

Diagnostic Imaging Advisory Group (DIAG)



Meeting Summary

Date: Thursday 26th May 2022

Time: 11.00am – 15.00pm

Venue: SCoR HQ

In Attendance:

Members: (state names with initials in brackets)	Role	Job Title	Site	Present Apologies
Andy Creeden (AC)	Chair	Advanced Practitioner	University Hospital Coventry	P
Rachel Nolan (RN)	Vice Chair	Assistant Professional Lead	Peterborough City Hospital	P
Thea Buchan (TB)	Advisory	Radiographer	West Middlesex University Hospital	P
Leah Fenning (LF)	Advisory	Radiographer	Whiston Hospital, Merseyside	P
Amanda Gibson (AG)	Advisory	Regional Advancing Practice Supervision & Assessment Lead	HEE	P
Catriona Hynes (CH)	Advisory	Senior Lecturer UAG rep	Sheffield Hallam University (D)	A
Alison Jenkins (AJ)	Advisory	MRI Assistant Practitioner	Alliance Medical (North)	A
Angela Meadows (AM)	Advisory	Radiographer/Unit Manager NMMAG rep	Royal Preston Hospital	A
Rupert Maclaren (RML)	Advisory	Associate Lecturer	University of Exeter	P



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Alexandra Partner (AP)	Advisory	Assistant Discipline Lead	University of Derby	P
Anthony Richards	Advisory	Clinical specialist England	Tunbridge Wells Hospital	P
Chloe Shand (CS)	Advisory	Lecturer, MRAG Rep	University of Ulster	P
Rebecca Steele (RS)	Advisory	England Senior Service Manager		P
Gareth Thomas (GT)	UK Council	UK Council Wales	Cardiff University	P
Nicholas Woznitza (NW)	Advisory	Consultant Radiographer	UCLH	P
Vicky Hughes (VH)	Advisory	Lecturer	University of Liverpool	P
In attendance:				
Sue Johnson (SJ)	Professional Officer	Professional Officer – Clinical Imaging	SCoR	P
Valerie Asemah (VA)	Minutes		SCoR	P
Leandra Archer (LA)	National Officer	National Officer – Northern Ireland	SCoR	A
Alex Lipton (AL)	Professional officer	Professional officer for QSI, senior managers and	SCoR	A
Michelle Tyler (MT)	Professional Officer	Professional Officer for Careers Promotion & Outreach	SCoR	A
John Thompson (JT)	Guest – NMMAG Rep	Radiographer	Furness General Hospital	P

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Review of Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions:

Item No.	Description	Owner	Start Date	Status
9.	Feedback from Other Groups: VA to chase members for reports and upload to Synapse.	VA		
10.	DIAG Promotion: Synergy Article – Group to work on preparing an article for March 2022 edition of Synergy News. RN agreed to lead on this.	RN & Group	10/2/22	
11.	'3' Things: AC thanked the group for their contribution and will turn into a document and upload to synapse.	AC		
12.	Hot Topics: Following an overview, timeline, and guidance on mandatory Covid vaccinations, by the Executive Director of Industrial Strategy & Member Relations (Dean Rogers), the group was tasked with keeping SJ abreast on what is going on within their respective departments. SJ will then liaise with Dean.	Group		
14.	Officers Update – Independent Prescribing: SJ updated the group informing them that she will be attending a meeting on Friday 17 th December to meet with the Commission on Human Medicines concerning diagnostic radiographers being able to prescribe. She will keep DIAG updated.	SJ		

1. MEETING HOUSEKEEPING

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting and explained the 'housekeeping rules.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2.1 Roundtable introductions were made, especially for the benefit of Dr John Thompson who attended the meeting on behalf of Angela Meadows (NMMAG rep) who was unable to be here.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies for absence received from Leandre Archer, Catriona Hynes, Alison Jenkins, Alexandra Lipton, Angela Meadows and Michelle Tyler.

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4. ACTION POINTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

4.1 None.

5. WORKPLAN UPDATE

5.1 a) PCE guidance document – NW gave an update to the group on the Preliminary Clinical Evaluation (PCE). Dr Tracy O'Regan (TOR) is leading on this. There is a semi-formal draft with plans to look beyond x-rays. This is a work in progress.

6. CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

6.1 Thanks was given to all those members who fed back and commented on the following consultations:

- ECF pro-forma – document with the publishers. SJ to check turnaround time
- RCR alerts and notifications
- NHSE&I reporting turnaround times
- Future Frontiers
- Barium/Gastrografin preparation
- informed website (Leicester Radiation Safety Services)
- Diagnostic Radiography avatars – does this help with the promotion of radiography?
- Patient Voice on National Imaging Board – the next meeting is in a couple of weeks when an update will be given

6.2 Thanks was given to Vicky and Rachel for the Synergy News article, which is held as the 'gold standard' for articles. It was agreed that feedback be given to the publishers (Haymarket). VH will liaise with VA on this.

ACTION: VH & VA

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6.3 There are no current consultations.

7. FEEDBACK FROM OTHER GROUPS

- NMMAG: Dr John Thompson gave an update and produced a report (previously sent out) as AG was unable to attend today. Critique of the webpages which suggest that there is not much to hold people's attention; need more to keep members engaged
- MRAG: CS gave an update to the group and produced a report. To note that the MRAG pages need updating and CS will be doing this. MR Safety Week is in July. The Safety in Magnetic Resonance document will also be updated. Current consultations are the GIRFT and Cauda Equina
- UAG: CH was unable to attend the meeting today
- Heads of Radiography Education: AP gave an update to the group and produced a report
- CTAG: TB gave an update to the group and produced a report. Martin Young from private practice is the Chair of the group.

8. OFFICERS UPDATE

8.1 SJ gave an update to the group.

- a) NHSEI/HEE programmes – The HEE is about to be merged with NHSEI. Kerry Mills who have been working as National Advisor for clinical imaging at HEE has a new title (**National Programme Lead - Cancer and Imaging, Cancer and Diagnostic Programme, Health Education England**) The SoR is building good English regional links, although not as robust in the East of England.
- b) SJ attended a SW workforce and recovery meeting, with about 250 attendees. The meeting was about diagnostic radiography and workforce transformation initiatives. A plan should emerge for diagnostics recovery and workforce. SJ will share plan with this group (in confidence)

ACTION: SJ

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- c) Diagnostic Support Workforce – All AHP professional bodies are funded to do specific projects by HEE including support worker projects. Richard Griffin and Penny Owens, who supported phase 1 including the Roles and Responsibilities document are supporting phase 2. There is slow progress, but work is ongoing. Different SoR officers are linked to various pieces of work. SJ agreed to ask Charlotte Beardmore for a list of projects and share with the group.

ACTION: SJ

- d) CT Support Worker Roles –

- e) Regional Updates –

- f) Independent Prescribing – SJ informed the group that she is still waiting for an update from the Commission for Human Medicines.

- g) New Publications – SJ will send through a list of publications

ACTION: SJ

9. HOT REPORTING – NG TUBES

- 9.1 SJ gave an update. There are many safety warnings around the use of NG tubes without appropriate checking before they are used. To note that some organisations have trained radiographers (e.g., Leeds) to deal with this issue. The National Patient Safety Agency gave an edict for SCoR, RCR & HEE to produce a new robust process. The RCR have managed to secure fifty thousand pounds to support the project. Damian Tolan, BSGAR, is leading the National Steering Group with RCR input and Sue is on the steering group too.

SJ will keep the group updated.

ACTION: SJ

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10. IMAGING NETWORKS

- 10.1 There was a discussion on DIAG member awareness of English Imaging networks. Consultation has been out for a year. LF informed the group that they have a new PACs system, which has just started with a view to standardising techniques and protocols. It was noted that Imaging networks are wider than ICS and are focused on sharing ideas as well as improving digital links. VH indicated that these are quite established within the NW. All the Imaging networks in London mirror the ICS. Southeast and London appear identically aligned but not elsewhere, no real co-operation. SJ will feedback to national leads parts of this discussion so that they have an idea of what is happening.

ACTION: SJ

11. AGENDA FOR CHANGE - BANDING

- 11.1 RN gave an update on the NHSEI workforce meeting she attended recently. Profiles and bandings were discussed. How do you progress someone using knowledge and skills? Some Trusts have preceptorships. The job description defines your band. SJ indicated that conversations on this issue are happening elsewhere. AFC is still doing what it was meant to do – and that is to match jobs to skills to ensure work of equal value is appropriately remunerated. A webinar is being held with HEE and Support workforce leads about job evaluation, to show what profiles mean and how to use them. Following discussion SJ suggested that it would be useful for this group to draft something on the impact on recruitment and retention, giving DIAGs view. Good to take this to Dean Rogers (Executive Director of Industrial Strategy and Member Relations) SJ will look at the ADC motion. RN and RMC will work together on drafting an article on AFC.

ACTION: RN, RMC & SJ

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12. 3 THINGS

- 12.1 The Chair thanked the group for their '3' things which will again be very helpful in setting the agenda for the next meeting. For reference, they will be compiled into a document and uploaded to synapse for all to view. Lots of very interesting 3 things. CPD especially, on how we can implement CPD better, particularly through Covid. TB gave an update on how her trust has done this hosting it online. TB queried whether anyone else was doing this. Job planning was also mentioned. It was felt that doing your CPD is a habit you have you get into. There was a query on whether Study Days are going to come back.

ACTION: AC

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 13.1 There was no other business.

- 13.2 Dates of future meetings confirmed as:

- 15th Sept 2022 (interim)
- 1st Dec 2022

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Meetings Actions Log:

New Actions

Item No.	Description	Owner	Start Date	Status
6.1	ECF pro-forma – document with the publishers. to check turnaround time	SJ	26/5/22	
6.2	Feedback to be given to Haymarket on article format. VH and VA will liaise on this aspect.	VH & VA	26/5/22	
8.1a	Share plan of SW strategic meeting with the group.	SJ	26/5/22	
8.1b	A list of HEE projects to be shared with the group.	SJ	26/5/22	
8.1f	New Publications: SJ will send through a list of new publications.	SJ	26/5/22	
9.	Hot Reporting – NG Tubes: SJ gave an update around NG tubes and will keep the group updated. She will share diagram after this meeting.	SJ	26/5/22	
10.	Feedback to national leads of the DIAG awareness and discussions around Imaging networks	SJ	26/5/22	
11.	Agenda for Change: profiles and banding. look at the ADC motion work on drafting an article on AFC.	SH, RN & RMC	26/5/22	
12.	3 Things: they will be compiled into a document to be uploaded to Synapse that all can view.	AC	26/5/22	

Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday 15th September 2022 (Interim) 9-11

Future Meetings:

- 1st Dec 2022 (online)