

Radiographer Assessor Member of Service Review Teams

Background

The radiographer assessor will work as an equal member of the review team with all the other co-assessors, bringing their specific expertise to the review. Working alongside the radiologist and lay assessors, the radiographer assessor can offer a radiographer viewpoint, focusing particularly on the allied health professional perspective when reviewing the service. This will help to bring the patient journey and overall experience of a radiographer into the heart of a review, alongside the safety and quality elements.

Review Preparation

The radiographer assessor is expected to prepare for the review by reading the evidence as prepared by the healthcare organisation with a particular focus on the interaction of radiographers with the team, with patients and their carers and/or families.

The radiographer assessor may suggest individuals to be interviewed and discuss issues that can inform the allied health professional perspective.

During the review

The radiographer assessor will:

- Carry out reviews in line with the Invited Service Review framework and guidance for undertaking invited reviews.
- Conduct each review in line with the terms of reference agreed between the College, the commissioning healthcare organisation and the reviewing team.
- Work collaboratively with other members of the reviewing team, the College and the commissioning healthcare organisation.
- Contribute to the planning of the invited review including reviewing documentation provided by the commissioning healthcare organisation and working collaboratively with other members of the reviewing team.
- Maintain the confidentiality of all information relating to the commissioning healthcare organisation, surgeon(s)/service, patients and other parties.
- Follow College guidance on information and data security.
- Play an active role in gathering relevant information, both through interviews and reviewing documentation.
- Participate fully in review team discussions to: identify areas for detailed exploration, evaluate findings and search for solutions to inform recommendations for improvement.
- Contribute to the production of the final report including reviewing draft and final versions.
- Review updates provided by commissioning healthcare organisations following invited review visits
- Help to ensure that the interests of allied health professionals are represented.
- Ensure local qualitative evidence is being used to inform the review and its recommendations.
- Maintain professionalism and avoid conflicts of interest.

After the review

The radiographer assessor will be responsible for contributing to the report that is sent to the healthcare organisation approximately 6-8 weeks after the review. This should be discussed with the lead assessor prior to leaving the site visit.