

Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme (SRTP)



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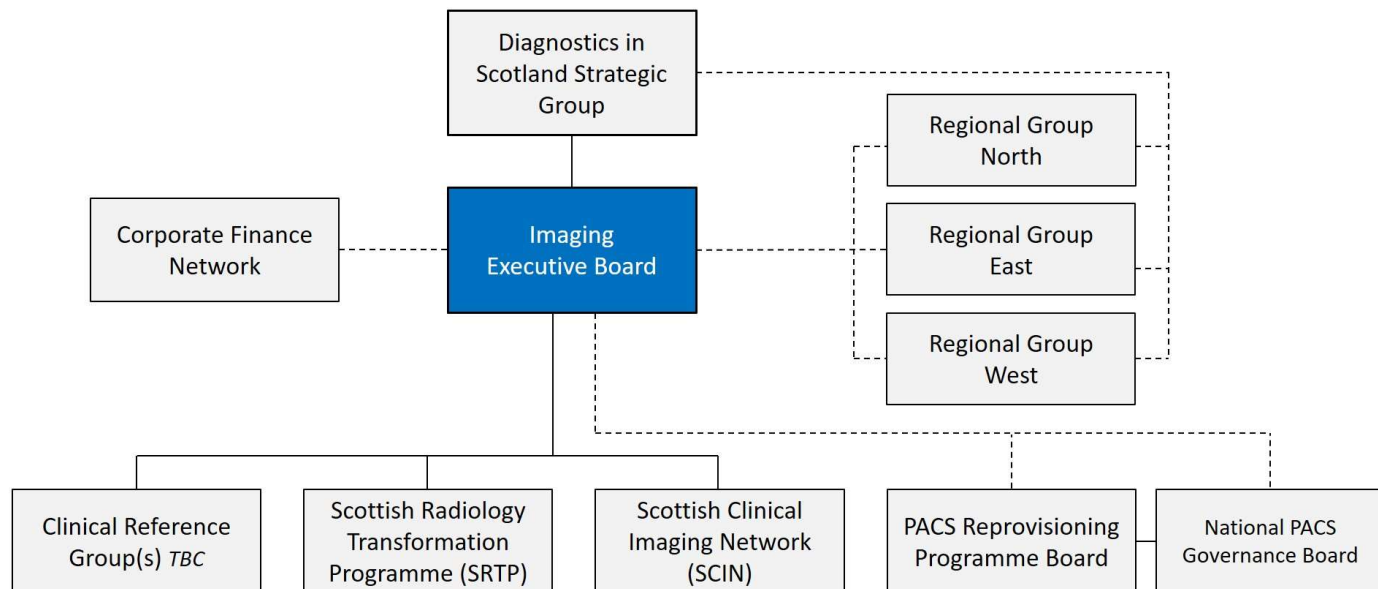
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Governance

We held the first meeting of the new Imaging Executive Board (IEB), chaired by Hamish McRitchie, in June. This group brings together members who can give a multi-disciplinary focus and national and regional perspective to discussions and consider the service management implications of imaging proposals.

The IEB is accountable to the new Diagnostics in Scotland Strategic Group (DiSSG) and, through DiSSG, to the NHS Chief Executives Group, and has delegated authority in relation to radiology services. The Board will agree and own the vision for radiology service transformation, development and quality improvement in Scotland and will also provide a vehicle for service-led improvements.



The Board is ultimately accountable for ensuring that the Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme (SRTP) achieves its anticipated outcomes in relation to the Phase 2 Business Case.

[Vision for Radiology in Scotland & Target Operating Model \(TOM\)](#)

On 04 August 2020 the SRTP presented a series of key recommendations to the Chief Executives Group in relation to national coordination for Radiology.

It is recognised that significant progress in addressing the demand and capacity issues in Radiology has already been made. However, the situation remains challenging and the need for more permanent national collaboration and coordination has been further highlighted as a result of the current COVID-19 crisis.

To further expedite the achievement of a sustainable, resilient service, we are pleased to share that the Chief Executives have endorsed that the development of a shared vision and target operating model (TOM) is brought forward by the SRTP to begin as soon as possible. The TOM will focus on national and regional approaches to increase resilience and sustainability while maximising whole system value. This will build on the extensive engagement that has already been undertaken by SRTP.

[Scottish National Radiology Reporting Service \(SNRRS\)](#)

The SNRRS bank pilot is now back underway since the COVID-19 pause.

We have had an extremely positive response from consultant radiologists interested in working for the SNRRS Bank pilot, with over 70 reporters having shown an interest and 29 reporters already recruited via the Golden Jubilee Hospital.

We are working to deploy workstations to reporters and, in addition to the initial 18 that have been deployed, the first 8 (post COVID-19 pause) have been delivered to sites. These will now be configured before going to the reporters' homes. Further workstations have been requested and will follow the same process to reach our target of 50.

Although we have reached the maximum number of requests for the remaining workstations to be deployed to reporters' homes, we still welcome consultant radiologists who would like to work from their onsite workstation, subject to local board approval.

Unfortunately, if you are in one of the following boards, the Share+ application cannot be installed on the same workstation as your local reporting solution (VUE PACS): NHS Lanarkshire, NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Golden Jubilee; and this will also shortly apply to NHS Forth Valley and NHS Highland (Raigmore Hospital only).

Please [email](#) us your details if you would like to be added to our waiting list should any workstations become available.

We have established an updated SNRRS Bank Governance Group which meets monthly, and includes colleagues from the SRTP, HR, IT, Finance and Clinical Services. To further support the bank pilot, we are also delighted to welcome back Dr Shalini Datta who will initially focus on the peer feedback process.

As part of the wider potential for the SNRRS, we have also recently established a Working Group to develop a pilot breast reporting specialty network and we will share an update on progress in our next bulletin.

[Advanced Practice](#)

On 25 June 2020 we held our first webinar for the Advanced Practice Project, which was very well received with over 40 people joining us on-line.

This webinar brought together key radiology stakeholders from across Scotland to consider the proposed scope of the SRTP Advanced Practice project. Speakers included leaders from Scottish Government and the Society and College of Radiographers, who outlined how Advanced Practice could help address some of the challenges facing radiology services in Scotland, highlighted links to emerging Artificial Intelligence capability, and shared the proposed project scope. Attendees were invited to share their thoughts on the proposed scope and participated in a Q&A session with the panel.

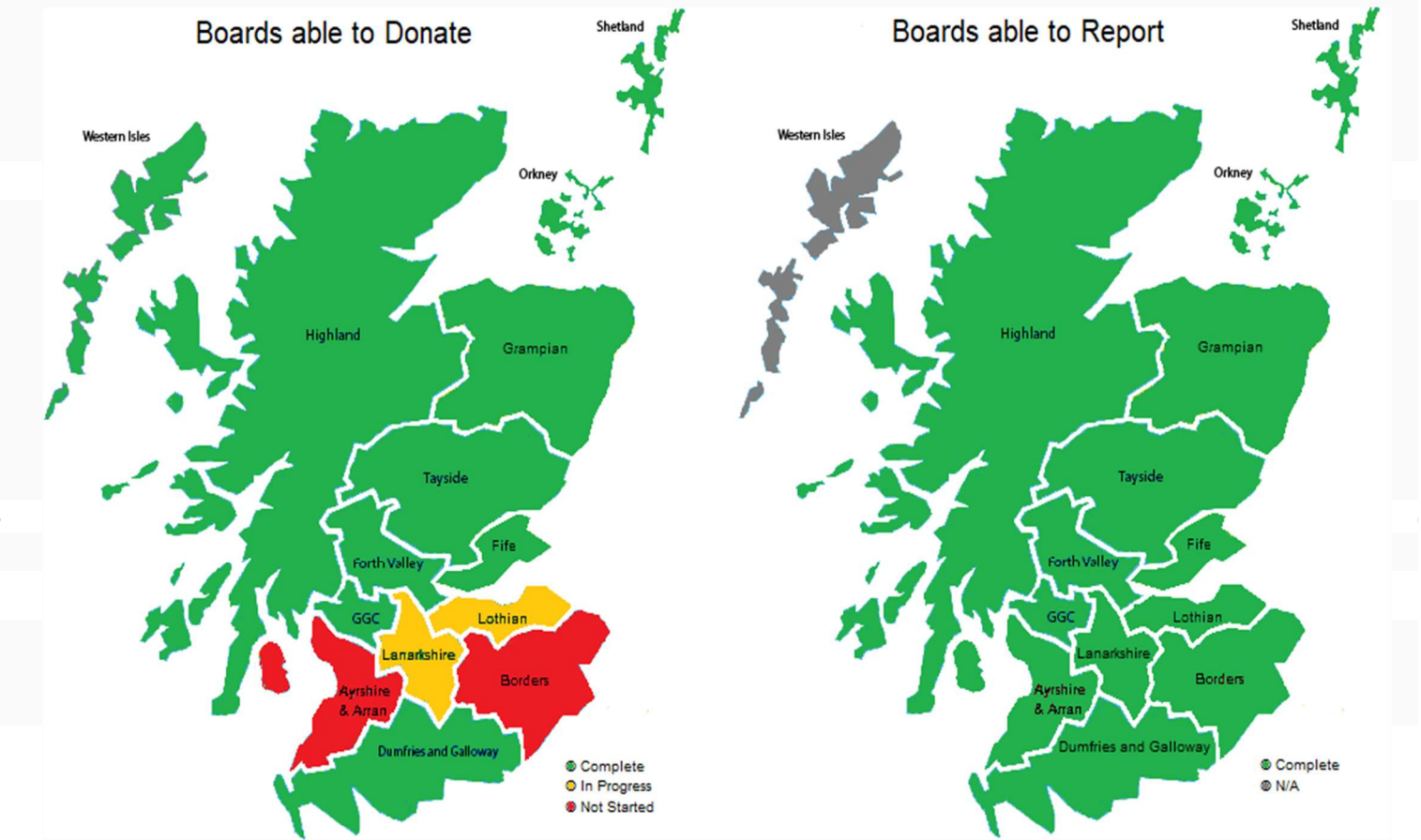
You can find a link to a recording of the event [here](#).

The project scope has been developed in more detail following the webinar, and will be shared with webinar invitees when it has been peer reviewed.

We are establishing a project Steering Group to govern and direct the project, and have recently advertised for the recruitment of a project Clinical Lead to help steer and deliver the project. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in the role. You should be a Consultant Radiographer or Advanced Practitioner Radiographer with a strong background in engaging nationally with senior stakeholders to plan and deliver major change projects. The closing date for applications is 21 August. For an informal discussion about the role, please contact NSS.S.R.T.P@NHS.SCOT and we will arrange a call with one of the team.

IT Connectivity

In other programme activities, the IT rollout is continuing with 11 boards now live and able to donate exams, and 13 boards able to report. A summary of the picture across Scotland can be seen in the maps below:



Clinical Decision Support Software (CDS)

The CDS Steering Group continues to meet and progress the project to pilot CDS software in 2 Boards and is pleased to have a representative from NHS Digital join the group, providing the opportunity for wider collaboration and information sharing. MedCurrent have also now been invited to host a slot at Steering Group meetings starting in August 2020.

We continue to inform the National Decision Support Programme, which has been given interim funding by the Scottish Government, up to the end of September 2020, to develop decision support for the COVID-19 pandemic response. Discussions have also re-opened with Scottish Government about the Business Case for the Decision Support Programme beyond the end of September. Once clarified, the National Decision Support Oversight Group will be informed.

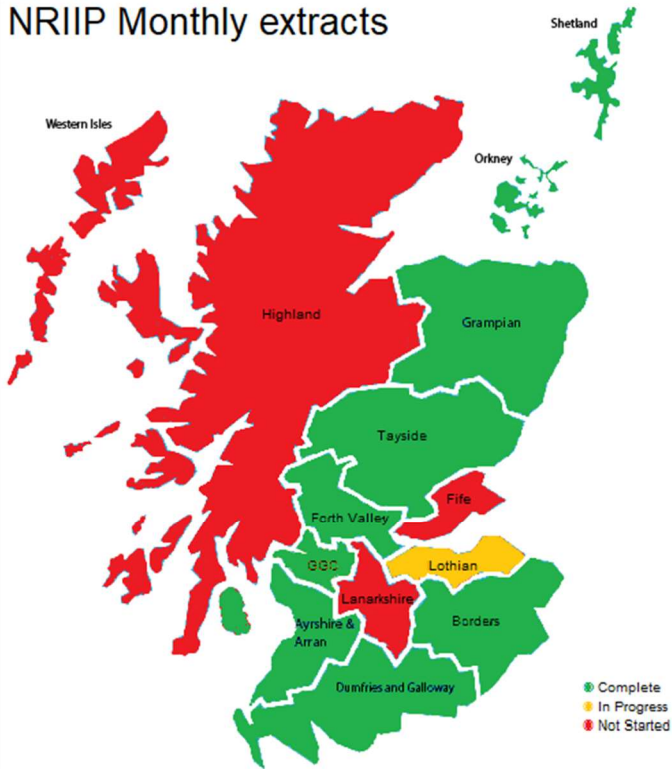
National Radiology Information & Intelligence Platform (NRIP)

The National Radiology Information & Intelligence Platform (NRIP) project aims to facilitate strategic service planning, regional planning, local planning, demand and capacity planning, benchmarking and service improvement. The development includes a National Radiology Dataset and a Dashboard Visualisation tool for NHS Boards to review their data.

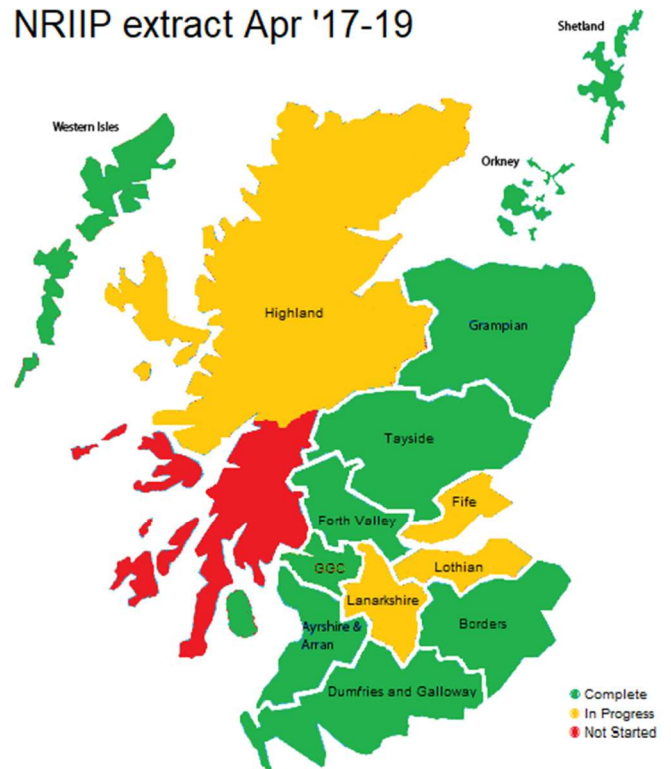
- **2017-2019 Data Submissions:** we now have 11 Boards complete, 3 Boards engaged with NRIP and working to submit data, and we are awaiting feedback from the final 2 Boards.
- **Monthly Data Submissions:** we now have 9 Boards complete to at least May 2020. We are awaiting feedback from 1 Board and, although 6 Boards are currently unable to provide monthly data submissions, 4 are engaged with the NRIP team to progress.

The NRIP dashboard is available for use within Boards with progress across Scotland illustrated below.

NRIP Monthly extracts



NRIP extract Apr '17-19



Other information that may be of interest

Fellows CCLG Members: Faculty of Clinical Informatics accepting applications for new Members and Fellows

The Faculty of Clinical Informatics is now accepting applications for new Members and Fellows to join, and you can read the [press release](#) on the Faculty website for more information.

The recruitment period is open from now until midnight on **7 September 2020**. Please share this with any peers, colleagues, students and anyone who you think may be interested in joining the Faculty.

Shuri Network Bursaries

[The Shuri Network](#) and the Faculty of Clinical Informatics are pleased to announce a joint venture to encourage and facilitate BAME women in applying to the Faculty of Clinical Informatics. The Shuri Network will provide 15 BAME women with a bursary to cover the cost of a year's membership of the Faculty of Clinical Informatics.

More information is available here: <https://bit.ly/FCIShuri>.

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