

Diagnostic Imaging Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday 18th May 2021

Time: 09.00am – 11.00am

Venue:

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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
Nina Arcuri (NA)	Advisory	Clinical Governance and Quality Lead	Cromwell Hospital	P
Thea Buchan (TB)	Advisory	Radiographer	West Middlesex University Hospital	P
Deborah Henderson (DH)	Advisory	Service Lead	North Tyneside General Hospital	A
Victoria Hughes (VH)	Advisory	Lecturer/placement coordinator	University of Liverpool	P
Catriona Hynes (CH)	Advisory	Senior Lecturer UAG rep	Sheffield Hallam University (D)	P
Alison Jenkins (AJ)	Advisory	MRI Assistant Practitioner	Alliance Medical (North)	A
Stuart Mackay (M)	Advisory	Senior Lecturer Heads Of Radiography Education rep	University of Liverpool	P

Angela Meadows (AM)	Advisory	Radiographer/Unit Manager NMMAG rep	Royal Preston Hospital	A
Richard Newman (RN)	Advisory	Advanced Practitioner NQR rep	Yeovil District Hospital	A
Rachel Nolan (RN)	Vice Chair	Assistant Professional Lead	Peterborough City Hospital	P
Rakesh Puni (RP)	Advisory	MRI Manager MRAG rep	Wexham Park Hospital	A
Gareth Thomas (GT)	UK Council	UK Council Wales	Cardiff University	P
Anthony Richards	Advisory	Clinical specialist England	Tunbridge Wells Hospital	P
Rebecca Steele	Advisory	England Senior Service Manager		P
Nicholas Woznitza (NW)	Advisory	Consultant Radiographer	UCLH	P
In attendance:				
Sue Johnson (SJ)	Professional Officer	Professional Officer – Clinical Imaging	SCoR	P
Valerie Asemah (VA)	Minutes		SCoR	A
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	P

Review of Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions:

Item No.	Description	Owner	Due Date	Status
4.	Group Membership: to note that all vacancies are filled. But there is need for 4 country representation and following discussion GT agreed to canvas his contacts for rep from Wales and also mention at the next UK Council meeting. ToRs to be tweaked to reflect representation on the group. To note that the group felt there should be TUIR representation. SJ will discuss with Charlotte Beardmore (Director of Professional Policy) if this can be done.	SJ & GT		Completed
7.	Future Meetings: There was a discussion around the frequency and mode of future meetings. It was suggested that a mixture of meetings – online and face to face is the ideal model. Quarterly meetings was agreed. CA, SJ and VA to source 2 online meetings to sit alongside the two already in the diary (May and December).	SJ, VA & AC	End of January 2021	Completed
13.	Feedback from other groups: NMMAG - AM to send report to AC to distribute to the group.	AM	January 2021	Completed
13. f	SMac will give feedback at the next meeting on pre application clinical visits.	SMac	Next meeting	Completed
15	CT Lead name to be shared by DH with SJ.	DH	December 20	Completed
15.	Any Other Business: Quality Standards for Imaging is being updated and volunteers from this group would be appreciated. AL will post the request on synapse.	AL	December 20	Completed

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.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies for absence received from Leandre Archer, Alison Jenkins, Alexandra Lipton, Richard Newman and Rakesh Puni.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

a) End of Tenure

4.1 The Chair reminded those members whose tenure ends this year. Some members would like to stay on for another term, whilst others will be leaving. New members are currently being recruited. Four country representation is needed, along with a patient representative plus a consultant and newly qualified student. SJ informed the group that following her recent meeting with Charlotte Beardmore that all advisory groups can now increase their total numbers of members from 12 to 15. SJ also encouraged DIAG to make their colleagues aware of the yearly request for society members to apply for places on the various advisory groups; the advert is currently in Synergy News and on the Website.

5. MINIUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed

6. ACTION POINTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6.1 There were none.

7. CAREERS PROMOTION AND OUTREACH

7.1 MT gave a short presentation on her careers and outreach programme. MT went on to explain about her new post with the Society, which is to help young people and adults take the right career path to lead them to a rewarding career. MT asked the group to send her any images about radiography careers they have as she is hoping to develop a digital toolkit to promote radiography. MT will share slides with the group and she is happy to support this group with any related projects so please get in touch.

ACTION: MT & Group

8. '3 THINGS'

8.1 The Chair asked the group to think of 3 things for the next meeting, such as an issue within their department, or something a colleague is struggling with or even yourself, a project, etc. and these can be shared with the Society and an outcome could be found or suggestions given. The group agreed that this sounded interesting and helpful.

ACTION: Agenda item next agenda

9. CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

9.1 The Chair gave an update on consultation responses and document under review.

- a) Draft AI guidance (closed)
- b) QSI (closed)
- c) Position Statement on Diagnostic / Therapy Radiography (closed)
- d) PGD Template Review (closed)
- e) Solutions to the COVID induced cancer backlog (closed)
- f) Association of Breast Screening Survey – still open and group encouraged to comment
- g) NHS Uniform Consultation – still open and group encouraged to comment
- h) CTC workforce calculator – still open and group encouraged to comment

9.2 SJ informed the group that she has just registered for the AHP Listen Project and encouraged others to sign up as well.

9.3 To note that a new document is out for consultation – Regulating Healthcare Professionals; Protecting the Public consultation – AC asked the group to have a look as there is only a week left before the consultation closes. Nothing controversial in this draft document.

ACTION: All

10. FEEDBACK FROM OTHER GROUPS

- High Level Advisory Group Meeting – AC updated the group on the meeting they had with Charlotte Beardmore and Rachel Harris, along with SJ on how to promote the advisory groups. Suggestions was to publish articles, more interaction with specific work forces and how to promote careers. There was also a conversation around meeting structure. VA can minute two meetings per year but notes will need to be taken by someone from the group if smaller virtual meetings are held. Group felt that a face-to-face meeting once a year would be a good thing with smaller virtual meetings and we should be using Microsoft Teams. A blended model was agreed. So one formal meeting and three virtual. Four-country representation was also spoken about and it was suggested that current group members could share the upcoming vacancies with their networks and colleagues.
- National Imaging Optimisation Board – As DH is no longer on this board, SJ gave an update. SJ queried whether it would be an idea to target at least one of these board members to apply to join DIAG. The group all agreed yes it would be a good idea. SJ is due to attend a meeting on

Thursday and she will provide an update via synapse. Even if we do not get a representative, we can think of inviting someone to a meeting to get further updates. No HEE representation on this board, only NHSEI.

ACTION: SJ

- NMMAG –
- MRAG – no feedback available
- UAG – no feedback available as no meeting held since last DIAG
- Heads of Radiography Education – SM gave an update to the group and produced a report, which he will send to VA to distribute via Synapse.

ACTION: SM & VA

Following a discussion SJ asked if it would be worthwhile to invite Rachel Harris and Tracy O'Regan to the next DIAG meeting to give an update around research and the research strategy.

ACTION: SJ

SJ updated the group on the Enhanced Clinical Practitioner Apprenticeship standard, which is being approved.

11. WORKPLAN UPDATE

- 11.1 AC updated the group on the 2021 workplan. DIAG will potentially work with the Consultant Radiographer Group (CRAG) on updating the relatively old PCE guidance. SJ has no update but will check with Tracy O'Regan on progress. SJ suggested inviting Tracy O'Regan (Professional Officer Clinical Imaging and Research) to the next meeting to discuss.

ACTION: SJ

12. COVID UPDATES

Roundtable updates on the current situation and issues.

RS reported that there is a huge backlog in ultrasound and MR within London, but it has been uplifting to see the opening of a couple of new sites within the last six months. Demand is beginning to creep up again, especially in regards to CT. TB reported that activity have gone up by thirty percent. Although some parts of London appears to be doing well the NE area of London especially BARTS is struggling a bit. RN indicated that her trust is doing pretty well and have just opened an appointment system. There is a backlog in clinical cardiac. MR is doing well with no backlog. Plain film reporting is also good. AC reported that his hospital has brought in an appointment system before Covid and it works quite well for them. Recovery funding appears unclear.

DH reported that her trust has fully recovered although DEXA is proving to have a bit of an issue. CTC numbers are increasing.

13. WORKFORCE

- a) NHSEI
- b) HEE Programs
- c) AHP Faculties/Local Networks
- d) Diagnostic Support Workforce
- e) Assistant Practitioners SOP
- f) ECF Delphi Project

SJ gave a brief overview of the workforce challenges and ongoing work. NW had a query around AHP faculties and the Imaging Academies, which appear to have duplication. SJ informed the group that SCoR has some influence with seats on the national groups but ultimately this is NHSEI and HEE strategy.

14. DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING NETWORKS

- a) Transforming Imaging Services in England: A National Strategy for Imaging Networks

- b) NHSE Diagnostic Imaging Network Commercial Structure Operational Governance Guide
- c) Regional Updates

Will be discussed at next meeting

15. REGULATING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS: PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

15.1 Consultation closed

16. NORTHERN IRELAND/SCOTLAND/WALES ISSUES

16.1 Next meeting

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Thanks was given to those members whose tenure is coming to an end this year, for their commitment and expertise over the past four years.

18. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

18.1 The date of the next meeting has been confirmed as:

- Wednesday 15th September 2021 (virtual, interim)

Meetings Actions Log:

New Actions

Item No.	Description	Owner	Due Date	Status
7.1	MT gave a presentation to DAIG on her career and outreach programme. Following discussion MT asked the group to send her any images they may have on radiography careers to assist with her development of a digital toolkit. MT will share her slides.	MT & Group		
8.1	'3 Things' – The group was asked to think of three things; such as a project, an event they or a colleague is struggling with, an issue at work etc. for the next meeting which can be shared with SCoR who to help find a solution.	Group		
9.3	Consultations: The group was asked to have a look at the new document, which is out for consultation – Regulation Healthcare Professionals; Protection the Public.	Group		
10.2	Feedback from other groups: NIOB – SJ to invite a member from the NIOB to sit on DIAG	SJ		
10.6	Feedback from other groups: Heads of Radiography Education: Following an update, SM will send VA a report to upload to Synapse.	SM & VA		
	To invite Rachel Harris and Tracy O'Regan to the next DIAG meeting to give an update around research and the research strategy.	SJ		
11.	Workplan Update: Following an update of the workplan, it was suggested that DIAG work with the Consultant Radiographer Advisory Group (CRAG) on updated the old PCE guidance. SJ will liaise with Tracy O'Regan on progress and also with a view to inviting her to attend a meeting of DIAG.	SJ		

Date of Next Meeting:

- Tuesday 15th September 2021 (Interim)

Future Meetings:

- Tuesday 2nd December 2021 (face to face)