

## SRTP Bulletin – November 2019

### So what's new in the programme?

#### Programme Team Update

August saw the programme team entering a transition period which will continue until April 2020, when it is anticipated that funding will be released for Phase 2 of SRTP. The transition period will allow the team to focus on delivery of some key projects within the programme. Dr Hamish McRitchie will continue as Clinical Director of the Programme supported by Jill Patte, NSS Portfolio Manager, Workflow Managers (WFM), Project Managers (PM), Project Support Officer (PSO), NRIIP and I.T Connectivity team. We would like to thank those members of the team that have moved on to pastures new for their dedication to the programme.



#### **SRTP Phase 2 Business Case**

The Business Case for Phase 2 has been presented and approved by the Corporate Finance Network (CFN). It will be presented to the Directors of Finance (DOF) and Chief Executives (CE) at the beginning of December.

### So what's happening in the key projects?



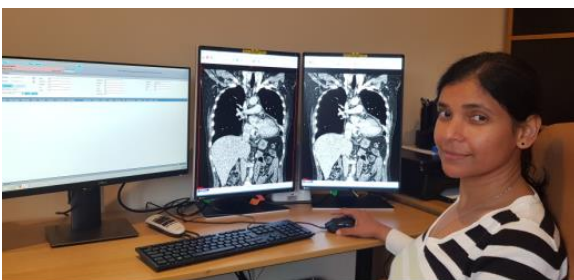
#### **IT Connectivity**

The SRTP IT Connectivity team are continuing with the roll out of the National Reporting Platform (Soliton Share+) to enable cross boundary reporting and support Local reporting where required. The project will be live in 8 boards by the end of 2019, with the others delivered by next April.

#### **Scottish National Radiology Reporting Service (SNRRS)**

Soliton Share+ will enable sites, when fully connected, to donate exams to a national system for reporting. Reporters can be connected to the system to report for any donating board. In the near future reporters within any health board will be able to report for the SNRRS. This brings us on to two exciting pilot projects:

#### **Home workstation Pilot**



SRTP have purchased 50 workstations and August saw the start of a small pilot of 3 reporters to test the deployment and connectivity required for SNRRS home reporting. The reporters are now reporting CT/ MRI/ Plain Films using SNRRS home workstations in 2 boards with very positive feedback to date. The results of this project will inform the logistics of rolling out home reporting for the SNRRS on a national scale. Workstations can also be deployed to existing health boards.

#### **Scottish National Radiology Reporting Service (SNRRS) Bank Pilot**

The SNRRS Bank has been developed to deliver additional reporting capacity across Scotland, providing a mechanism to allow both substantive staff and those not currently within the NHS, to undertake cross boundary reporting from an agreed location. Any health board connected to the national IT cross boundary reporting system will be able to send exams to be reported by the SNRRS Bank.

We are pleased to announce that the Golden Jubilee National Hospital (GJNH) has agreed to host the pilot of the SNRRS Bank and have been working closely with the SRTP team to establish this.

In December 2019 the pilot of the SNRRS Bank will go live with a soft launch of a few reporters. We have recently advertised the role of consultant radiologist for the SNRRS Bank (see attached) and would love to hear from anyone interested. Please contact [nss.snrrsbank@nhs.net](mailto:nss.snrrsbank@nhs.net) for more details.

### **National Cross Boundary Operations Group (NCBOG)**

In order to support the SNRRS implementation a national group with representatives from clinical, technical and operational expertise within radiology departments has been established since May 2019. This group captures a cross section of opinions and collaboratively agree the best options relating to the SNRRS to ensure we create a system that fits the needs of NHS Scotland as a whole.

### **Clinical Decision Support Software (CDS)**

Decision Support is a key feature in Scotland's Digital Health and Care strategy and Realistic Medicine. Work is underway to pilot CDS for Radiology referrals in two Health boards that have the necessary infrastructure in place; NHS Tayside & NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde. The procurement process to purchase the iRefer CDS software for the pilot is in the final stages. Implementation teams are being established within the Health Boards with support from the SRTP and kick off meetings are planned with the supplier. The pilot will run for 12 months following implementation (3-6 months) and the learning gained from the pilot will be used to inform the national Decision Support approach.



### **National Radiology Information & Intelligence Platform (NRIIP)**

Phase one of the NRIIP project has been completed which will allow those with access to utilise the dashboard for their own health board needs.

If you don't yet have access to the NRIIP dashboards, you will need to obtain a username and password; this will be the same as for any other NSS data marts and information tools/products that you maybe have access to. If you don't currently have access to any of these, don't worry, you can register via <https://useraccess.nhsnss.scot.nhs.uk> and a username/password will be sent to you. A short video has been produced that explains the process <https://youtu.be/dU2qqTwvSrE>. You can then use this to log into UAS (via the previous link) and request access to NRIIP. When you have been set up with access to the NRIIP dashboard you can access it via this link: <http://viz.nhsnss.scot.nhs.uk>

### **Stakeholder Engagement**



The SRTP team are continuing to travel around the country informing the radiology community of the SRTP projects and gain feedback to inform future transformational projects. This has proven to be a great success and provides stakeholders with an excellent opportunity to get involved with future developments of their profession.

### **Completed SRTP Projects**

By entering the transition phase of this year we have wrapped up several completed projects:

#### **Reporting Radiographer Pilot**

March saw the start of the 6 month SRTP Reporting Radiographer pilot. This had the aim of testing National Reporting for Radiographers using the SNRRS. This pilot tested the Share+ system as well as employment and governance procedures associated with a cross boundary reporting. Two Health Boards donated examinations to be reported by Radiographers from three Health Boards, supervised where required by Radiologists. The pilot was constrained



by IT implementation however; it was an overwhelming success in demonstrating that Radiographers can play a significant role in the future of the SNRRS.

### **Advanced Practice**

The SRTP established a short life working group to look at key advanced practice roles within the radiography community and the education needs associated with these roles, namely Sonographers, Advanced Breast Practitioners and Reporting Radiographers. As a result of the group work, a National framework for Sonographers was developed to standardise the way Sonographers are employed within NHS Scotland and how they work across NHS Boards. Following the closure of the Advanced Practice project, work is continuing to develop National job descriptions for Sonographer roles via the Sonographer Special Interest Group (SIG).

### **Safe Working Framework**

A suite of documents has been created to form the Safe Working Framework. The documents have been created to inform Health Boards of the governance procedures that NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) have put in place to ensure Radiology examinations are reported in a safe and secure environment. They outline the governance and processes to be followed when utilising or reporting via the Scottish National Radiology Reporting Service (SNRRS). You can access this framework on the SRTP Radiology's webpages <https://bit.ly/2mkKSIB>.

### **Consultant Job Design Best Practice**

SRTP have worked hand in hand with stakeholders to produce a best practice for consultant job plans. This has been ratified and is currently being used by a health board.

### **Workforce Modelling Tool**

The objective of the Workforce Modelling Tool was to predict reporting time required based on current and future demand and reporting capacity based on current and future workforce availability. It can also be used to identify and quantify the gap between reporting demand and reporting capacity based on the workforce. NHS Highland commissioned the SRTP to use the tool and a report has been created to describe the estimated required workforce over the next 5 years.

### ***Where can I get more information?***

Website: [www.sharedservices.scot.nhs.uk/health-portfolio/programmes/radiology/](http://www.sharedservices.scot.nhs.uk/health-portfolio/programmes/radiology/)

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