

## **Terms of Reference for the Scottish CT Special Interest Group (CTS SIG)**

The purpose of the Scottish CT Special Interest Group (CTS SIG) is to support radiographers to lead and develop CT services within Scottish diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy departments.

The growing demand for CT<sup>1</sup> within the UK and the complexities associated with new techniques and hybrid imaging has led to an increased need for CT specialist radiographers, advanced and consultant practitioners with expert skills across a range of higher-level practice roles. CT services are geographically diverse and work within many different care pathways but the underlying challenges to service provision are common.

The Scottish CT SIG forum aims to:

- Elect a chairperson on a 2 year basis
- Elect vice chairperson (or shared role) to act in the absence of the chair and under the same terms of office
- Elect a support to the chair in the organisation of meetings and distribution of agendas/minutes (may be on a rolling programme)
- Provide peer support to CT service leads and advanced practitioners
- Facilitate the sharing of clinical expertise to ensure safe, effective and high quality care for patients
- Support CT service managers to provide a culture of education, career progression and role development
- Adhere to best practice guidelines and contribute to research and the development of evidence-based practice in CT
- Drive the delivery of recognised standards in CT services including but not limited to those produced by HCPC; SCoR; ISAS; NICE; RCR.
- Provide a representative from the group to attend the Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN) steering groups
- Actively promote expert CT practice in Scotland through the creation of study days, attendance at Scottish council, conferences, proffered papers and peer reviewed articles
- Contribute to the education of student radiographers and prepare them for working in CT
- Share terms of reference and meeting minutes on the CT SIG pages of the SCoR website
- Support the specific requirements of remote working and cross site reporting by the use of remote conference facilities at meetings
- Consider rolling locations to support inclusive attendance at meetings

### **Membership and meetings**

Membership and meetings are open to all UK CT radiographers, advanced and consultant practitioners involved in the provision of CT services within the NHS/NSS and across the independent sector.

Education providers and guest speakers may be invited to attend meetings.

The group will meet twice a year face to face meetings.

An officer representing the Society and College of Radiographers will provide guidance for use of the SCoR website and may be invited to attend meetings, providing advice and updates.

The criteria for membership of the group will be reviewed annually.

Membership of this group will be free.

The group will be self-funding. Individual members will be expected to cover their own expenses and to contribute as appropriate to group projects.

The special interest group, in recognition of the importance of close collaboration, will keep the Scottish and UK Council of the Society of Radiographers, the Board of Trustees of the College of Radiographers and SCIN informed of their activities.

The forum will keep notes of meetings, which will be shared with group members via the CT SIG page on the website <https://www.sor.org/practice/cross-sectional-imaging/ct-special-interest-groups>

## **References**

- 1. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/diagnostic-imaging-dataset/diagnostic-imaging-dataset-2018-19-data/>**