



**MINUTES OF THE NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVISORY GROUP (NMAG) HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2016, AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF
RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

PRESENT:

- Tristan Barnden {TB}
- Penny Delf {PD}
- David Jones {DJ}
- Simon King {SK}
- Angela Meadows {AM}
- Mark McDade {MMD}
- Joanne Weekes {JW}
- David Williams {DW}

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}
- Sue Johnson {SJ}

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introduction were made, but especially for the benefit to new members, Tristan Barnden and Joanne Weekes. An overview of the group and the group's remit were also given.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Sai Han, Steve Herring, Chris Kalinka, Jim Reid and John Thompson.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2016, were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Consultant practitioner NMAG member

Sally Farrell, the nuclear medicine consultant retired from the group earlier this year and VA was tasked with finding another from the Society's Consultant network, but unfortunately there are no others with nuclear medicine as their speciality.

4.2 Radio pharmacy speaker (4.2)

To note that DJ contacted quite a few contacts but was unable to secure anyone to speak on radiopharmacy. This is very disappointing but if anyone knows of a willing participant they should please let DJ know.

4.3 CT Competency/MR competency docs

SJ updated the group. The interim CT statement document is already written. The MR Officer (Alexandra Lipton) will be involved in developing this work. To note that a new Professional officer will soon be starting at SCoR who has CT expertise and will be very useful. The group then went onto discuss the national occupational standards documentation which is quite specific on running CT. <http://www.ukstandards.org.uk/PublishedNos/SFHCID.pdf#search=CT>

It was agreed that VA would send SK's document using CT competencies to JW.

ACTION: VA

To note that there are various CT courses running. NMAG members need to supply links so they can be uploaded to the WebPages.

ACTION: ALL

4.4 Document dissemination

SJ updated the group.

Following discussion it was noted that it may be desirable to have some documents in hard copy format, although this isn't organisational policy. The idea of credit size guidance cards was also mentioned. This item is now closed although when new documents are developed a communication plan will be developed.

4.5 Error reporting

SJ updated the group.

SCoR continues work on reporting errors in clinical imaging. There is no funding mechanism at present to take this work forward to implementation. IPEM, RCR and SCoR lead the work with support from CQC IR (ME) R inspectors and PHE IR (ME) R advisor.

Error Coding Framework 4D 'Operators' should include the term 'Clinical Scientist'. VA to feed this back to MM.

ACTION: VA

5. SCOPE OF PRACTICE REPORT FROM UWE

- 5.1 SK updated the group informing them that he has been working with SJ and Rachel Harris {RH} in regard to this report, which will be published soon. A survey to look at the workforce was also done and a few recommendations have been suggested. There was a query around the recruitment of foreign technologist by JW wanting to know how others do this. Discussion followed. SJ is going to meet with AL (who is leading on a piece of work on recruitment) to discuss the international recruitment guidance. She will also be contacting Andy Mossy (IPEM) for further information.

ACTION: SJ

6. ERRORS REPORTING UPDATE

- 6.1 This item was discussed under 4.5.

7. UPDATE/REPORT from SCoR OFFICER (NEWS)

SJ updated.

7.1 Staff update

To note that two new professional officers will be joining the Professional and Education team later this year, one of whom has Computed Tomography experience. A members' survey will be ready to send out by next spring. There are also changes to the regional officers' team.

7.2 HCPC Consultations

To note that the HCPC proposed standards on education and training are out for consultation. It is important that nuclear medicine voice is heard, so the group was encouraged to have a read and give feedback to SJ. Deadline is 25th November 2016. Links to information provided in meeting agenda.

ACTION: ALL

7.3 Independent Prescribing for diagnostic radiographers' update

To note that the AHP Lead, Susan Rastrick and NHS England is very keen, and in favour of independent prescribing for diagnostic radiographers going forward. There is a meeting scheduled for early January 2017 to restate our case to the Commission for Human Medicines. SJ will be in attendance. It was noted that there is lots of ongoing work with tight timescales; and further noted that the Paramedics is having their case heard in December. SJ agreed to share case studies with the group.

ACTION: SJ

8. ToR/GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTIONS

8.1 DJ gave an update.

There were changes to the Terms of Reference and the group was reminded that the ToRs were a standard set similar to other advisory groups. The work plan for next year was also discussed and it was agreed that SJ and DJ will devise a table and upload to Synapse for the group to work on.

8.2 Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair were called for. Group members were in agreement for DJ to continue as Chair. PD was elected as Vice Chair and this was also agreed.

9. BSSD TRANSPOSITION

9.1 DJ gave an update.

DJ spoke on a presentation (Proposals on Licensing to Administer Radioactive Substances to Humans) given at the Department of Health by Nasreen Parkar setting out changes to BSSD in 2018; around the split licence or single licence approach. These changes are in relation to the new IR (MER) 2018. This was part of a consultation discussed with interested parties. DJ went through the document explaining various changes. It was noted that ARSAC is a stakeholder. It appeared that the split licensing system is a much better option.

9.2 Maria Murray (Professional Officer for Scotland and UK Radiation Protection Lead) leads on the SCoR response to BSSD. The next meeting will be in two weeks time in which MM will be attending. Please supply MM with specific questions to take to the meeting. MM will feedback to SJ who will keep group updated.

ACTION: MM & SJ

10. TRIPARTITE MEETING FEEDBACK

10.1 MMD gave an update from the meeting he recently attended.

11. INFORMATION ON APPRENTICESHIPS

11.1 SK gave an update on the future directions for technologist training in nuclear medicine and updated the group on apprenticeships. There was a discussion around this issue. It was agreed that VA would upload SK's papers to Synapse for the group to view and also distribute it to the Professional officer.

ACTION: VA

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

12.1 There was no other business.

12.2 Dates of future meetings were agreed as:

- Wednesday 8th March 2017
- Tuesday 7th November 2017
- Wednesday 7th March 2018
- Wednesday 7th November 2018