Assistant Practitioner APRONS Update

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Welcome

- We are hosting this meeting to provide you all with:
 - Feedback from the May AP Event
 - Update on Work based modules
 - Update on the group and future meetings
 - Information on Society of Radiographers Special interest group page

This group is here to support you all, so we want to know what you would like to see from the group moving forward and what topics you would like to see discussed at future upcoming events.

May AP Event Feedback:

- AP's felt the event was successful in bringing all AP's in Scotland together, to learn about how the AP role is developing, to share examples of good practice and learn from one another's experiences.
- The input from the speakers was excellent and very informative, lots to digest and take onboard.
- The event gave a great insight into what is going on across Scotland and what is planned for the future.
- Mammography AP's felt the event was geared more to general AP's & would like to see Scope of practice for mammography.
- Excellent event with varied topics & speakers.
- Overall an interesting talk highlighting the importance of the A.P. in AHP. Would
 of liked more time to share our own personal experiences.
- I loved the structure of the workshop liked the activities / sticky board. There
 were plenty of speakers with the right amount of time to keep the day moving
 on.

Project Update

- NES currently waiting to hear back from Scottish Government on whether they will receive more funding to support more EOI's in developing the AP role.
- Receiving funding will also impact on whether we are able to organise an AP face to face event next May.
- All managers should now have access to the SCIN AP generic SOP Pack & should also soon be available on the SCIN webpage. Pack includes:
 - Risk Assessment
 - Updated Job description
 - Individual Scope of Practice
 - Flowchart (implementing changes to SOP)

SCIN Network Imaging Manager Update

Anne-Marie Ross August 2023

- Assistant Practitioners Documents for SCIN web page:
 - ❖ AP Scope of Practice and Job Description template = at Q pulse
 - Work based education packages for
 - Antero-posterior CXR = at Q pulse
 - Image Appraisal for clinic patients
 - DEXA
 - Undertaking flouro exams in National Treatment Centres
- ❖SCIN Education Event all Radiology staff 5th October 2023
- Thanks to all for engagement, positivity and support over the last 3 years.

APRONS

- Proposed Meetings:
 - October/November 2023: Teams Workshop. Date/Time TBC
 - Jan/Feb 2024: Teams Workshop. Date/Time TBC
 - May 2024: AP Event (Hopefully in-person: Funding dependant)
 - August 2024: APRONS meeting
- Function & Purpose:
 - Any topics you would like to see covered at workshops?
 - What would you like to see from the group moving forward?
- Could current AP's please promote group to newly qualified AP's in their departments/region.
 - Newly qualified AP's can send their email addresses to Jacqui & mobile number to chair for WhatsApp group.
 - Jacqueline.porter@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
 - Stephanie.begg@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

APRONS: SoR Special Interest Group Page

- Society of Radiographers Webpage:
 - Had submitted proposal form to the society about creating an AP Special interest Group webpage.
 - Proposal has now been approved and I'm now in the process of setting up AP Special Interest group page.
- Group is open to ALL AP's, you do not have to be a member of SoR to access the page.
- If did want to join SoR, AP Membership is as follows:
 - Membership is £90 annually or £7.50 a month.

▶ IMPORTANT! SIG Code of Conduct:

- Expectation that all members conduct themselves in line with SoR code of professional conduct and the HCPC standards code of conduct, performance and ethics.
- Conduct must align with the over arching views, activities and strategies of the SoR and CoR.

Any Further Business

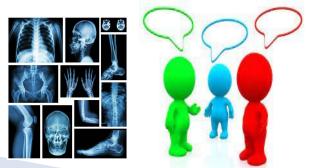
- Would any AP's be interested in creating an APRONS poster to be displayed in departments to promote the group?
- Have AP's from different boards take turns to discuss interesting cases or topics at the end of each meeting?
- Any further business or Questions?



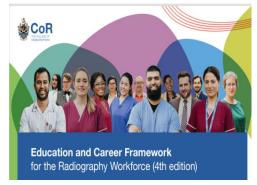


Reflect on your participation in today's meeting

- What have you heard that is new information?
- How can you use this information in practice?
- Who will you share this information with?



Tools to support your learning



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Your Objectives

Your personal development plan

How are you going to achieve these?