

2018/2019 ANNUAL CHAIR'S REPORT **MAGNETIC RESONANCE ADVISORY GROUP (MRAG)**

INTRODUCTION

MRAG has continued to work with stakeholders across the MRI modality in order to provide support and key guidance for the profession.

MEETINGS

21st November 2018 and 2nd May 2019.

Geoff Charles Edwards in attendance at both meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

The group consists of twelve members with experience to encompass diagnostic and therapy clinical experience across a wide range of MRI techniques, independent sector, and education.

Five members reached the end of their tenure. Two members successfully re applied for a further term and following advertisement 3 new members were appointed

Ross McGee was elected as council member and attended one meeting via SKYPE.

ACTIVITIES

1) MRI Safety

- i) **MR Safety Guidance Document** – Reviewed and updated (Medicines in MRI and CEMFAW) and published January 2019.
- ii) MRAG Publication – *'Pause & Check'* was updated and promoted during MR safety week.
- iii) **MR safety week** the group produced two downloadable leaflets one with information for patients and one with information for referrers – these will continue to be promoted . The group also agreed a SoMe communications plan for MR safety week
- iv) **MR and pacemakers - contributions** to a scientific paper, an article for August 2019 edition of Synergy News and input into the RCR working party for the production of guidance.
- v) **e-LfH MR safety modules.** Funding secured the group continues to offer significant input into the content development of the modules, along with attendance at development meetings.
- vi) Assisting HSIB (Health Service Investigation Board) in relation to anaesthetised patients in MRI.
- Vii) Continued relationship with NHSI patient safety unit in relation to remote removal and FMDs.

2. MRAG contributions to wider work within SoR and work led by other professional bodies /stakeholders

- i) Assistant Practitioners in MRI. The Scope of Practice of Assistant Practitioners was first published in 2003 and is now due for an update. MRAG continue to support this work with respect to the role of APs in MRI. (SoR)
- ii) Contribution to PET MR competencies (UK PET MR network, NMAG)
- iii) Contribution to MRSE competencies (IPEM)
- iv) Production of Protocol Guidance mp MRI prostate (PCUK)
- v) Contribution to NOS for MRI (Skills for Health)
- vi) Contribution to guidance for MR in therapy (SoR)
- vii) Contributions to various forthcoming publication on MR and scanning of pacemakers (Barts, IPEM, RCR)
- viii) GIRFT spinal imaging report – review and comment on practice

3) Membership /relations with external groups

- i) IPEM MRI planning installation (guidance) – MRAG has provided a member to this new working party in order to help develop guidance notes.
- ii) IPEM. MR SIG.
- iii) BIR MR SIG. and BIR MR safety working party.
- iv) BAMRR. MRAG has continued to have a strong relationship and has a BAMRR representative within the MRAG group.
- v) RCR working party MT and pacemaker guidance.

4) Member, patient, public and other stakeholder queries

1) Member enquiries: Many member enquires received at SoR the majority from members are related to safe staffing of MR units, training and education required and referrer responsibilities with a small number relating to MR reporting and scope of practice.

2) Patient and Public; these are related to a patients experience, or seeking advice on protocols or locations of units for specific investigations e.g. upright, open etc.

3) A few enquiries from professional services at RCR relating to scanner weight limits, artefacts from hip replacements and professional responsibilities of radiographers.

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Chair: Chris Wright: SCoR Officer: Mrs Alexandra Lipton



OFFICERS

The group recognise the valued support of professional officer Alex Lipton assisted by Valerie Asemah.

PLANING AHEAD

2019 -2020 Workplan attached

Wednesday 20th November, 2019

Tuesday 28th April, 2020

Dr Chris Wright
Chair of the MRAG