

Minutes: Ultrasound Special Interest Group
Wednesday August 25th 2021 (via Teams)

Present: Morag Stout (GGC), Elaine Gardiner (GCal), Heather Scott (Orkney), Jessie Russell (SRTP), Kate Henderson (NSS), Gill Rooney (Fife), Kathryn Williamson (SCOR), Margaret Taylor (Tayside), John Bayliss (Grampian),
Apologies : Kim Cashmore(Lanarkshire), Maria Murray(SCOR), Lucy Wilson (Shetland), Claire Telfer (GJNH), Karen Thomson (NHS A&A) ,Lorna Brady (SRTP), Linda Hanley (D and G).

Topic	Challenge	Discussion	Responsibility	Completion Date
SRTP Update		MS outlined work ongoing around national data. Gap analysis shows some boards struggling with capacity pre COVID. Around 14% national vacancies. Further 13% imminent retirements Only 9.5 trainees. Many are trying to secure funding. Boards report difficulties getting locums More equipment required. No 7 day working. Discussion around 7 day working. Concluded that we need to train significant numbers or this will have a serious impact on 9-5 Mon – Fri service.	AMS	Ongoing
Probe Decontamination		KH and MT discussed issues with short probe lives as a result of use of Trophon. Possibly more of an issue with particular companies. Advised to use IREC as a method of reporting any particular equipment issues. MS suggested that equipment be a recurring item on SIG agenda.	KH / all	

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International recruitment		GR discussed IR at Yeovil. KW stated the SCOR had information on this. To ne circulated.	GR/ KW	
National JD		8A – partly edited. MS has put on Teams channel but access issues. To be discussed at next meeting.	MS	
Educational update		Not discussed as EG had to leave meeting.		
AOCB		No AOCB	All	

Date of next meeting – MS Teams – Wed Nov 3rd 1230 pm.