



# The Royal College of Radiologists

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### **MRI procurement in the private sector**

While the College supports new Government initiatives which aim to improve services for patients, the introduction of this initiative has given rise to some challenges. The College has been instrumental in identifying and highlighting some of the difficulties that have arisen during the Government's introduction of the programme which relate to both the quality and efficiency of the service.

Professor Janet Husband, President of the RCR said "The College is working closely with the Department of Health to identify effective ways forward. The Department is in full agreement that improvements to the service can only be made by involving and working with the College and the profession."

The new appointment of an Imaging Lead by the Department of Health, Dr Erika Denton, is welcomed and the College is aiming to work closely with Dr Denton in this and other imaging initiatives.

The College is of the view that the introduction of new imaging services and new ways of delivering healthcare could be highly successful if the profession is engaged early in their planning and in their delivery thereby enabling it to help shape these services in the best interests of patients.

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### **Notes to editors**

1. The Royal College of Radiologists has approximately 6,600 members and Fellows worldwide representing the disciplines of clinical oncology and clinical radiology. All members and Fellows of the College are registered medical or dental practitioners.
2. The role of the College is to advance the science and practice of radiology and oncology, further public education and promote study and research through setting professional standards of practice.

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