

# Radiotherapy Board

## Summary Report 2: April 2023

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 first Summary Report in October 2022 the Radiotherapy Board has:

- Hosted a one-day meeting on 6 February 2023 for Operational Delivery Networks (ODNs) and the devolved nations to discuss and address the **key workforce challenges** across all radiotherapy disciplines. The aims of this event were to enable sharing of knowledge, ideas and best practice, and to give practical support to the ODNs and devolved nations in developing their workforce strategies. Drawing on the discussions held, the Radiotherapy Board will be providing ODNs and devolved nations with guidance on how to prepare a workforce strategy and articulate the workforce requirements in radiotherapy. A [summary of useful resources](#) for workforce planning is also available.
- Established a new multi-disciplinary **Working Group on Sustainability in Radiotherapy** to raise the profile of environmental sustainability in radiotherapy and look at ways of supporting and encouraging radiotherapy teams to adopt more environmentally-friendly ways of working. Following recruitment of members, the Group will commence work in late April/early May 2023.
- Continued to engage in discussions about **the future use of Artificial Intelligence in radiotherapy**. Much work is under way in this field and the Radiotherapy Board has emphasised the need for a joined-up approach with multi-professional input.
- Developed guidance for **how clinical oncologists should record radiotherapy competences** for IR(ME)R as part of their training records. This is in the final stages of production and will be available via the Radiotherapy Board [publications page](#) in due course. It is hoped this guidance will help clinical oncologists and their centres to ensure the recording and maintenance of appropriate practitioner training records.
- Continued its review of the 2015 **guidance on managing patients receiving radiotherapy with a cardiac implanted electronic device** (IED). A new edition is almost complete and should be published by late summer/early autumn 2023.
- Reviewed the results from the economic model developed by the ESTRO Health Economics in Radiation Oncology project **to estimate the national cost of radiotherapy**. The results indicate the relative cost-effectiveness of radiotherapy in England compared with other forms of cancer treatment and highlight key policy implications relating to equipment costs, purchasing arrangements and the radiotherapy workforce. The report is being finalised with a view to publication in summer 2023.

### 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](mailto:RadiotherapyBoard@rcr.ac.uk).