



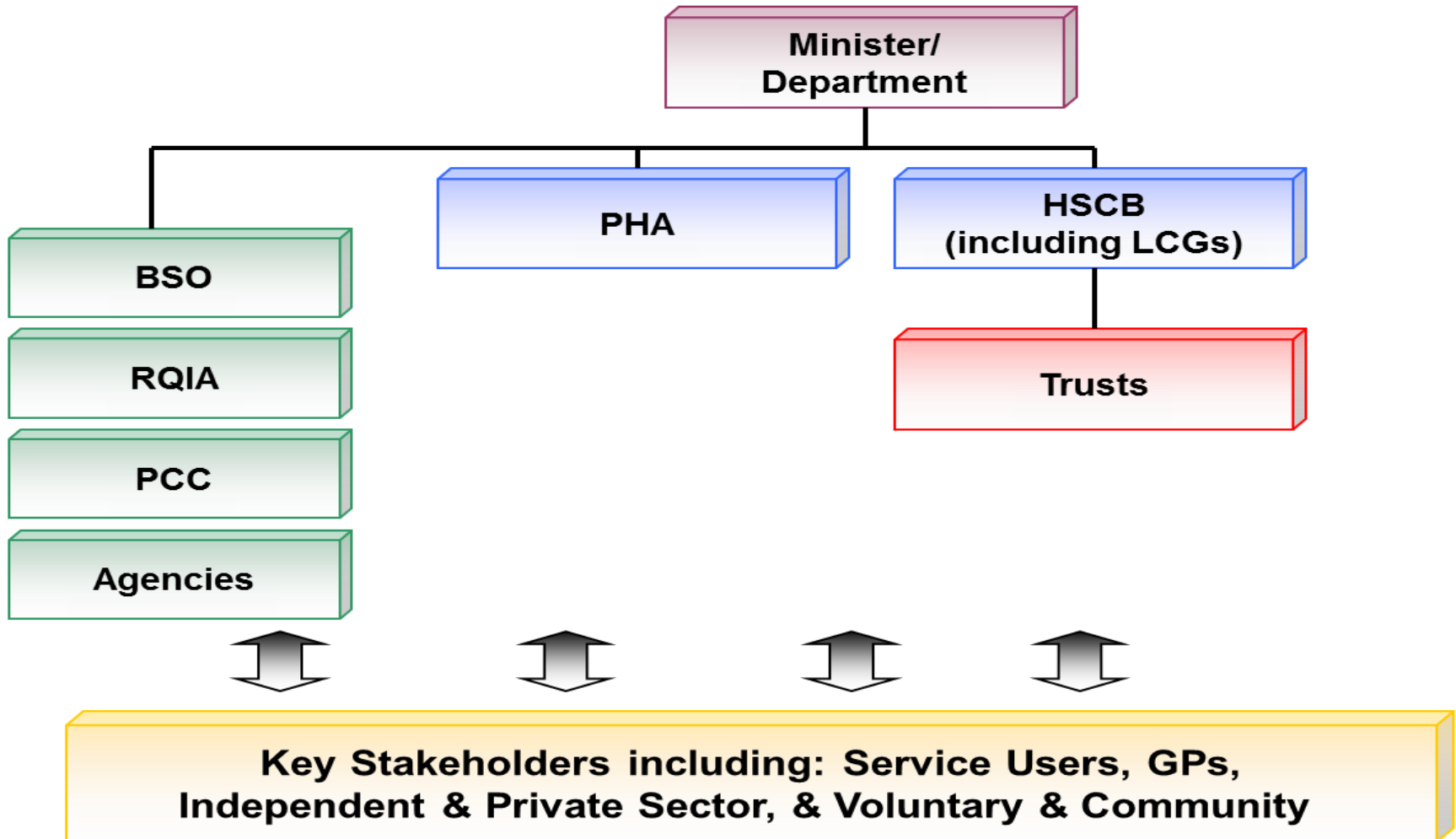
Review of Diagnostic Imaging Services In Northern Ireland

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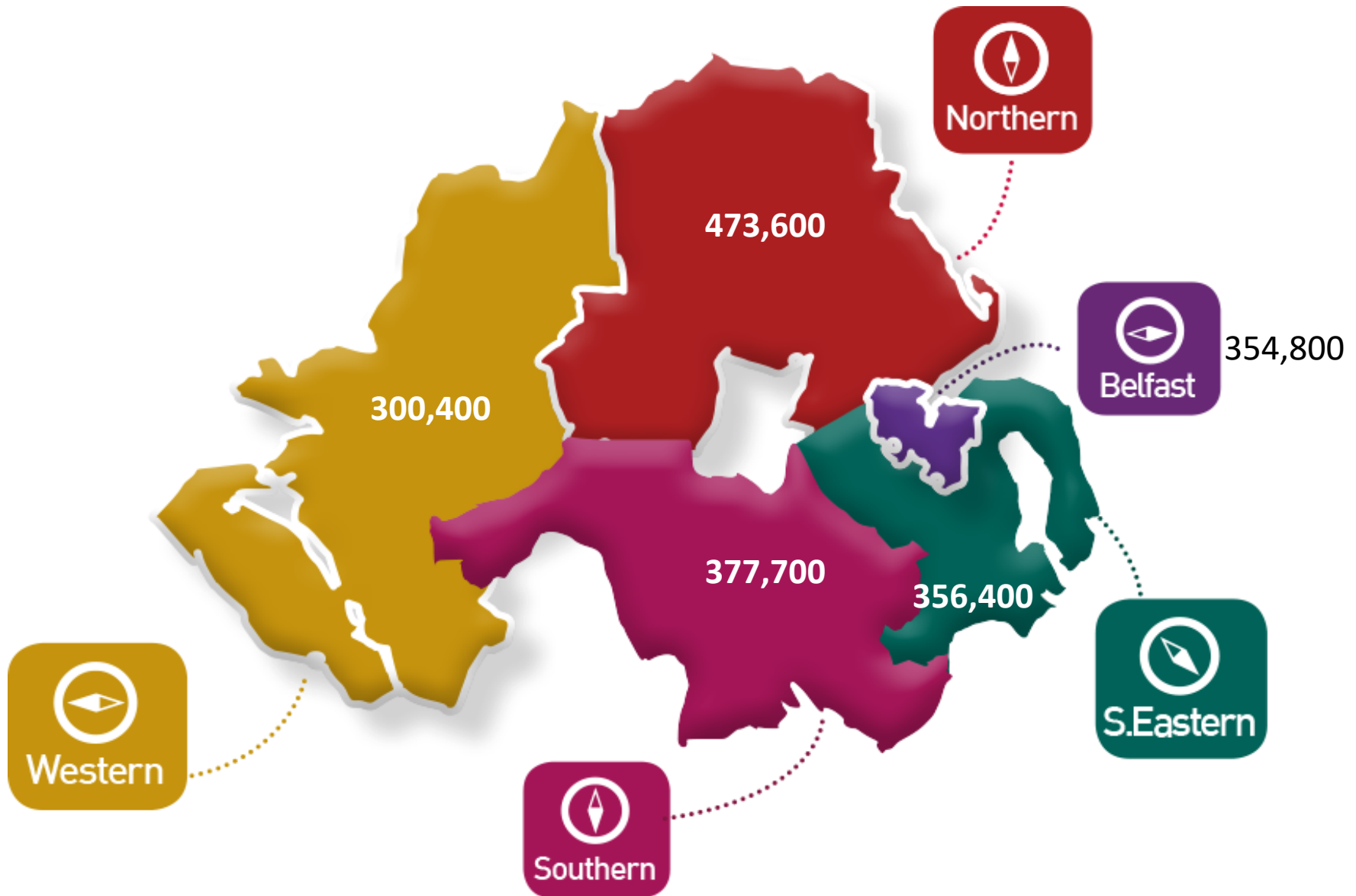
Programme Lead for Diagnostic Imaging

14th June 2018

Context – Organisational Structure



Context - NI population 1.82m



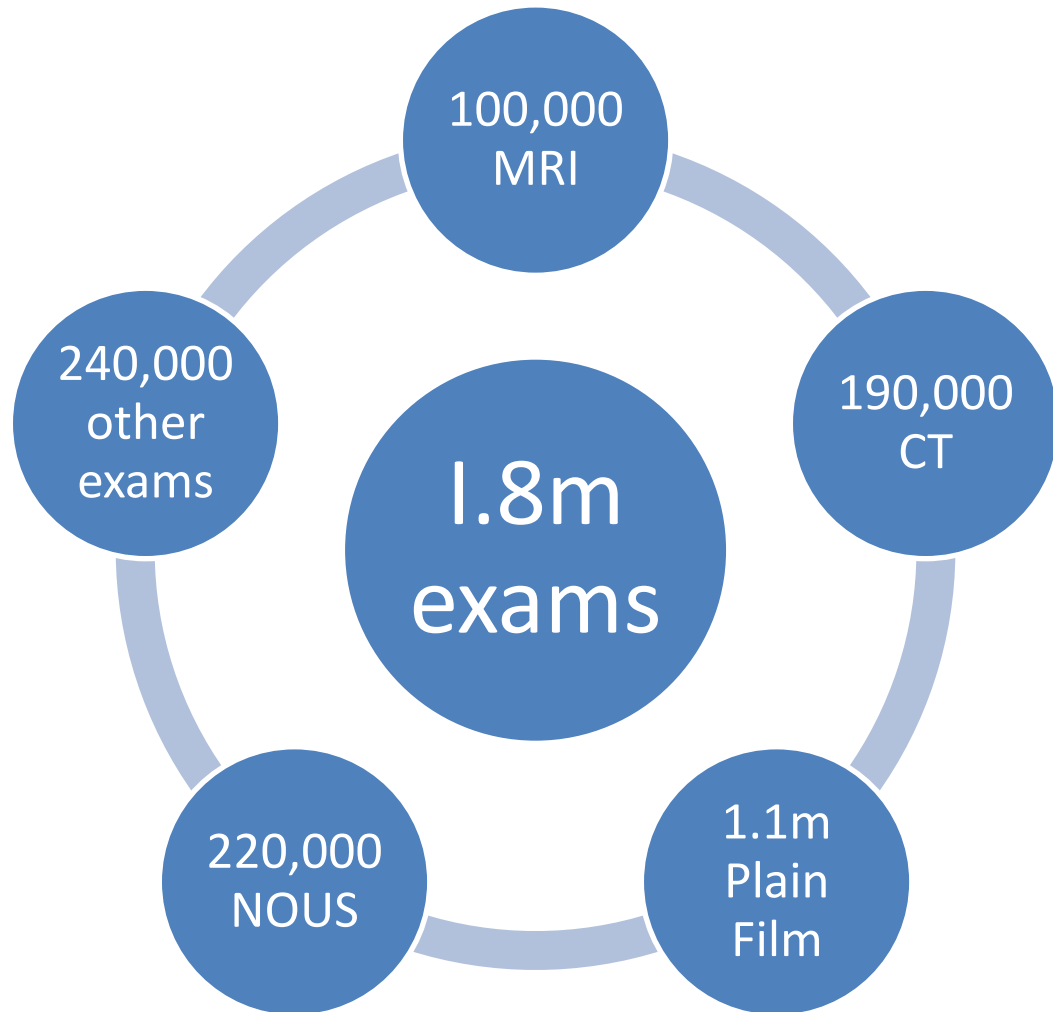
Context – NI Imaging 2017/18

Radiologists

Approx 135
Radiologists
40+ vacant posts
Pressures in
Breast, Paediatric,
IR

Radiographers

850 HC / 757 wte
24 reporting
radiographers
Key gaps in
specialist areas
e.g. MRI



Context – Imaging Equipment



- Planning for 2nd PET ongoing
- Trust's have responsibility for capital equipment
- No regional oversight / management of priorities
- Replacement not always timely
- Key consideration for Imaging Board

Context - Modernising Radiology Clinical Network

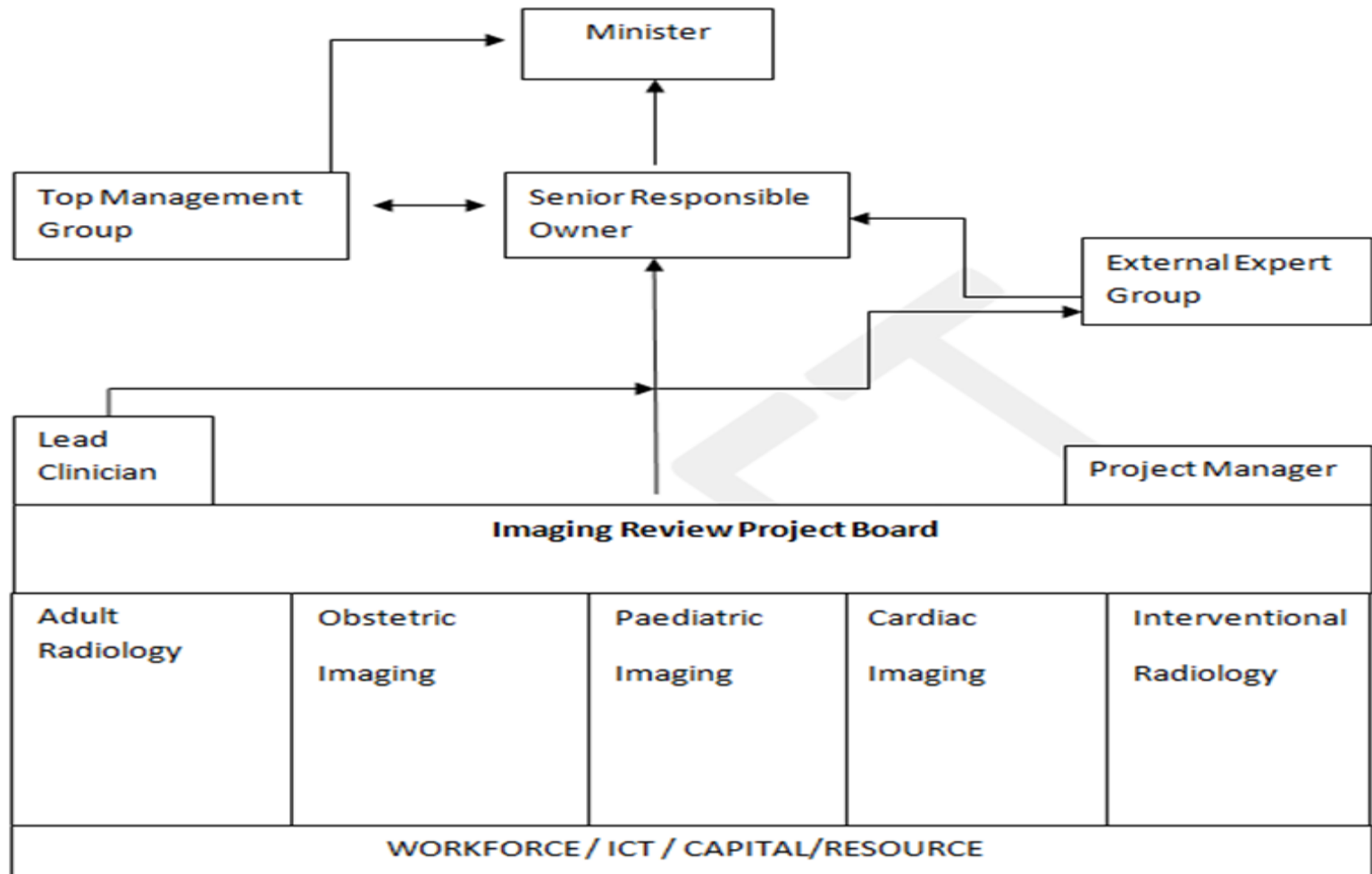


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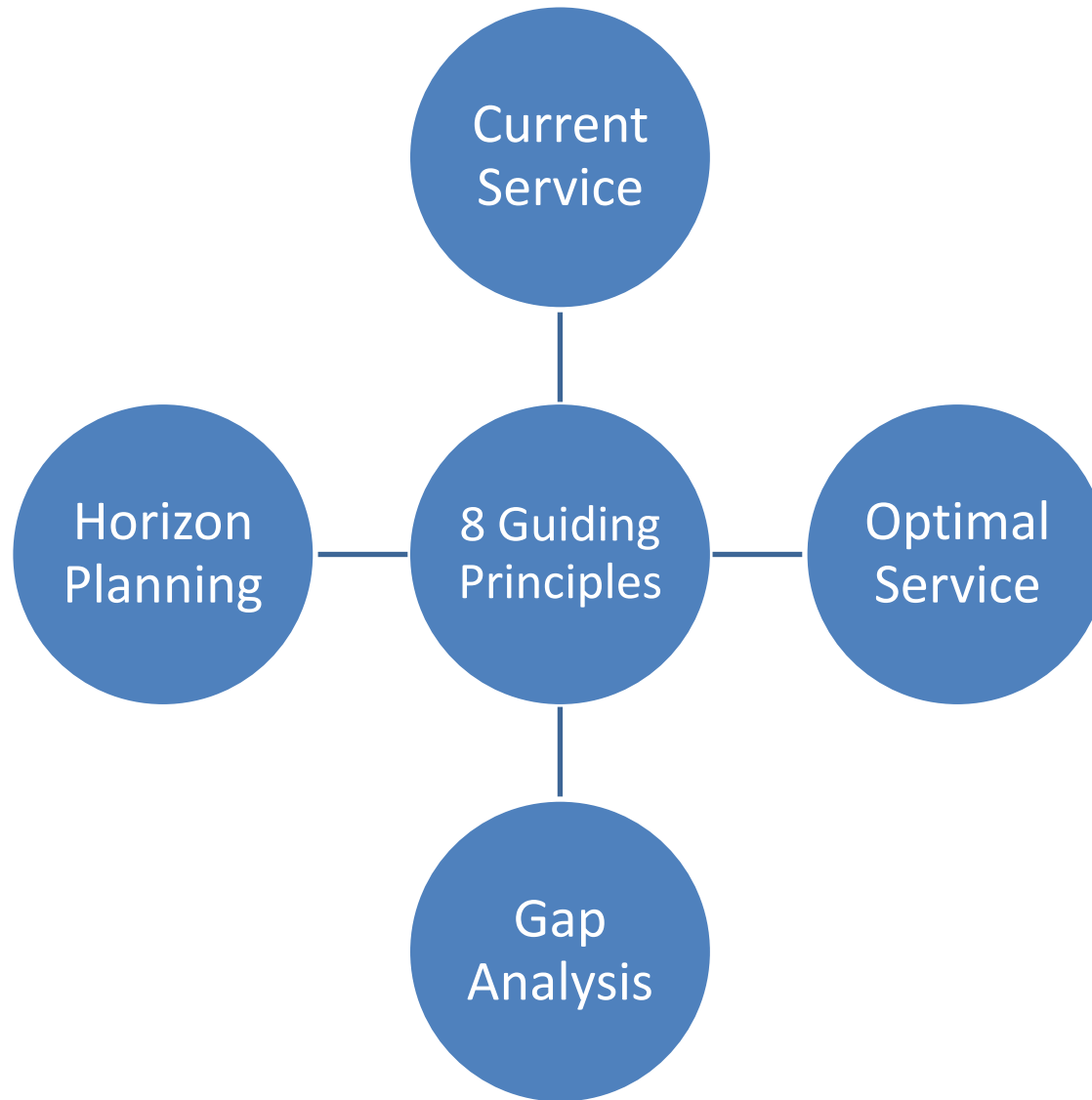
- 2011/12 RQIA investigation of unreported plain films
 - Establish radiology clinical network
 - Regional review of diagnostic imaging
- 2013
 - Modernising Radiology Clinical Network established
 - ToR for Imaging Review approved by Minister
- Feb 2014
 - Formal Project Board for Imaging Review established
- 2014 – 2015
 - Clinical Workstreams formed and reports prepared

Imaging Review Project Structure

Project Management Structure of the Imaging Review



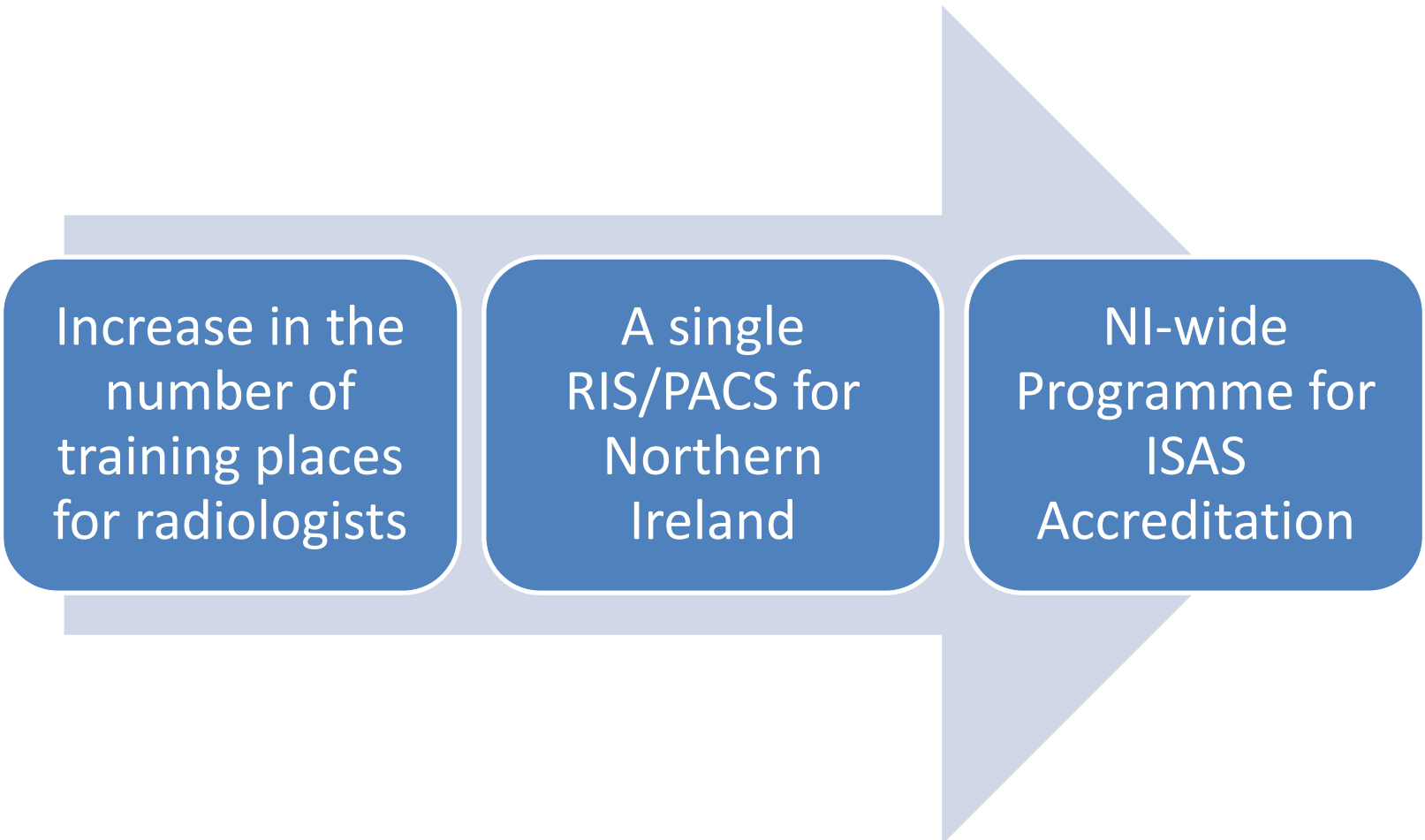
Imaging Review – Workstream Outputs



Review of Diagnostic Imaging in NI

- Feb 2016
 - First draft of Strategic Framework and Recommendations
- October 2016
 - Ministerial directive to plan for consultation in February 2017 in line with NI Strategy “Delivering Together”
- February 2017
 - Collapse of Stormont Assembly
- November 2017
 - Agreement from DoH to proceed to public consultation
 - <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-strategic-framework-imaging-services-health-and-social-care>
- June 2018
 - Final draft Strategic Framework and 19 Recommendations
 - Awaiting legal advice on publication in absence of Minister

Early Recommendations from Imaging Review



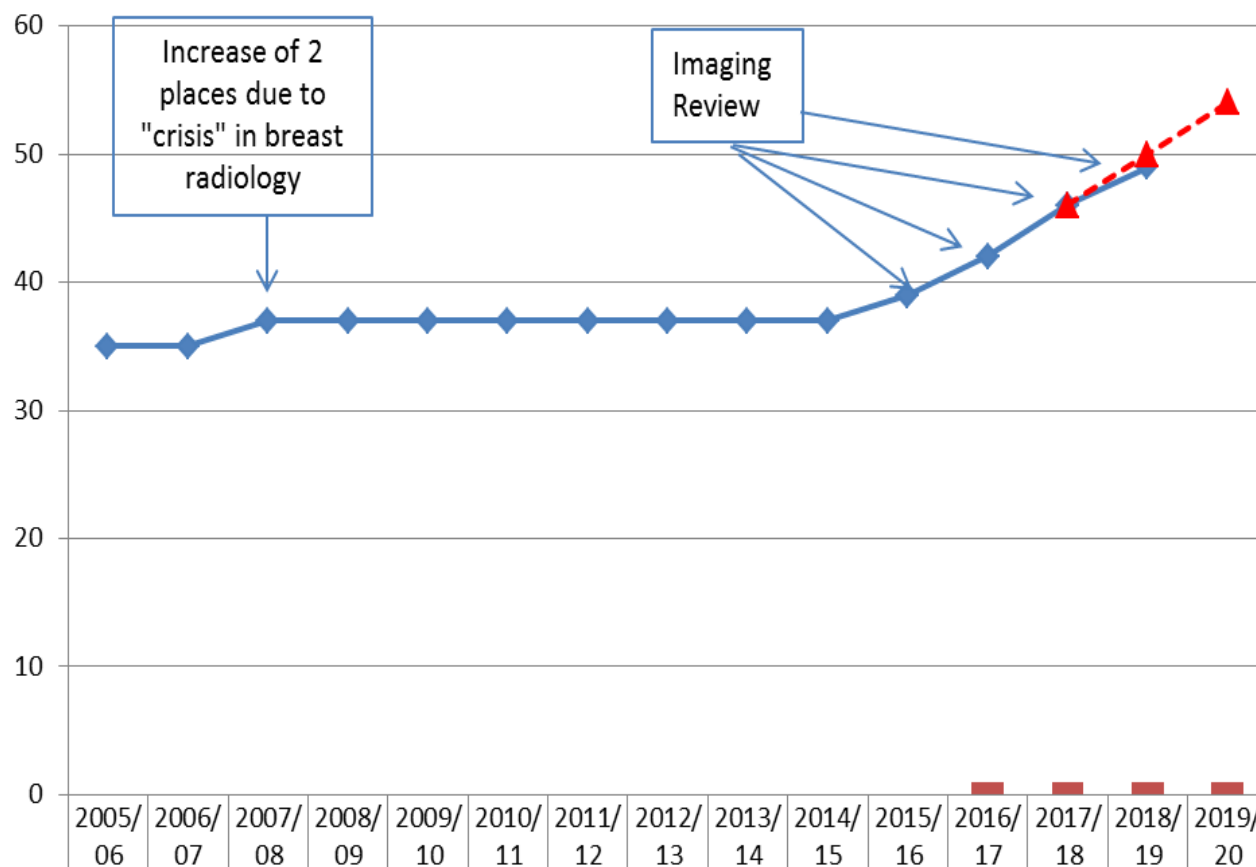
Increase in the number of training places for radiologists

A single RIS/PACS for Northern Ireland

NI-wide Programme for ISAS Accreditation

Early Recommendation – Training Places

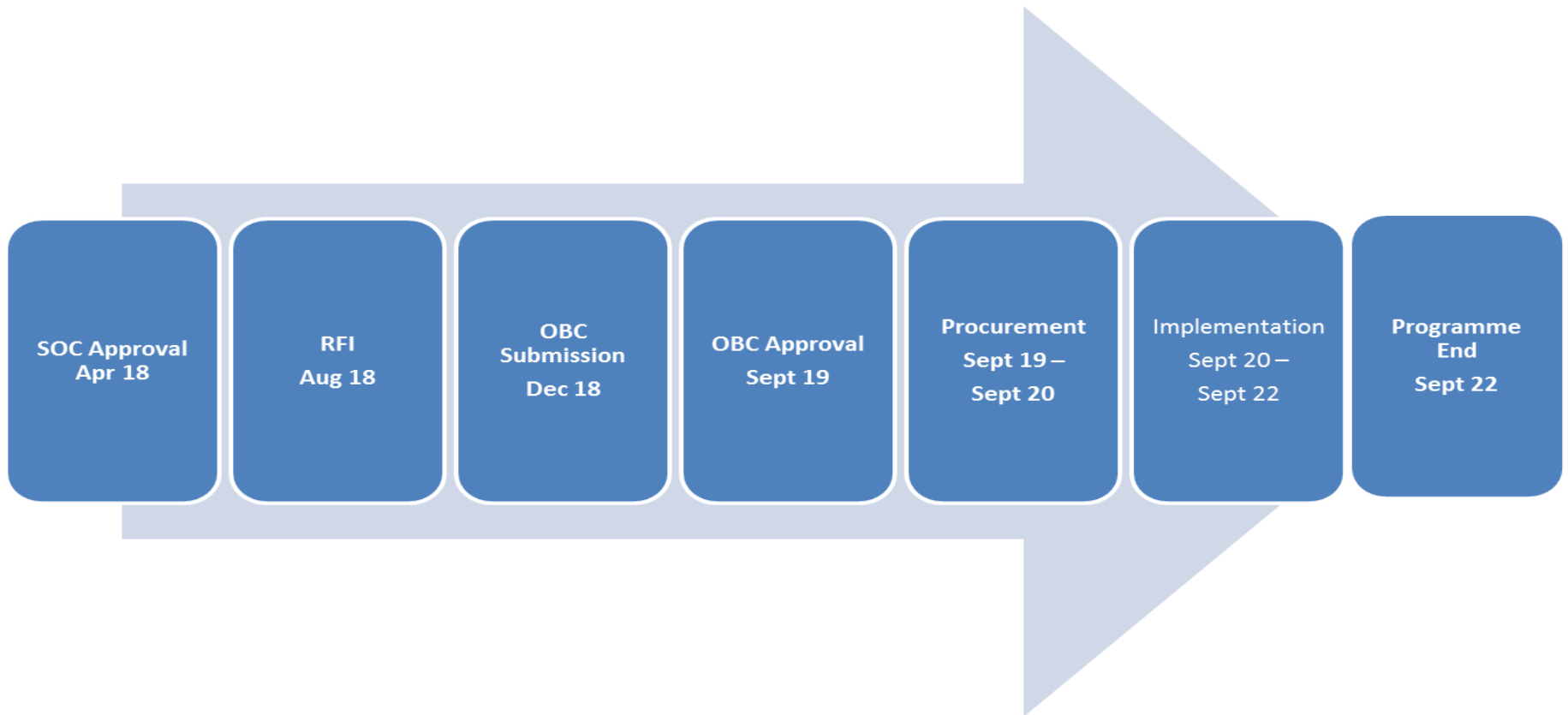
Radiology Training Places NI 2005/06 to 2019/20



	2005/ 06	2006/ 07	2007/ 08	2008/ 09	2009/ 10	2010/ 11	2011/ 12	2012/ 13	2013/ 14	2014/ 15	2015/ 16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
NR Places	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Places on Radiology Training Scheme	35	35	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	39	42	46	49	
Target													46	50	54

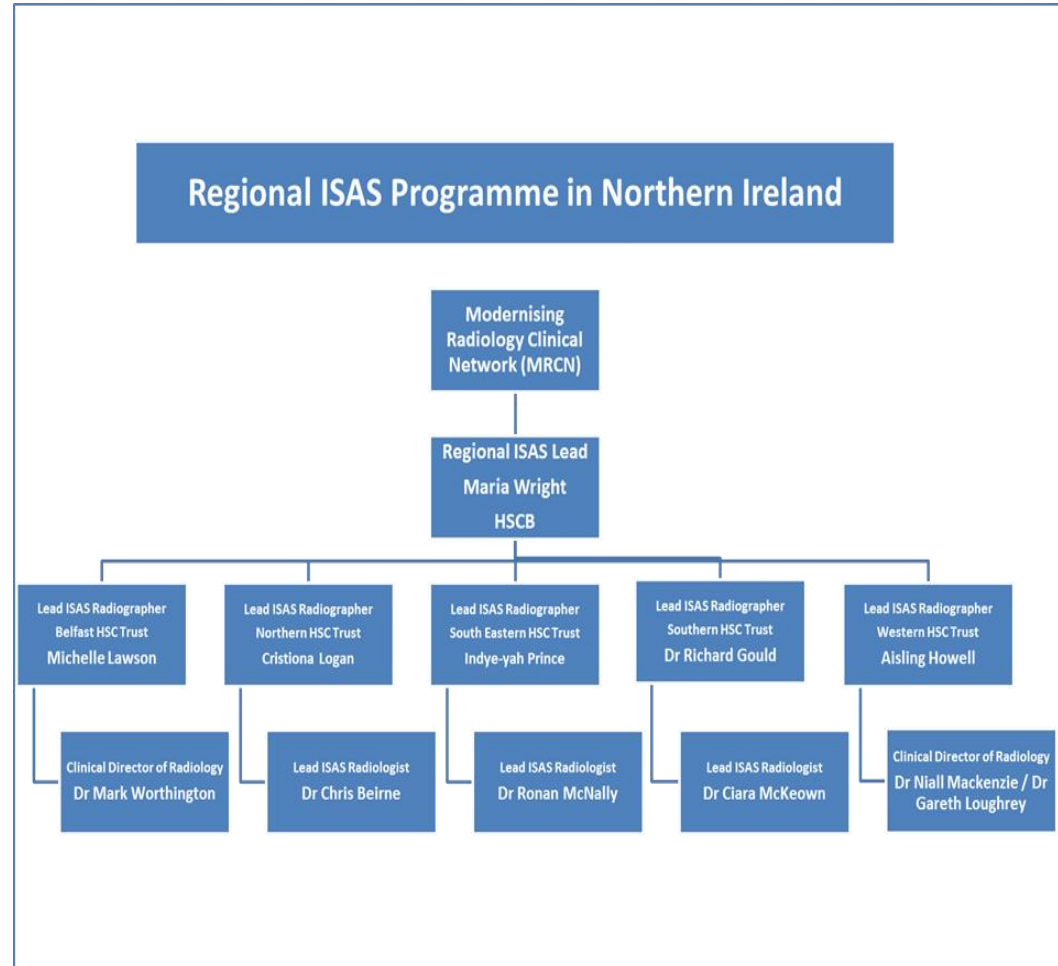
Early Recommendation - NIPACS

- NIPACS Replacement
- To include option for single RIS/PACS in NI



Early Recommendation – ISAS

- NI-wide programme established
- NR funding of 0.9m secured over 3 years
- 5 x Band 7 Lead ISAS Radiographers in post
- 3 x Lead ISAS Radiologists in post
- Regional ISAS Lead
- Admin support – hopefully!!



Examples of Other Early Wins

- Paediatric scoping group implemented pathway improvements and formalised regional network
- Funding provided to improve cardiac fetal anomaly scanning training in each Trust
- Recurrent funding allocated to imaging services to address demand and capacity gaps
- Increase in reporting radiographers
- IR consumables VFM via regional tender
- Pilot of regional reporting network for plain film

Reflection on Process of Imaging Review

- Strong and Accountable Programme Board
- DoH and Clinical Lead co-chairs
- External Reference Group
- Committed clinical leadership from radiology, cardiology, obstetrics, medical physics etc.
- Fully functioning and engaged MRCN
- **Ability to implement change from the start**

Development of an Imaging Board for NI

- Outline model (s)
- Design workshop planned for September 2018
- Welcome UK wide input / attendance
- Aim to have Imaging Board operational by Jan 2019
- Implementation of the wider detail /workstream plans will be progressed in interim

Thank You!

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