice and pathways of care. It was considered regrettable that a public health motion raised at ADC 2019 fell. Work to be continued.

8.3 FACT project stakeholder meeting

Vicky Hughes volunteered to be the DIAG representative for this group. SJ to make the introductions to Spencer Goodman who is lead officer for this project.

8.4 ISAS assessor - call for new assessors

i) barriers to applying:

- (1) one per department is enough
- (2) timeout required potentially to great
- (3) ideal for clinical governance lead but they must want to do it
- (4) lack of confidence amongst those who are not already accredited, consider they shouldn't assess if they are not an accredited department

ii) suggestions to increase applications:

- (1) suggest departments that are newly accredited supplying assessor
- (2) consider better compensation costs or support the backfill
- (3) change the marketing, use YouTube and other more contemporary media
- (4) develop a personality/competency profile and promote as part of CPD

Action: **SJ share this discussion with Alex Lipton and Chris Woodgate ISAS for SOR/RCR**

8.5 The EFRS/ISRRT joint work on AI

Nick Woznitza has been invited to be an SOR representative on the EFRS/ISRRT joint project on AI examining its potential impact specifically on radiography (rather than image interpretation). Nick explained that AI was likely to be used in areas such as positioning for CT scans or

sequencing in MR. It is not intended to replace the human interaction but allow humans to do the sense checking while delivering best quality scanning. Due out September 2019.

8.6 CRUK panel member

A request went out people to join CRUK panels to provide expert input on their information. NW had joined, this was likely to be a non onerous task.

8.7 nice draft scope consultation-osteoarthritis: carer management (update)

This was an item of information

9. Consultation responses

9.1 MSK reporting standards

Jonathan McConnell led the group through discussion of the proposed reporting standards ably supported by Nick Woznitza who had attended the consultation meeting. **Action SJ send the consultation response off on DIAG's behalf**

9.2 POC creatinine testing

Members were thanked for their contribution to this consultation. SJ is to attend a NICE quality meeting to observe the discussion.

9.3 Cancer screening review - Mike Richards call for evidence

Members were thanked for their contribution to the evidence that was provided to Mike Richards via both the formal consultation and in a face-to-face meeting.

10. Apprenticeships update

Both diagnostic radiographer and therapeutic radiographer apprenticeship standards have been approved. The group discussed the challenge for HEI's and managers who at this point were not showing any appetite for this change in education. The tariff was seen as a barrier although it was recognised that SOR were campaigning to have this reviewed. The group would like to understand how this fits in with career progression for assistant practitioners.

11. SCoR guidance documents (AC)

Deferred until next agenda

12. NICE mental health workshop

- a. no names were received to attend this workshop

13. officers update (SJ)

- a. no specific updates were provided this meeting, information had been reported as the meeting progressed

14. Any other business

- a. Northern Ireland/Scotland/Wales issues need to be added into the agenda as substantive agenda items
 - i. JMC told the group about work in Scotland and role transformation specifically focused on reporting radiographers and identifying the knowledge, skills and behaviours that are required. There will be a pilot scheme to set standard and this may lead to licensing.
- b. AM told the group about a national PET reporting scheme, imminent publication of the nuclear medicine pause and check poster and sought members support in publicising the NMMAG study day on 5 November <http://www.cvent.com/events/the-wonders-of-hybrid-imaging-and-molecular-radiotherapy-current-and-future-developments-in-molecula/event-summary-9e380047a3814b0ca1a18fec1b7de61e.aspx>
- c. AC asked the groups consider which professional guidance documents they used and how they use them for discussion at the next meeting.
- d. RN asked the group about issues with perforation in CTC and whether this was specifically mentioned to patients.

15. Dates of Future Meetings

15.1 The dates of future meetings has been confirmed as:

- Wednesday 27th November 2019
- Thursday 21st May 2020
- Tuesday 1st December 2020

Meeting Actions Log

Item No.	Description	Owner	Due Date	Status
1b	SJ to seek AP on DIAG	SJ	11/19	
	EFRS diploma to be investigated	SJ		
6b	DH to represent DIAG on Health Building Note 06-01, radiology departments with information shared to Synapse.	DH		
6c	SJ to check what information is publicly available from model hospital submissions by radiology departments	SJ		
8.1	AC to add a survey on PCE to DIAG workplan. SJ to check that this fits with SoR strategic approach.	AC / SJ		
8.4ii	SJ to share ISAS assessor recruitment information with AL and CW	SJ		
8.3	VH to join FACT	VH		
9.1	SJ to provide consultation response from DIAG for MSK standards	SJ		
11	Add SCoR documents to next agenda in November	VA		
14a	Add Northern Ireland/Scotland/Wales to the substantive agenda list	VA		
14c	Consider which professional guidance documents are used and what they are used for - for discussion at next meeting	All		

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Conferences & Events Dates for the diary: