

**MINUTES OF THE ULTRASOUND ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JUNE
2008, AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE
SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

PRESENT:

Julie Burnage {JB}
Gill Dolbear {GD} {Chair}
Regina Fernando {RF}
Pauline Kilbourn {PK}
Crispian Oates {CO}
Lisa Wright {LW}

IN ATTENDANCE:

Audrey Paterson {AP}
Rita Phillips {RP}
Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Gillian Cattell, Anne-Marie Dixon, Rosemary Kelso, Janis Martin, Nigel Thomson and Elaine Watt.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 6TH MARCH 2008

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2008 were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING & ACTION POINTS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

4.1 Patient Liaison Group (minute 5.1)

At the last meeting AP was tasked with inviting a representative from the newly formed Patient Liaison Group (PLG) group to sit on the UAG, but following further discussion it was agreed that a representative from the Patient Liaison Group (PLG) would be invited to meetings when items of interest to them are being discussed.

4.2 Future Direction of the Group (minute 5.2)

RP asked the last few remaining members of the group to send in their synopsis to upload to the website.

4.3 Work Related Disorders *minute 5.3*

It was suggested in a previous meeting that the exercise sheet produced by JB for the Work Related Disorders document would make a good poster to put up in departments and upload to the website. Among the discussion the issue of funding was raised; and it was agreed that RP would speak to Lyn Wigley (newly appointed regional officer) to have the poster included in the Awareness Week and the Health and Safety Executive week.

ACTION: RP

4.4 Gynae Imaging Group (*minute 10.2*)

RP is still waiting for a response from the Chair of this group.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON GUIDELINES FOR OBSTETRIC SCANNING AND INCREASED BMI

5.1 LW reported that she is still in the process of gathering information. She hopes to put in a link to where information can be found on 18 and 20 week scanning. All guidelines will be in the document which can be downloaded from the fetal anomaly site. Following discussion the group agreed that a statement or notice is needed to point people to our website, Top Talk and Synergy.

ACTION: LW & RP

6. ULTRASOUND PRACTICE DOCUMENT

6.1 RP and the group discussed the various comments received on the final draft of the ultrasound practice document and it was agreed that RP would make amendments and re-circulate to the group.

ACTION: RP

7. VASA PRAEVIA PROGRESS

7.1 NT is still working on this issue locally (vasa praevia) at Colchester.

8. TO DISCUSS JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPORTING CAROTID ULTRASOUND INVESTIGATIONS IN THE UK

8.1 CO gave the group the background to the document which was then discussed. Following a lengthy and in-depth discussion it was agreed that this is a very valuable document with good qualities and recommends that it be endorsed by SCoR Council.

ACTION: RP

9. NHS FETAL ANOMALY SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND UPDATE

- 9.1 RP thanked the group for their comments on this document. It was noted that RP and RF will be attending the Core Reference Group which is holding their first meeting tomorrow and will update the group. The Core Reference Group will consist of 6 people who will be looking at the standards and reporting back.

ACTION: RP & RF

10. UPDATE ON SONOGRAPHER REGISTRATION PROJECT

- 10.1 RP informed the group that the Health Professions Council (HPC) will be discussing the sonographer registrar application on Thursday 3rd July and she will be accompanying Audrey Paterson. Group will be kept informed of progress. It was noted that the Royal College of Midwives are not supporting this application.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 PK reported that Choose & Book is now scheduled to start on 1st August 2008 at Gateshead Hospital in Tyne and Wear. PK queried whether anyone in the group had moved into National Codes as yet; something recently produced by the Department of Health National Imaging Board.
- 11.2 PK reported that she received an email from a member of the West Midlands Sonographer Action Group asking where information could be found on-line on the activities of this group. It was suggested that a summary of meetings held could be printed in Synergy; or an article in the on-line Synergy with a link to the minutes; or even create a small article giving info on joining. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that PK will liaise with GD and send a formal response to this member.
- 11.3 The group discussed UKAS which they fear will soon be disbanded. Following discussion it was agreed that AP would liaise with Liz Chapman to discuss this issue especially where we are at present with sonographer registration.
- 11.4 The Chair thanked RP for all her hard work since she has been on the group and wished her well for the future.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 20th November 2008 commencing at 1.00pm with lunch at 12.30 pm.