



# The Royal College Of Radiologists

## PRESS STATEMENT

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### **Royal College of Radiologists disappointed by government response to Tooke report, *Aspiring to Excellence***

Responding to the news that the Department of Health has decided to accept some of the recommendations of Sir John Tooke's report into medical training, Professor Andy Adam, President of the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR), said, "We share the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges' 'reserved welcome' that the government has taken on board the majority of the findings of the Tooke Inquiry, but also its concern and disappointment that the establishment of NHS: Medical Education England (NHS:MEE) has been postponed.

"We sincerely hope that the rest of the recommendations still under consideration by the Secretary of State, particularly in regard to the establishment of NHS:MEE, will be accepted. Several of these recommendations are interdependent and a partial implementation will greatly reduce their effectiveness.

"The RCR is ready to offer its full support and guidance in the complete implementation of Sir John Tooke's recommendations, which will improve the training of the doctors of the future and bring great benefits to patients, and which are strongly supported by the medical profession as a whole."

#### **Notes to Editors**

1. For further information, please contact the Royal College of Radiologists' Communications Officer on 020 7299 1138, or [dan\\_garbutt@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:dan_garbutt@rcr.ac.uk)
2. The government's response to the Tooke Report is available at the Department of Health's website [here](#).
3. The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges' statement can be read [here](#) (PDF link).
3. The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) has approximately 7,500 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.