

# Radiotherapy Board

## Summary Report 1: October 2022

### About the Radiotherapy Board

The Radiotherapy Board is a partnership between the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM), the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) and The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR). It also has representation from across the four UK nations and from other stakeholder organisations involved in radiotherapy services. Its aim is to provide guidance, oversight and support for the continuing development of high-quality radiotherapy services for patients with cancer in the UK.

The Board's priorities are:

- *Workforce* – advising stakeholders and policy-makers about future workforce requirements, to ensure a trained, skilled and flexible, multi-disciplinary radiotherapy workforce
- *Guidance* – providing professional guidance to underpin the highest professional standards of radiotherapy service delivery
- *Equipment* – promoting the need for sufficient radiotherapy equipment to meet increasing patient demand and provide a high-quality service.

The Radiotherapy Board meets three times a year. It is chaired by each of the three professional bodies on rotation annually. The secretariat is provided by the RCR but supported equally by IPEM, SCoR and the RCR.

### The work of the Radiotherapy Board

The Radiotherapy Board takes a wide perspective on the delivery of radiotherapy in the UK, considering aspects such as the commissioning of services, pressures on service delivery, the radiotherapy workforce, the development of new treatments and techniques, radiotherapy research, patient safety and the regulatory framework provided by the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulation (IR(ME)R)).

Recent issues on its agenda have included the use of Artificial Intelligence in radiotherapy, the environmental impact of radiotherapy services, the development of a multi-professional national training programme for Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy, the ESTRO economic model for measuring the cost of radiotherapy and the recording of radiotherapy competences for IR(ME)R purposes.

As noted above, workforce is one of the Radiotherapy Board's key priorities. In early November 2022 it will be hosting an event for Operational Delivery Networks and the devolved nations to discuss approaches for addressing the key workforce challenges across all radiotherapy disciplines and how to deliver expansion of the UK radiotherapy workforce over the next ten years.

The Radiotherapy Board also issues professional guidance to support radiotherapy teams locally. Its most recent publication – [On Target 2: updated guidance for image-guided radiotherapy](#) - was well-received. The Board is currently working on an update to its 2015 guidance on managing patients receiving radiotherapy with a cardiac implanted electronic device (IED). This new edition is due out later this year and will be followed by a companion document examining the management of patients with non-cardiac IEDs.

### Find out more about the Radiotherapy Board

You can find out more about the work of the Radiotherapy Board - including its full terms of reference, membership, the Minutes of each meeting and its published guidance, statements and consultation responses – on [this set of web pages](#) (hosted by the RCR).

Please get in touch if you have any queries about the work of the Radiotherapy Board or if there are any issues that you feel the Board could assist with: [RadiotherapyBoard@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:RadiotherapyBoard@rcr.ac.uk).