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**MINUTES OF THE NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVISORY GROUP (NMAG) HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017, AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF  
RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

**PRESENT:**

- Ron Barrack {RB} {Guest}
- Tristan Barnden {TB}
- Penny Delf {PD}
- David Jones {DJ} {Chair}
- Christopher Kalinka {CK}
- Simon King {SK}
- John Thompson {JT}
- Joanne Weekes {JW}
- David Williams {DW}

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}
- Steve Herring {SH}
- Sue Johnson {SJ}

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introductions were made.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Sai Han, Angela Meadows, Mark McDade and Jim Reid.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016, were approved as a true and accurate record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 CT competency/MR competency docs

At the last meeting it was agreed that VA would send SK's document using CT competencies to JW. This has been done.

4.1.1 CT course links to be uploaded to the website. This has been completed.

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4.2 Error reporting (minute 4.5)

At the last meeting Error Coding Framework 4D 'Operators' should include the term 'Clinical Scientist' and VA was to feedback to professional officer, Maria Murray. This has been done.

4.3 Scope of practice report from UWE (minute 5.1)

International recruitment guidance/foreigners working in NM UK – SJ informed the group that this has been upgraded on the HCPC website for international applications.

4.3.1 UWE scope of practice document - SK informed the group that this document is currently out for proof reading and will then be presented for approval at the May 2017 at the SCoR Council meeting. SJ will share draft with the group via Synapse.

***ACTION: SJ***

4.4 HCPC consultations (minute 7.2)

SJ gave an update to the group.

4.5 Independent prescribing for diagnostic radiographers' update (minute 7.3)

SJ updated the group informing them that the January 2017 meeting to put forward the case for independent prescribing for diagnostic radiographers, was cancelled by the Commission for Human Medicines {CHM}. July 27<sup>th</sup> is the new date which will give us more time to get advice from the CHM on what exactly they want from us.

It is hoped that a meeting with colleagues over at the Royal College of Radiologist {RCR} to seek more insight as to why they would not support Independent Prescribing for Diagnostic Radiographers. There is still a long way to go. Diane Hogg (North West Non-Medical Prescribing Lead) is currently assisting. Although her contact is due to finish end of March, it is hoped that this can be extended further. NM case study will not be taken forward, only simple scenarios at present. Group will be kept updated.

**5. PROPOSED APPRENTICESHIPS – IMPLICATIONS E.G. VOLUNTARY IPER REGISTER FOR TECHNOLOGISTS ETC.**

5.1 SJ updated the grouped on apprenticeships.

There was a discussion around the way apprenticeships will be funded and who they are aimed for. It was noted that there will different levels of schemes. It is early days yet as the trailblazers are still waiting for approval. There are still lots of questions to be asked and a long way to go before everything is clear. SK agreed to share the Apprenticeships Guide February 2017 with the group via Synapse.

***ACTION: SK***

**6. RADIOGRAPHER/TECHNOLOGIST CLINICAL REPORTING & RECENT NATIONAL DISCOURSE**

6.1 DJ and PD updated the group on radiographer/technologist clinical reporting.

There is a spread of technologist around the country and this would be a good avenue/piece of work for this group to undertake, thus ensuring scope for more radiographer reporting. It was agreed that the group would look at the scope of practice and identify where there is a need for updating. Nuclear medicine development is very much needed. It was felt that there is a need for radiographers and radiologists to work together as team as there are shortages in both areas. Evidence must be robust and solid.

The Chair will ask the Royal College of Physicians {RCP} for their position on the CT document.

*ACTION: DJ*

**7. NEW REGULATIONS – FEEDBACK & RESPONSE TO DOH ON BSSD CONSULTATION**

7.1 DJ updated the group informing them that the Department of Health gave a presentation for their ideas on nuclear medicine.

**8. WORK PLAN FOR 2017/18 (NMAG)**

8.1 The group discuss ideas for the 2017/18 workplan. The list below outlines some of the work that needs to be done:

- Position Statement on PET MR
- Scope of Reporting Document ( PD will produce a questionnaire and send out to the team)
- Populate the News Items page on Nuclear Medicine on the Website
- Generate Articles for Synergy News & Imaging and Therapy Practice (Chair asked members to please try and generate an article at least once a year)
- Study Day

*ACTION: ALL*

**9. UPDATE/REPORT FROM SCoR OFFICER (NEWS)**

9.1 No updates at present.

**10. TRIPARTITE ROUNDTABLE MEETING 2017 (planning) (NMAG/IPEM/BNMS)**

10.1 PD updated the group and following discussion it was agreed that he would start a first draft of the Tripartite Nuclear Medicine Roundtable guidance on non-medical reporting and seek comments from the group via Synapse. Following this he will forward onto the IPEM NMSIG for their feedback also.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the tripartite group will be hosted by SCoR. DJ will start drafting an agenda and request VA to take the minutes.

**ACTION:** PD, DJ & VA

**11. Invited Presentation - Alliance Medical Ltd – “Commercially Produced Cyclotron Manufactured 99Tcm – in the UK”. Mr Ron Barrack-& Q&A / discussion**

11.1 Ron Barrack, Project Delivery Manager, Alliance Medical gave a presentation on ‘PET Tracers and Future Plans for Cyclotron Manufacture of Tc99m Pertechnetate. Following a question and answer session, it was agreed that VA would distribute slides with the minutes.

**ACTION:** VA

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

12.1 Group Membership – All members coming to the end of their term expressed their willingness to continue.

12.2 DJ sought the group views on nuclear medicine operators giving isotope injections. It was felt that as long as they are authorised by ARSAC and meets the criteria it should be acceptable.

12.3 Dates of future meetings were agreed as;

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018