

RESONATE

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A Message from the Chair, Tim Cooper

We were delighted that so many of our Network colleagues could join us in Solihull for the inaugural Network Conference on May 16th, especially against a backdrop of workforce challenges. It was fantastic to hear the buzz in the room from delegates and to witness the advantage of colleagues getting together and discussing shared learning, enjoying and benefiting from being away from the coalface to refresh and renew. It truly embodied our '**Creating Excellence Together**' ethos.

This special edition of '**Resonate**' provides a snapshot of the day with highlights from keynote addresses and workshops. There are also videos of the day available from the website along with speaker presentations.

I would like to thank all my colleagues who helped run the day, give presentations, and helped to facilitate.

There were a number of key topics running throughout the day included QSI, research and workforce. The themes throughout the day certainly gave us all food for thought. We were delighted at the interaction throughout the workshops and the opportunity for networking the event provided.



Members of the Network Team also attended the UK10 Conference in Liverpool in early June. A fantastic turnout at this popular conference, topics included the use of AI in imaging services and workforce, it was also a great opportunity for networking, understanding hot industry topics and getting involved in interactive sessions and workshops.

As we move into the Summer you will get to meet the Network Core Team who will be working and visiting Network members.

Tim Cooper
Chair
West Midlands Imaging Network

The afternoon agenda kicked off with Kim Robertson, NHSE Head of Imaging Transformation. The main component of her work is in support of the National Imaging Strategy and the ongoing development of Imaging Networks across England.

Kim highlighted that demand continues to rise against a backdrop of chronic staff vacancy rates. The cost of imaging services is rising annually, and the cost of outsourcing doubled in 2021/22.

Kim also highlighted the importance of the National Imaging Data Collection and how it can inform decision making.

We were also delighted to hear from Holly Warriner (QSI Programme Manager) and Sally Walker (QI partner, RCR), who discussed the necessities of QSI. Both Holly and Sally also led a very informative breakout session.

Steve Halliday, Network Digital Transformation Director & Dr Marius Grima, (Consultant Radiologist, UHNM and Chair of Digital SIG) talked through the vision for the digital solution for the Network.

This is one of the biggest programmes of work to be undertaken by the network in the coming months and we look forward to working with you all on it.



Kim Robertson, NHSE Head of Imaging Transformation



**Steve Halliday
Digital Transformation Director**



Sarah Prescott, Lead MRI Scientist and member of both the Workforce and Medical Physics SIG

Sarah Prescott (Lead MRI Scientist, and member of both the Workforce and Medical Physics SIG) and Dr Ingrid Britton (Imaging Academy Director and Consultant Radiologist, UHNM) also took to the stage to discuss the benefits of collaboration.

Sarah outlined the importance that medical physics plays within the network whilst, Ingrid described the role of the Imaging Academy across the Midlands region.



Dr Ingrid Britton, Imaging Academy Director and Consultant Radiologist UHNM

Finally, there was a presentation on the benefits of collaboration by Elaine Gilliland (System Lead for Diagnostics, Black Country ICB) and Nicole Dacosta (Transformation Manager, Coventry and Warwickshire ICB), with an important summary on Community Diagnostic Centres, which sparked some useful conversations

If you would like to download a copy of the presentations from the day please use this link.

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Nicole Dacosta, Transformation Manager, Coventry and Warwickshire ICB and Elaine Gilliland, System Lead for Diagnostics, Black Country ICB

Also, if you have not done so already can we ask you to complete this short post-event survey to ensure that we are able to gain insight into what you would like to hear about next time.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W858JT3>

This Year's UKIO Conference



This year's UKIO conference was held in Liverpool over three days, the 5th to the 7th of June.

It was an exciting conference with well over 300 delegates attending over the three days.

There were a great mix of clinical and process presentations. There were two main themes that ran through the conference this year.

Firstly, the use of AI in imaging services. There were many presentations on the benefits of introducing AI, both of workload management/process improvement and quality of reporting. Using AI in imaging covers a multitude of applications, and process. Some presentations referenced the speed of development of AI, and therefore had

some uncertainty out the future. Many of the manufacturer stands in the exhibition area were focused on showing some of these exciting possibilities. Accompanied by our networks digital strategy this gives us a great opportunity rephrase the way imaging is provided.

The second and perhaps relatable theme was workforce. The theme running through this was about both professional development and capacity. Workforce remains the biggest risk on the West Midlands Imaging Network risk register; and its clear other Trusts and Networks share those concerns. There were discussions about how we retain our best assets; there was a presentation on the Society and College of Radiographers work on RePAIR, which is work on retention in radiotherapy; however some of the themes are clearly transferable and

we will be working with our workforce SIG and the leads on the RePAIR programme to share that learning.

There was a key presentation on patient experience. Two senior healthcare professionals shared their experiences of becoming a patient on a cancer pathway. One patient told of his journey and how this life-changing experience has altered his approach to everything he now does. These were incredibly powerful, and I think the team reflected on how our individual interactions with patients and their carers could improve. It's often the small things people do that stay with patients the longest.

The opening address by Dr Partha Kar talked about the power of data to change attitudes and approach; and how clinicians don't always use that power to call out poor attitudes and approaches. We were

pleased to see our network colleagues Dr Richard Szabranski (pictured) who delivered a talk on digital technology and Sarah Prescott spoke on the issues surrounding MRI physics and radiation protection.

Overall this was an amazing three days packed with learning, discussion and reflection.



Annual Report

A copy of the 2022/23 Annual Report is now available. If you would like to be emailed a copy, please contact dgft.wmimagingnetwork@nhs.net

Please take some time to have a read-through and familiarise yourself with the work WMIN has been undertaking over the past year.

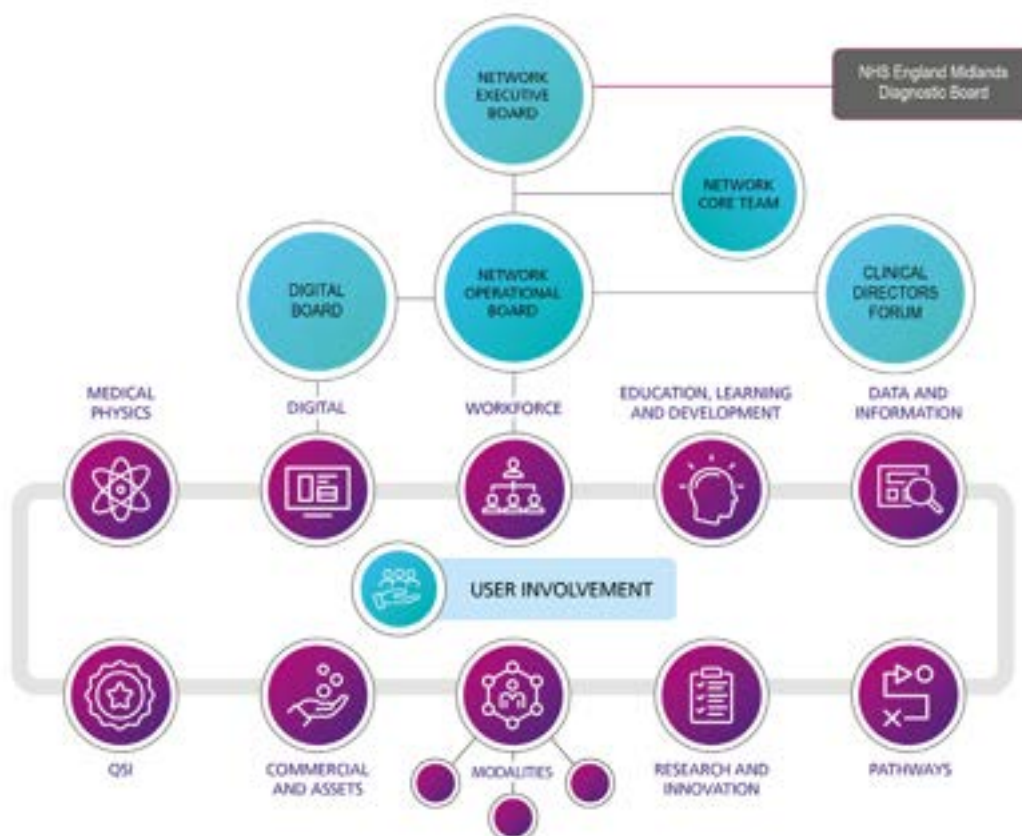


New Special Interest Groups Kicks Off a Busy July

July will be an exciting month for the Network. Three new groups have their Inaugural meetings. Dr Ben Pinkey from the Birmingham Women’s and Children’s hospital will chair the paediatric SIG’s first meeting. Holly Warriner, our QSI programme manager will bring together Quality Leads from the Network together to help share the QSI journey. The first Clinical Directors Forum will meet to discuss the direction of the Network and hear from Dr Martin McKechnie, who will share his experience in the benefits of a network Clinical Forum. The workforce SIG have

commenced work on the work plan and have formed sub-groups looking at specific priorities from the workforce strategy. Starting with projects on international recruitment, workforce data collection, supporting advanced practitioners and MRI radiographer training. We are looking forward to updating you all with our progress.

We hope further SIGs will begin later this year, so keep your eye out for our calls for members.



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