



The Royal College of Radiologists

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS WELCOMES NEW GOVERNMENT HEALTH TEAM

The Royal College of Radiologists welcomes the appointment of Patricia Hewitt as the new Secretary of State for Health. Following the announcement of individual ministerial responsibilities, the College calls on the Health Secretary to ensure that it takes a collaborative approach to healthcare reform and delivery.

College President, Professor Janet Husband OBE said:

"The Royal College of Radiologists has built good working relationships with the Department of Health and we look forward to continuing this with the new Secretary of State and her team in the coming years. Healthcare professionals, medical managers, patients and other stakeholders must be partners in the process of healthcare reforms, ensuring that trust in health services is maintained and strengthened."

The Royal College of Radiologists sets the following three priorities for the new Ministerial team:

1. To integrate Independent Sector imaging with NHS services to provide a high quality seamless service to meet local needs, clinically led by NHS departments and taking into account educational and training requirements
2. To ensure that the Royal College of Radiologists is a full participant in the design, delivery and development of new initiatives such as PET/CT scanners
3. To continue increases in investment in radiotherapy equipment and incentives to recruit radiography staff, in order to meet national needs

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Notes to editors



The Royal College of Radiologists

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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