

## **Work Plan for Brachytherapy Radiographers Forum for June 2012-June 2013**

### **RATIONALE**

In each radiotherapy centre there are usually very few brachytherapy radiographers and their roles can vary widely between centres. This can leave brachytherapy radiographers feeling quite isolated in their specialised roles. The Brachytherapy Radiographers Forum aims to allow radiographers to provide support and share clinical expertise and experience to benefit both service provision and role development.

The Brachytherapy Radiographers Forum is intended to facilitate the professional development of those healthcare professionals who are involved, or wish to be involved in provision of brachytherapy services. The group provides a means for such healthcare professionals to meet and exchange ideas and information.

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BRACHYTHERAPY RADIOGRAPHERS FORUM**

- To support and contribute to the development of standards of best practice for those involved in providing brachytherapy services.
- To act as a source of expert knowledge for members of The Society of Radiographers and for all members of the multi-disciplinary team.
- To develop advisory information to be supplied in the form of publications and study days/seminars to other members of the profession.
- To lead and drive the development and improvement of highest standards in brachytherapy.

### **MEETINGS**

- Meetings are open to those currently providing brachytherapy services and those planning to become involved in brachytherapy.
- Education providers and representatives of brachytherapy manufacturer may be invited to attend meetings.
- The forum will meet at least once per year. Date for next meeting to be arranged at the end of each meeting.

- Small working parties may be constituted as necessary for dedicated projects.

### **TARGETS FOR 2012-2013**

- To form a working party to set up a Brachytherapy workshop at the Advanced Practice Conference at Sheffield Hallam University Oct 2013
- To encourage and support radiographers in publication of brachytherapy related articles and report these back to the Brachytherapy forum.

### **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.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS**

The group will be self-funding. Individual members will be expected to cover their own expenses and to contribute as appropriate to group projects. Private sponsorship may be sought for provision of study days/seminars

### **BENEFITS**

- Raising the profile of Brachytherapy Radiographers across the profession.
- Promoting links with other professional bodies and national forums.
- Providing a communication link and advice resource for members, to facilitate service developments and providing best practice in brachytherapy.