

Magnetic Resonance Advisory Group (MRAG) Work plan 2018 - 2019

RATIONALE:

MRAG will be fundamental in promoting the role of SCoR as the appropriate professional body and trade union for practitioners in Magnetic Resonance Imaging and will support the work of the organisation within the context of Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

MRAG OBJECTIVES:

- To promote SCoR's policies, strategies and publications within the context of MRI to the benefit of services, MR practitioners and patients.
- To promote membership of SCoR by MRI radiographers and 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 MRAG shall have a responsibility to act as a source of expertise and leadership for those striving to extend their scope of practice into MRI.
- To advise the Council on issues of magnetic resonance imaging and 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 MRAG to SCoR members, members of participating organisations, and other national bodies.

TARGETS FOR 2019-2020:

- Encourage and facilitate the exchange of information across the profession by actively liaising with other professional bodies within the MR community.
- Develop shared knowledge links and work with other Organisations (BIR, IPEM, RCR etc.) to promote awareness and educate practitioners in safety issues relevant to MRI.
- Ensure representation of the profession on relevant MRI professional bodies, DH governing bodies and AHP panels to ensure the profession is proactive in consultations and guidelines (i.e. MHRA, NICE,) thereby contributing to national agendas.
- Contribute to and support relevant publications across the organisation, to include: Radiography, Synergy and relevant articles / information on the MRAG Web Pages.

TARGETS FOR 2019-2020 *cont.*

- To raise the profile of MRAG's work by Social Media, visibility at conferences and presenting and representing SCoR.
- Provide members with current MRAG support and advice via the MRAG Web Pages and by answering members' enquiries.
- Review the MRAG web pages and populate with news items and relevant documentation.
- Annual Review and update as required to the BAMRR/ MRAG joint publication - Safety in Magnetic Resonance Imaging 2019.
- To formulate a communication plan and develop content for MR Safety Week.
- To contribute to the development of the content of e -LfH MR Safety modules.
- To assess the competencies and input into the accreditation process for MR Safety Expert Role ensuring that our profession is fairly represented.
- To contribute to any further work arising from the published clinical consensus for mp MRI Prostate and Guidance for CCGs and protocol aide memoire.
- To contribute to the development of Guidance for MR Installation Planning.
- To input and contribute to the guidance for scanning pacemakers and ICDS working party (RCR – CIB).
- To assist in the work on the Scope of Practice of Assistant Practitioners by providing information and examples related to the role of MR assistant Practitioners in MRI.
- To keep members informed regarding Gadolinium Deposition and use of Medicines in MRI.
- .To raise awareness of Advanced Practice in MRI including the scope of MR Reporting to encourage AP accreditation within MR.
- To review and adapt the role of the radiographer in MRI from promotional resource to a policy and guidance document
- To contribute to the WP related to education in PET MRI.
- To contribute to guidance related to MR in therapy.
- To respond to consultations where appropriate.
- To offer advice and guidance to the profession, patients, public and other stakeholders.



- To review frequent member queries and determine if any further guidance is warranted
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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 ongoing 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

In addition funding may be required to produce promotional materials and publications.

BENEFITS:

- Increasing the profile and contribution of the Society in MRI.
- Ensuring that MRI services and radiographers/ practitioners engage with and benefit from the career progression framework (formerly known as the four-tier structure).
- Ensuring that services and radiographers /practitioners benefit from the Society's expertise and resources in clinical, educational and safety matters.