

Radiotherapy Board

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The [Radiotherapy Board](#) - 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) – provides guidance, oversight and support for the continuing development of high-quality radiotherapy services for patients with cancer in the UK.

The work of the Radiotherapy Board

Since publication of its second Summary Report in April 2023 the Radiotherapy Board has:

- prepared a [workforce strategy template](#) to support Operational Delivery Networks and devolved nations in developing their own radiotherapy workforce strategies. A [summary of useful resources](#) for workforce planning is also available. Development of these items followed a successful and positive one-day meeting in February 2023 to discuss and address the key workforce challenges across all radiotherapy disciplines.
- responded to the national consultation on a proposed [Non-Surgical Oncology Advanced Practice Curriculum Framework](#). The Radiotherapy Board welcomed and commended the new Framework, noting the urgent need for the whole radiotherapy workforce to adapt and evolve in order to better support the ongoing delivery of safe, high-quality radiotherapy services for cancer patients in the UK.
- Published [new guidance](#) on the **training records needed by clinical oncologists** to support their roles as operators and practitioners under the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations. The Appendix to this guidance (available as a Word document) contains an example of a clinical oncologist training record which can be downloaded and adapted to reflect local practice.
- continued its review of the 2015 **guidance on managing patients receiving radiotherapy with a cardiac implanted electronic device**. A new edition is due to be published before the end of 2023.
- Issued a [position statement](#) confirming its support for many of the recommendations included in Cancer Research UK's policy position paper on ***The future of radiotherapy services in England***, published in May 2023. The Radiotherapy Board urged that action against those recommendations was needed across the whole of the UK, not just in England.
- continued to address the issue of environmental sustainability through its new **Working Group on Sustainability in Radiotherapy**. This Group is looking at how best to support and encourage radiotherapy teams to learn about and adopt more environmentally-friendly ways of working.

Find out more about the Radiotherapy Board

You can find out more about the work of the Radiotherapy Board on [this set of web pages](#) (hosted by the RCR). Please get in touch if you have any queries about its work or if there are any issues that you feel the Board could assist with: RadiotherapyBoard@rcr.ac.uk.