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**MINUTES OF THE ULTRASOUND ADVISORY GROUP (UAG) HELD ON THURSDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2018, AT THE SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE  
SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

**PRESENT:**

Victoria Cooke {VC}  
Alexandra Drought {AD}  
Ellen Dyer {ED}  
Karen Hammett {KH}  
Gill Harrison {GH} {Chair}  
Catriona Hynes {CH} {joined by teleconference}  
Helen Ong {HO}  
Michael Purdon {MP}  
Morag Stout {MS}  
Lorelei Waring {LW}  
Sue Webb {SW}  
Lynne Williams {LW1} {joined by teleconference}

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}  
Nigel Thomson {NT} {Officer}

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introductions were made, especially for the benefit of new members Victoria Cooke, Ellen Dyer and Lynne Williams.
- 1.1.2 CH and LW1 joined the meeting by teleconference.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Sandra Morrissey and Lorraine Walsh.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

- 3.1 The minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018, were approved as a true and accurate record.

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#### **4. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

##### **4.1 'Delivering Difficult News' Poster (minute 5.10)**

NT informed the group that the 'delivering difficult news poster' designed by Lorraine Walsh {LW} has been endorsed by SCoR Council. NT will circulate to the group.

***ACTION: NT***

##### **4.2 SCoR Diagnostic Imaging Advisory Group (minute 11.1)**

NT again requested a volunteer from this group to sit on the Diagnostic Imaging Advisory Group (DIAG) and report back to this meeting.

***ACTION: GROUP***

#### **5. UPDATE ON SONOGRAPHER CAREER STRUCTURE AND EDUCATION, HEE**

##### **5.1 NT updated the group with regards to the following areas and discussion followed.**

Health Education England initiatives under the overall responsibility of the Integrated Imaging Workforce Development Group. There are three sub-groups. One is working on proposals for sonographer education and career framework, one on sonographer registration and one on clinical capacity. There had been a recent update article in SN.

##### **5.1.1 Medical Ultrasound apprenticeship. The Trailblazer group had recently consulted on the proposed Standard. The SCoR had responded within the very short timescale allowed by the Institute for Apprenticeships.**

##### **5.1.2 Health Education England '200' initiative commissioned by the Secretary of State for Health to provide 200 more professionals to undertake third trimester scans. This is under an HEE Maternity Services workstream. So far, the great majority of those recruited have been midwives. HEE expect to meet their target.**

#### **6. MEDICAL ULTRASOUND AWARENESS MONTH #MUAM**

##### **6.1 NT thanked all those who contributed to the Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month (October 2018) and for the wide variety of articles. This was a collective effort with many in the group involved and it has, we feel, met with great success. We were able to publish a new article on every working day of the month. There are one or two items not used and it is proposed these will be published soon in Synergy News. The group felt this was a good idea and should be done again next year. NT asked for ideas for articles or information to be sent to him.**

***ACTION: GH & ALL***

**7. NEXT STUDY DAY ON 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2019**

- 7.1 NT updated the group on the next ultrasound study day, which is scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April next year. It will have as its theme career and educational developments in ultrasound. The outline programme has been published and although it is hoped that the study day will be held in Birmingham. SW (SCoR President) was invited by the group to attend the study day.

*Post meeting note: venue still needs to be confirmed.*

**8. SALE OF IMAGES, SEXING AND COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND, DRAFT DOCUMENT**

- 8.1 NT reminded the group that the draft document was previously circulated and the UAG consultation will be closing next week.
- 8.1.1 The issue of noting the fetal sex in the report was further discussed and it was felt that this was a local employer issue. NT agreed to circulate an article on ‘gender reveal’ parties. To note that in Northern Ireland videoing is not carried out in the NHS.

***ACTION: GROUP***

**9. PATIENTS RECORDING EXAMINATIONS, DRAFT DOCUMENT**

- 9.1 NT updated the group and reminded them that this is the final UAG call for this document, which is looking at all imaging modalities and radiotherapy. Draft was previously circulated.

***ACTION: GROUP***

**10. SCoR/BMUS ‘GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL ULTRASOUND PRACTICE’**

- 10.1 NT informed the group that this is the final reminder for these guidelines (joint with BMUS) that are currently with this group, the closing date is 22nd November 2018. These Guidelines are updated every year and the previous year’s document archived. Publication coincides with the yearly BMUS Annual Scientific Meeting in December.

***ACTION: GROUP***

**11. NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT CARE PATHWAY**

- 11.1 NT informed the group that the National Bereavement Care Pathway document is now finalised and can be accessed from here. <http://www.nbcpathway.org.uk/pathways/> Marc Harder of SANDS who has led this project has attended a couple of previous UAG meetings. The SCoR has contributed with comments and suggestions.

## 12. NEW FASP PROGRAMME DOCUMENT

- 12.1 NT informed the group that the 2018 FASP handbook is now available and can be found here [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/749742/NHS\\_fetal\\_anomaly\\_screening\\_programme\\_handbook\\_FINAL1.2\\_18.10.18.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/749742/NHS_fetal_anomaly_screening_programme_handbook_FINAL1.2_18.10.18.pdf)

## 13. RECENT CONSULTATIONS

- 13.1 Recent consultation (since last meeting) and circulated to the group.
- NIPE changes to neonatal hip screening pathway. Closed
  - NHS England. Preparing the healthcare workforce to deliver the digital future. Closed
  - NICE Guidance on renal and ureteric stones: assessment and management. Closed
  - FASP NHS commissioning documents Nos 16 and 17. Closed
  - Sonographer apprenticeship Standard. Closed
  - SCoR documents as above

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1 SW wanted the group to be aware of an article in yesterday's Daily Mail on commercial high street 3D/4D baby scanning.
- 14.2 NT asked for information on 7 day working so that he can respond to a member's enquiry.
- 14.3 To note that an annual report from the group is needed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting as will the UAG Workplan.

***ACTION: VA, GH and NT***

- 14.4 With regards to work that the group could be involved with group suggestions included a journal club and on-line discussion group. 'Glasscubes' was suggested for the group. Please forward any other suggestions to GH or NT.

***ACTION: GROUP***

## 15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 15.1 Dates of future meetings have been agreed as:
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019
  - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019