

Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Advisory Group (NMMAG) Work plan 2021 - 2022

CONTEXT:

- The field of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging continues to develop with hybrid imaging now an increasing standard of care in imaging practice for specific patient groups. The spectrum of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging practice encompasses hybrid imaging techniques, therapy/treatment, and *in vitro* studies.
- Hand in hand with technological advancements, the Nuclear Medicine workforce, education, and regulation evolve and the security of supply of radioisotopes for imaging poses a challenge.

RATIONALE:

- The Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Advisory Group (NMMAG) will support and encourage education in Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and promote educational programmes in the field.
- NMMAG will be fundamental in promoting the role of SCoR as the appropriate professional body and trade union for practitioners in nuclear medicine and will support the work of the organisation within the context of Nuclear Medicine.
- An effective NMMAG will inform SCoR policy and will support its implementation throughout Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging services in the UK.
- NMMAG will collaborate and consult with other professional bodies to promote Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and provide evidence based guidance to the workforce.

NMMAG OBJECTIVES:

- To promote SCoR policies, strategies and publications within the context of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging to the benefit of services, practitioners and patients.
- To promote membership of SCoR by Nuclear Medicine practitioners.
- To provide information and advice to support SCoR policy and strategy development.
- Act as a consulting and advisory body without executive powers. Members of the NMMAG shall have a responsibility to act as a source of expertise and leadership for those striving to extend their scope of practice into nuclear medicine.
- To advise the Council on issues of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging to recommend necessary strategic activities.



- To develop professional guidelines for approval and publication by the Society and College of Radiographers, as appropriate.
- Communicate the work of the NMMAG to SCoR members, members of participating organisations, and other national bodies.

TARGETS FOR 2021-2022:

- **Continue to seek seats/links/contributions with relevant nuclear medicine and AHP panels assisting with consultations and guidelines (i.e. HTA, NICE) thereby contributing to national agendas.**
 - Review periodically at NMMAG meetings.
Responsible: NMMAG - Target date: Standing agenda item
- **Develop communication and resources for SoR members working in NM.**
 - Review the NMMAG webpages and populate with news items and relevant documentation.
 - Seek information from database on members with a NM interest and consider how better to engage them with SoR material
 - Regularly review NMMAG pages, update data and review promotion strategy (NMMAG group)
 - Look at feedback mechanisms, training and CPD opportunities, (NMMAG group)
 - Check Personal bios of NMMAG committee and ensure photos are updated and current for all members
Responsible: NMMAG - Target date: Standing agenda item
- **Contribute to and support Nuclear Medicine and related publications across the organisation, to include:**
 - Radiography, Synergy and relevant articles / information on the NMMAG Webpages.
 - Identify individuals for articles, subject matter
Responsible: NMMAG Target date: Standing agenda item
- **Provide an NMMAG Workshop.**
 - Review a study day programme and set for 2022 (COVID Permitting) considering a smaller less formal workshop.
 - Review interest in a workshop via an online questionnaire, subject areas for a workshop to be proposed and feedback analysed.
 - Admin support from SCoR HQ.
 - Travel and accommodation for speakers.
 - Seek sponsorship, exhibition/tables – support with a budget
Responsible: NMMAG - Target date: Winter 2021



- **Identify and pursue opportunities for joint work/presentations/publications with BNMS (RTNG) and IPEM on technologist/radiographer shared issues**
Responsible: NMMAG - Target date: Ongoing
- **Support the attendance of SoR at BNMS spring meeting**
 - 2 x NMMAG members attend with professional officer to promote the work of SoR and raise profile of SoR within BNMS community
 - Pursue opportunities to present and contribute to the Radiographer, Technologist and Nursing Group education stream**Responsible: NMMAG - Target date: Winter 2021**
- **Summary of NMMAG meetings to be reviewed by the chair and NMMAG and updated on the SCoR website.**
Responsible: NMMAG Target date: Standing agenda item.

ACHIEVING THE TARGETS:

- The Chair of the group will prepare an annual report for SCoR Council.
- To confirm achievement of targets, the group will monitor the progress of on-going work to ensure it remains within time frames and budgets.
- Accountability of the group is via the Chair.

ANTICIPATED COSTS:

Approximate costs for the work of the group are:

- 12 members' x 2 meetings a year
- Additional work/small group meetings
- Supporting member attendance at events e.g. BNMS spring meeting

In addition, funding may be required to produce promotional materials and publications and support for a workshop.

BENEFITS:

- Increasing the profile and contribution of the Society in Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging
- Ensuring that Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging services and practitioners engage with and benefit from the career progression framework (formerly known as the four-tier structure)
- Ensuring that services and practitioners in hybrid imaging benefit from the Society's expertise in clinical and education matters, keeping up to speed with emerging technologies and advanced imaging techniques
- Increasing clinical technologist membership of SoR