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Group's first meeting is a success

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The inaugural meeting of the National CT Head Reporting Radiographers Special Interest Group took place at Birmingham City University on 4 June.

The group was developed to provide a forum for CT head reporting radiographers to get together and share their experiences, hopefully providing opportunities to assist and support individuals whilst striving to develop and enhance relevant professional practice.

The meeting was well-attended and interesting introductory discussions occurred, as like-minded people talked around the issues that concerned them in their day-to-day professional endeavours. Topics touched upon included: producing schemes of work, developing a robust audit-chain of competency evidence, and the variety of reporting practices undertaken from centre to centre.

There were also succinct (some would say challenging) case presentations given by several of the group's delegates, as well as a talk on developing a follow-up protocol in cases of spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage.

The group was privileged to receive an impressive demonstration of new application software for the iPhone that is directed primarily at radiographers, which will allow users access to formidable reference tools to assist them in their professional activities.

It is hoped that this new and exciting SIG will meet once every six months (the next meeting is tentatively planned for November). If you are a CT head reporting radiographer or someone who is interested in this avenue of advanced practice, then you are encouraged to come along and join us.

You can find out more information from our chairperson Jo Fowler (jo.fowler@phnt.swest.nhs.uk [1]) or from me (gary.holdsworth@midyorks.nhs.uk [2]).

Getting in contact will not commit you to any future attendance, but it will allow us to add your contact details to our data-base (if you want), so that we can inform you of the dates of future events and forward any information that might be of professional interest/use.

The group would like to take this opportunity to extend their gratitude to Dave Allen and the Birmingham City University for providing excellent meeting facilities, without which this first meeting might not have got off the ground.

Watch out for further information as we continue to build on the momentum gained from the first meeting. We all look forward to hearing from and eventually meeting other CT head reporting colleagues.

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