

Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Advisory Group (NMMAG)

Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday 15th March 2022 **Time:** 11.05am – 15.05pm **Venue:** Microsoft Teams

In Attendance:

Members: (state names with initials in brackets)	Role	Job Title	Site
Jo Weekes (JW)	Chair	Consultant Radiographer	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
Tristan Barnden (TB)	Advisory	Radiographer	Maidstone Hospital, Kent
Sai Han (SH)	Royal college of Physician - Advisory	Nuclear medicine Physician	Gartnavel General Hospital
David Jones (DJ)	Advisory	Principal Radiographer	RCUHB, Wales
Angela Meadows (AM)	Advisory	Radiographer/Unit Manager	Royal Preston Hospital
Clare Moody (CM)	ARSAC – Advisory	Superintendent Research Radiographer	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Tyne and Wear
Sarah Stace (SS)	Advisory	Superintendent Radiographer	Withybush General Hospital
In attendance:			
Sue Johnson (SJ)	Professional Officer		SCoR
Valerie Asemah (VA)	Minutes		SCoR

Observers:			
Frances Hogg (FH)	IPEM Liaison		IPEM

Apologies:

Rayjanah Allie (RA)	Advisory	Radiographer	University College Hospital, London
Vas Nevrides (VN)	UK Council	UK Council	Kings' College Hospital
Jessica Roberts (JR)	Advisory	Radiographer	Royal Stoke Hospital, Staffordshire
John Thompson (JT)	Advisory	Radiographer	Furness General Hospital, Cumbria
Darren Walls (DW)	Advisory	Research Radiographer	University College Hospital, London
David Williams (DW)	Advisory	Superintendent Radiographer	Queen Alexandria Hospital, Portsmouth

1. WELCOME AND INDUCTION

- 1.1 JoW warmly welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting and set out the 'housekeeping' rules.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Rayjanah Allie, Vas Nevrides, Jessica Roberts, John Thompson, Darren Walls, and David Williams.

2. REVIEW OF GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 JoW informed the group that Nick Gulliver has stood down as the BNMS representative, but she has now taken this on.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (AGREEMENT & ACCURACY)

Outstanding Actions:

Item No.	Description	Owner	Due Date	Status
5.2.2	Workplan 2021-2022: SJ will set up a folder on synapse and allocate work and names as agreed.	SJ		
5.4	UK Nuclear Reactor Campaign: Richard Evans attend meeting recently; SJ awaiting update and will upload to synapse as soon as it is available.	SJ		
5.4	EFRS Observer: JOW sits on this board so will liaise on getting an observer to sit on NMMAG.	JoW		
5.6	Website Photo Update: Group reminded to send bios and photos to VA for upload to webpage.	All		
6.	Guest Speaker: Lynda Johnson HSE/Classified workers NM update: LJ gave a presentation on radiation protection and will send presentation slides to be uploaded to synapse.	LJ		
7.2.	General Workforce update: Following a discussion on acquiring nuclear medicine radiographers FH agreed to speak to her students in a bid to find out why they decided to go for nuclear medicine as her trust has just filled band 6 nuclear posts.	FH		
7.3	Website Update: SJ with work with VA and Corinne Thomas on uploading material to the NMMAG webpage.	SJ		
8.	Observer Updates: VA will upload all observer reports to synapse.	VA		
9.	Discussion: IPEM Diploma in Clinical Technology – updated curriculum 202 1and development of radiographers into nuclear medicine roles: SJ will be working with IPEM on an update of this document. AM indicated that she would be interested on working on this.	SJ		
9.3	Blood bottle shortage and impact on Nuclear Medicine (GFR): Following a query on the shortage of blood bottles it was suggested that a SIG be set up or a subgroup on synapse. JOW is due to have a meeting with BNMS tomorrow and will discuss this further.	JoW		
10.1	AOB: JOW agreed to update the group on the joint work presentation with BNMS via synapse	JoW		
11.2	Following a query as to whether NMMAG will be attending the BNMS spring meeting; SJ will investigate and feedback to the group via synapse.	SJ		

4. REVIEW OF ACTIONS LOG (PREVIOUS MEETING)

4.1 The November meeting minutes were reviewed

- VA was asked to list CM in the attendance section of minutes as opposed to the observer section.

4.2 Matters Arising – there were none.

5. CHAIR UPDATE

5,1 Chairs Report: JoW reminded AM of her request for a copy of her report from last year.

5.2 **Workplan 2021-2022:** The workplan was revisited and there was a group discussion on seeking seats on BNMS, EFRS, DIAG, IPEM and the EANM.

5.2.1 Review NMMAG Pages: There was a discussion on the NMMAG pages on the website. The Chair asked the group to have a look at the webpages and send through any resources they have. JoW asked for volunteers to work together to acquire information and work with SJ. AM indicated that she would be happy to support along with Jessica Reid. JoW will send out a message to the group asking them to list what is needed between this meeting and the next one in November and ask for members to volunteer for items. The group suggested a section on the website for patient resources.

ACTION: JoW

5.2.2 NMMAG Workshop/study day/webinars/YouTube: Following a discussion to identify gaps several suggestions were put forward, such as holding a series of webinars, creating an e-learning for health section.

Topics:

- CT for technologists and radiographers not trained specifically in CT.
- AM stated that she is currently working on decontamination and could share that.

The group all agreed that the way forward would be webinars and YouTube. SJ informed the group that there is a new learning technician at the SoR, and she will seek assistance from him. SJ is happy to liaise with group members for any proposals.

ACTION: SJ

- 5.2.3 To note that AM and RA wrote an article for Imaging and Oncology, which has now been published. The group congratulated DJ on passing his doctorate last week.
- 5.2.4 Supporting BNMS – It was noted that JoW, SS and SJ will be attending BNMS in Glasgow in May, presenting various but interlinked talks. To note that Nick Gulliver is presenting on Advanced Practitioner accreditation. SS will present on Image Interpretation, SJ on CT in NM and secondly on CoR accreditation; JW is presenting on Pathway to a Consultant Radiographer in Nuclear Medicine.
- 5.3 Year ahead - Advisory group's promotional model. Synergy News. Creation of SIG. Roles/cases studies promotional documents Suggestions.
- 5.3.1 Website Photo and Bio Update – Jessica Reid attending meeting later to speak about this.
- 5.4 Blood Bottle Shortage and Impact on Nuclear Medicine – No one else appear to be having issues with blood bottle shortage. Close this item and remove from agenda.
- 5.5 Research Funding Opportunities from SCoR – The grants and awards offered by SCoR were highlighted.
- 5.6 NMMAG Newsletter – At the last meeting RA indicated that she was happy to continue to draft the newsletter to highlight ongoing work around the support workforce but would appreciate volunteers. The group had a discussion around the frequency of the newsletter and what should be included. It was felt that this could be six monthly. Set up a twitter account, as this would be an effective way to engage with people. SJ and JoW will ask JR what support there would be on a twitter handle.

ACTION: SJ & JoW

6. ACADEMY OF ADVANCING PRACTICE

- 6.1 TB mentioned to the group that technologists appear to be left out of advancing practice and asked if we should be raising this. There is a lot of work in HEE. There was a discussion around enhanced and advanced practice. TB agreed to write his case study. Can people access a portfolio route? It was agreed that SJ would liaise with TB to get his application onto an article.
- 6.2 Some Trusts are developing generic ACP job descriptions for all professions with profession specific items for the clinical role. It was felt that this might be the direction of travel. Agenda for Change has not kept up with the workforce/role changes.

ACTION: SJ & TB

7. SCoR OFFICERS REPORT

7.1 Support Workforce Update:

SJ informed the group that work updating the Education and Career Framework (ECF) is ongoing and the framework will be published soon. Case studies are also being developed. Work is ongoing on getting the support workforce access to appropriate education and influence the way the support workforce is used. SW's need the right education and training to do the job properly, such as why we position patients' certain ways, etc. Many are currently trained in-house.

7.2 Job planning

There is a national project on job planning, looking at the amount of patient facing time and activities that support clinical practice. SoR has a meeting with national leads in early April.

7.3 General Workforce Update:

A joint meeting to be arranged with BNMS RTN group re general workforce issues. JoW will speak with Chris Mays (Chair of BNMS) to discuss mutual dates and will update group via synapse. Workforce numbers are growing slowly. Latest data is being analysed.

ACTION: JoW

7.4 **Education and Career Framework – Case Study’s Career Progression** – To note that VA has put out a request for case studies across the breadth of the organisation and the group queried whether there was a template for this. VA was asked to check with Kathryn Williamson and Rachel Harris on this.

7.5 IPEM Diploma in Clinical Technology Updated Curriculum 2021 and Development of radiographers into Nuclear Medicine Roles? any developments/meetings with IPEM – SJ fed back that there has been no contact from IPEM on this. Take off the agenda until raised again.

8. OBSERVER UPDATES

9.1 **ARSAC** – CM produced a report and informed the group that her job has changed. She is now a research superintendent. She is retaining her seat on the ARSAC committee and queried whether she can still stay on the group. SJ informed her that her seat links to her ARSAC role and therefore she can continue.

CM reported that new guidance came out in January. In February, ARSAC upgraded employer online licences which means all applications go through the online portal. The next ARSAC meeting is in the middle of May.

9.2 **BNMS** – JoW updated the group. The last meeting was a mixture of virtual and face to face. Workforce shortages were discussed. To note that Chris Mayes is stepping down as chair and Carla Abreu will take on the position.

9.3 **IPEM** – FH produced a report and gave an update.

9.4 **Medical Report** -- SH produced a report and gave an update to the group. To note that climate change and carbon-neutral guidance will be embedded in the strategy over the next three years, and SJ suggested inviting the next President of the SoR (Ross McGhee) to the next NMMAG meeting.

9.5 All observer reports (ARSAC, BMNS, IPEM & Medical Rep) will be uploaded to the NMMAG synapse page.

ACTION: VA

10. DISCUSSION

10.1 NMMAG Webinars – to be managed via Synapse.

10.2 UK Nuclear Reactor Campaign – no update available.

10.3 **Nuclear Medicine training opportunities** – limited access to training programmes, where does this sit?

10.4 **Competency framework for Prescribers** – What does it mean for us? Item raised by RA who was unable to attend. Defer to next agenda.

ACTION: VA

10.5 **CT for Nuclear Medicine Radiographers and Technologists** – The guidance document produced in 2016 is ready for a refresh as CT scanners become more embedded and available in nuclear medicine services. DJ will lead the update work.

ACTION: DJ, JT & TB

10.6 **Web Resources** – Jessica Reid (JR) was invited to today's meeting to show us how we can give NMMAG a facelift.

JR queried what the group wanted for BNMS and the concept. It was suggested that the new branding for the Society and College would be used. Rotating images will be used for the backdrop, with posters changing daily, to show the work of NMMAG. Some suggestions thus far:

- First day of presentation could be to show how our accreditation scheme can be used
- Ask Joel Wilkins (Members Manager) to carry out a member trawl to find out if member numbers have improved
- Posters to be A1 size
- QR Codes to point to additional resources
- Check member benefit pages
- Bios/photos of group members must be checked to make sure they are up to date
- Video content/audio and animation developed for website

JR will write up/create an initial design for the group for comment. JR informed the group that she could organise a visit to everyone's department to take an official photo.

ACTION: JR

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday 110th November 2022 (in person)

Meeting Actions Log

Actions

Item No.	Description	Owner	Due Date	Status
5.2.1	Review NMMAG Pages: Following a discussion on populating the website the website it was agreed that JoW would send out a message to ask the group for volunteers. Review NMMAG content pages – Volunteers	JoW JT + V1		
5.2.2	NMMAG Webinars/YouTube: Following the discussion around identifying gaps of interest, several suggestions were made (series of webinars, e-learning for health section etc.). SJ will liaise with the group to get this moving forward. SoR has just employed a new learning technician and SJ indicated that she would ask him for assistance.	TB, AM + V1 + V2 & SJ		
5.6	NMMAG Newsletter – RA and JoW will liaise with SJ and JR to produce a NMMAG newsletter to be published on NMMAG +/- Twitter account, plus frequency of newsletters and the content therein.	RA, JoW, SJ and JR		
5.6	Twitter Account - SJ and JR to find out what support the Society would be able to give in respect of setting up a twitter account to enable work going on with the NMMAG to be uploaded. Looking for volunteer to move this forward	V1, SJ and JR		
6.	Academy of Advancing Practice: Following a discussion on advancing practice SJ agreed that she would liaise with TB to assist with turning his application into an article for the Synergy News	TB & SJ		

	magazine.			
9.2	General Workforce Update: JoW will speak with Chris Mays to discuss mutual dates and on a joint BNMS RTN meeting.	JoW		
9.5	Observer Reports: VA to upload observer reports to Synapse.	VA		
10.4	Education and Career Framework – Case Study’s Career Progression – VA to check with Rachel Harris and Kathryn Williamson on there is a template for these case studies. Case Study Form to be completed by all NMMAG members and send to Val/SJ	VA & All		
10.5	CT in Nuclear Medicine Radiographers/Technologists. Review 2016 guidance document and update	DJ, JT & TB		
10.6	Web Resources: Following discussion on giving the NMMAG webpage a facelift, JR informed the group that she would create some designs to show to the group for their comment and agreement.	JR		

Volunteer Required
Support and Assist

Conferences & Events Dates for the diary:

BNMS Spring Meeting 2022 Glasgow May 16th – 18th

EANM 2022 Barcelona 15th – 19th October

BNMS Autumn Meeting Swansea 11th – 12th November

BNMS Spring Meeting 2023 Liverpool May 15th – 17th