

## NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVISORY GROUP (NMAG) WORK PLAN 2014

### CONTEXT:

The document *Nuclear Medicine Practice (College of Radiographers, 2005)* identified the application of existing and future SoR policies within the context of nuclear medicine. The document highlighted the main policy areas of importance for nuclear medicine services and practitioners – education requirements, registration, professional conduct and role development

*Nuclear Medicine Practice* articulated clearly the Society's view of the roles of radiographers and clinical technologists:

*'The professional body... has for several years acknowledged the contribution... made by radiographers and clinical technologists. Both hold equal status and are entitled to the same benefits of membership... as each has the same level of skills and knowledge.'*

### RATIONALE:

NMAG will be fundamental in promoting the role of SCoR as the appropriate professional body and trade union for practitioners in nuclear medicine and will support the work of the organisation within the context of nuclear medicine.

### NMAG OBJECTIVES:

To promote SCoR's policies, strategies and publications within the context of nuclear medicine to the benefit of services, practitioners and patients.

To promote membership of SCoR by nuclear medicine practitioners.

To provide information and advice to support SCoR policy and strategy development.

Act as a consulting and advisory body without executive powers. Members of the NMAG shall have a responsibility to act as a source of expertise and leadership for those striving to extend their scope of practice into nuclear medicine.

To advise the Council on issues of nuclear medicine and to recommend necessary strategic activities.

To develop professional guidelines for approval and publication by The Society and College of Radiographers, as appropriate.

Communicate the work of the NMAG to SCoR members, members of participating organisations, and other national bodies.

## TARGETS FOR 2014:

Produce a new Nuclear Medicine Practice Scope of Practice document.

Review the NMAG webpages and populate with news items and relevant documentation.

Review nuclear medicine curriculum across Europe.

Work on a NMAG study day for 2014/2015.

Contribute to and support nuclear medicine publications across the organisation, to include: Radiography, Synergy and relevant articles / information on the NMAG WebPages.

Provide members with current NMAG support and advice via the NMAG WebPages and by answering members' enquiries.

Ensure representation of the profession on relevant nuclear medicine and AHP panels and on consultations and guidelines (i.e. HTA, NICE,.) thereby contributing to national agendas.

## 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

Approximate costs for the work of the group are:

12 members x 2 meetings a year	£4000
Additional work/small group meetings	£1000
Supporting member attendance at events	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,500</b>

In addition funding may be required to produce promotional materials and publications.

## BENEFITS:

Increasing the profile and contribution of the Society in nuclear medicine

*Chair: Mrs Zena Mitton; Officer: Dr Rachel Harris*

Ensuring that nuclear medicine services and practitioners engage with and benefit from the career progression framework (formerly known as the four-tier structure)

Ensuring that services and practitioners in hybrid imaging benefit from the Society's expertise in clinical and education matters.

Increasing clinical technologist membership of SoR