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Introduction

This document provides two cross-reference guides between the QSI 2024 and QSI 2026 standards.

The first table maps each QSI 2024 standard number and title to its corresponding QSI 2026 reference and standard title, including any relevant modality-specific requirements. Additional sections highlight standards that are new in QSI 2026 and summarise changes to the overall framework and structure.

The second table presents the same information in reverse, starting with the QSI 2026 standards and showing the corresponding standards from QSI 2024.

Crossover 2024 to 2026

- New
- New element added
- The same but updated
- Merged

2024 Standard Number	OLD Standard Name	Crossover to QSI 2026	NEW Standard Name
XR-1	Information and Support for Patients and Carers	XR-1	Patient information, support and experience
XR-101	Imaging Service Information	XR-101	Imaging service and procedure-specific information
XR-102	Procedure-specific information	XR-101	Imaging service and procedure-specific information
XR-103	Contacts for Queries, Advice and Aftercare	XR-102	Contacts for queries, support and advice
XR-104	Respect	XR-103 with merged with Dignity	Respect and dignity
XR-105	Privacy, Dignity and Security	XR-104 Dignity removed	Privacy and security
XR-106	Communication Aids	XR-106	Imaging support for patients
XR-107	Environment	XR-105	Environment
XR-108	General Support for Patients and Carers	XR-102	Contacts for queries, support and advice
XR-109	Patient, Carer and Service Partnerships	XR-107	Patient, carer and service partnerships

	Imaging Workforce	XR-2	Workforce
XR-201	Service Leadership	XR-201	Service leadership
XR-202	Local Modality-specific Service Leadership	XR-201	Service leadership
XR-203	Staffing Levels and Skills Mix	XR-204	Staffing levels and skill mix
XR-204	Service Competences and Training Plan	XR-207	Service competencies, education and training
XR-205	Agency, Bank and Locum Staff	XR-208	Recruitment
XR-206	On-call and Out-of-hours' (Non-core) Working	XR-308	24/7 service provision
XR-207	Administration and Clerical Support	XR-205	Administrative and clerical support
XR-208	Supporting Staff and Staff Wellbeing	XR-203	Staff wellbeing
XR-209	Supporting Staff in Training	XR-209	Supporting staff in training

Crossover 2024 to 2026

Scientific, Technical and Support for Equipment

XR-301	Clinical Scientific and Technical Support	XR-601	Clinical scientific and technical Support
XR-302	Equipment Management	XR-602	Equipment management
XR-303	Equipment QC and QA	XR-603	Equipment quality control and quality assurance
XR-304	Support Services	XR-302	Support services

Facilities and Equipment

XR-401	Facilities and Equipment	XR-303	Imaging facilities
XR-402	Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) and Radiology IT Systems	XR-401 & XR-402	XR-401 Picture archiving and communication system (PACS) XR-402 Radiology information systems
XR-403	Moving and Handling Aids	XR-304	Moving and handling
XR-404	Equipment for Patients with Obesity	XR-304	Moving and handling

Guidelines, Protocols and Clinical Safety

XR-501	Referral Management Guidelines	XR-701	Referral management guidelines
XR-502	Consent	XR-703	Consent
XR-503	Image Optimisation	XR-604	Image quality and optimisation
XR-504	Imaging in Pregnancy	XR-503	Radiation and the pregnant patient
XR-505	Imaging of Children and Young People	XR-704	Imaging of children and young people
XR-506	Imaging of Patients with Additional Requirements	XR-106	Imaging support for patients
XR-507	Infection Prevention and Control	XR-306	Infection prevention and control
XR-508	Imaging Reporting Policy	XR-706	Imaging reporting policy
XR-509	Quantification	XR-603 (merged with XR-303)	Equipment quality control and quality assurance
XR-510	Unexpected Diagnoses and Potential Medical Emergencies	XR-707	Unexpected diagnoses and potential medical emergencies
XR-511	Pathway and Condition-specific Protocols	XR-702	Pathway and condition-specific protocols
XR-512	Forensic Imaging	XR-708	Forensic & post-mortem imaging
XR-513	Management of Medicines and Contrast Media	XR-705	Management of medicines in imaging
XR-514	Ionising Radiation Safety	XR-501 and XR-502 split	Ionising radiation safety (medical exposure) Ionising radiation safety (worker and public protection)

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XR-515	Hazardous Substances	XR-305	Health and safety
XR-516	Health and Safety	XR-305	Health and safety
XR-517	Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning	XR-403-406	XR-403 AI governance and safety systems XR-404 AI training and education XR-405 AI development, procurement and implementation XR-406 AI post implementation surveillance

Service Organisation and Liaison with Other Services

XR-601	Operational Policy	XR-301	Operational framework
XR-602	Imaging Timescales	XR-409	Imaging timescales and turnaround times
XR-603	Risk Management	XR-805	Risk management
XR-604	Service Improvement	XR-806	Service Development and improvement
XR-605	Service Development Plan	XR-806	Service Development and improvement

Governance

XR-701	Quality Management System	XR-801	Quality management
XR-702	Data Collection	XR-408	Data analytics
XR-703	Audit	XR-802	Audit
XR-704	Radiology Events and Learning Meetings	XR-210	Radiology events and learning meetings (REALM)
XR-705	Monitoring of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	XR-408	Data analytics
XR-706	Research	XR-803	Research and innovation
XR-707	Review and Learning	XR-804	Review and learning

Modalities

Computerised Tomography (CT)

CT-801	CT Specific Training	CT-902	Staffing and training
CT-802	Contrast Media and Renal Function	XR-705	Management of medicines in imaging
CT-803	Trauma Management	CT-903	Trauma management
CT-804	Clinical CT Pathways and Protocols	XR-702	Pathway and condition-specific protocols
CT-805	Paediatric CT Protocols	CT-904	Paediatric imaging

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Interventional Radiology (IR)			
IR-801	IR Safety Systems	IR-903	Environment and equipment
IR-802	Access to IR procedures	IR-905	Access and admissions
IR-803	Admissions	IR-905	Access and admissions
IR-804	Facilities	IR-903	Environment and equipment
IR-805	Contrast Media and Renal Function	XR-705	Management of medicines in imaging
IR-806	Clinical IR Pathways and Protocols	XR-702	Pathway and condition-specific protocols
IR-807	Paediatric IR Procedures	IR-904	Paediatric Imaging

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MR)			
MR-801	Staffing	MR-902	Staffing and training
MR-802	MR Specific Training	MR-902	Staffing and training
MR-803	MR Governance	MR-901	Governance and safety systems
MR-804	Quality Assurance	MR-903	Environment and equipment
MR-805	Environment and Equipment	MR-901	Governance and safety systems
MR-806	Safety Screening	MR-901	Governance and safety systems
MR-807	Contrast Media and Renal Function	XR-705	Management of medicines in imaging
MR-808	Clinical MR Pathways and Protocols	XR-702	Pathway and condition-specific protocols
MR-809	Paediatric MR Protocols	MR-904	Paediatric Imaging

Nuclear Medicine (NM)			
NM-801	Service Delivery	NM-901	Governance and safety systems
NM-802	Facilities	NM-903	Environment and equipment
NM-803	Use of Radiopharmaceuticals and Radioactive Materials	NM-905	Management of radiopharmaceuticals and radioactive materials
NM-804	Receipt, Storage and Transport of Radioactive Materials	NM-905	Management of radiopharmaceuticals and radioactive materials
NM-805	Clinical Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Pathways and Protocols	XR-702	Pathway and condition-specific protocols
NM-806	Paediatric Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Protocols	NM-904	Paediatric Imaging

Crossover 2024 to 2026

Ultrasound (US)			
US-801	Environment Safety	US-901	Governance and safety systems
US-802	Ultrasound Specific Training	US-902	Staffing and training
US-803	Pathways and Protocols	XR-702	Pathway and condition-specific protocols
US-804	Paediatric Protocols	US-904	Paediatric imaging

New standards

XR-202	Service culture	New Standard
XR-206	Staff development	New Standard
XR-307	Outsourcing and insourcing	New Standard
XR-309	Sustainability – energy efficiency	New Standard
XR-310	Sustainability – equipment, procurement and waste management	New Standard
XR-311	Sustainability and service design	New Standard
XR-403	AI governance and safety systems	New Standard
XR-404	AI training and education	New Standard
XR-405	AI development, procurement and implementation	New Standard
XR-406	AI post-implementation surveillance	New Standard
XR-407	Emerging technologies and innovation	New Standard
CT-901	Governance and safety systems	New Standard to include dose optimisation
IR-901	Governance and safety systems	New Standard
IR-902	Staff and training	New Standard
NM-902	Staff and training	New Standard
US-903	Environment and equipment	New Standard

Crossover 2024 to 2026

OLD Sections

Imaging Service Standards	
XR-1	Information and Support for Patients and Carers
XR-2	Imaging Workforce
XR-3	Scientific, Technical and Support for Equipment
XR-4	Facilities and Equipment
XR-5	Guidelines, Protocols and Clinical Safety
XR-6	Service Organisation and Liaison with Other Services
XR-7	Governance
CT/IR/ MR/NM/ US-8	Modality-Specific Standards

NEW Sections

Imaging Service Standards	
XR-1	Patient information, support and experience
XR-2	Workforce
XR-3	Service operation and sustainability
XR-4	AI, digital technologies and data
XR-5	Radiation safety
XR-6	Equipment, clinical scientific and technical support
XR-7	Guidelines, protocols and clinical safety
XR-8	Quality and governance
CT/IR/ MR/NM/ US-9	Modality-Specific Standards

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Standard Number	Standard Name	Crossover to QSI 2024
Patient information, support and experience		
XR-101	Imaging service and procedure-specific information	XR-101 & XR-102 merged
XR-102	Contact for queries, support and advice	XR-103 & XR-108 merged
XR-103	Respect and dignity	XR-104 & Dignity from XR-105
XR-104	Privacy and security	XR-105 Dignity moved to XR-103
XR-105	Environment	XR-107
XR-106	Imaging support for patients	XR-506 & XR-106 merged
XR-107	Patient, carer and service partnerships	XR-109
Workforce		
XR-201	Service leadership	XR-201 & XR-202 merged
XR-202	Service culture	New standard
XR-203	Staff wellbeing	XR-208
XR-204	Staffing levels and skills mix	XR-203
XR-205	Administrative and clerical support	XR-207
XR-206	Staff development	New Standard
XR-207	Service competences, education and training	XR-204
XR-208	Recruitment	XR-205
XR-209	Supporting staff in training	XR-209
XR-210	Radiology events and learning meetings (REALM)	XR-704

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Service operation and sustainability

XR-301	Operational framework	XR-601
XR-302	Support services	XR-304
XR-303	Imaging facilities	XR-401
XR-304	Moving and handling	XR-403 & XR-404 merged
XR-305	Health and safety	XR-515 & XR-516 merged
XR-306	Infection prevention and control	XR-507
XR-307	Outsourcing and insourcing	New Standard
XR-308	24/7 service provision	XR-206
XR-309	Sustainability – energy efficiency	New Standard
XR-310	Sustainability – equipment, procurement and waste management	New Standard
XR-311	Sustainability and service design	New Standard

AI digital technologies and data

XR-401	Picture archiving and communication system (PACS)	XR-402 split
XR-402	Radiology information systems	XR-402 split
XR-403	AI governance and safety systems	New Standard
XR-404	AI training and education	New Standard
XR-405	AI development, procurement and implementation	New Standard
XR-406	AI post-implementation surveillance	New Standard
XR-407	Emerging technology and innovation	New Standard
XR-408	Data analytics	XR-702 & XR-705 merged
XR-409	Imaging timescales and turnaround times	XR-602

Radiation safety

XR-501	Ionising radiation safety (medical exposure)	XR-514 split
XR-502	Ionising radiation safety (worker and public protection)	XR-514 split
XR-503	Radiation and the pregnant patient	XR-504

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Equipment, clinical scientific and technical support

XR-601	Clinical scientific and technical support	XR-301
XR-602	Equipment management	XR-302
XR-603	Equipment quality control and quality assurance	XR-303 & XR-509 merged
XR-604	Image quality and optimisation	XR-503 plus image quality

Guidelines, protocols and clinical safety

XR-701	Referral management guidelines	XR-501
XR-702	Pathway and condition-specific protocols	XR-511, CT-804, IR-806, MR-808, NM-805 & US-803 merged
XR-703	Consent	XR-502
XR-704	Imaging of children and young people	XR-505
XR-705	Management of medicines in imaging	XR-513, CT-802, IR-805 & MR-807 merged
XR-706	Imaging reporting policy	XR-508
XR-707	Unexpected diagnoses and potential medical emergencies	XR-510
XR-708	Forensic and post-mortem imaging	XR-512

Quality and governance

XR-801	Quality management	XR-701
XR-802	Audit	XR-703
XR-803	Research and innovation	XR-706
XR-804	Review and learning	XR-707
XR-805	Risk management	XR-603
XR-806	Service development and improvement	XR-604 & XR-605 merged

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Modalities

Computerised Tomography (CT)

CT-901	Governance and safety systems	New Standard
CT-902	Staffing and training	CT-801
CT-903	Trauma management	CT-803
CT-904	Paediatric imaging	CT-805

Interventional Radiology (IR)

IR-901	Governance and safety systems	New Standard
IR-902	Staffing and training	New Standard
IR-903	Environment and equipment	IR-801 and IR-804 merged
IR-904	Paediatric imaging	IR-807
IR-905	Access and admissions	IR-802 and IR-803 merged

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MR)

MR-901	Governance and safety systems	MR-803, MR-805 & MR-806 merged
MR-902	Staffing and training	MR-801 & MR-802 merged
MR-903	Environment and equipment	MR-804
MR-904	Paediatric imaging	MR-809

Nuclear Medicine (NM) and molecular imaging

NM-901	Governance and safety systems	NM-801
NM-902	Staffing and training	New Standard
NM-903	Environment and equipment	NM-802 & NM-804 merged
NM-904	Paediatric imaging	NM-806
NM-905	Management of radiopharmaceuticals and radioactive materials	NM-803 & NM-804 merged

Ultrasound (US)

US-901	Governance and safety systems	US-801
US-902	Staffing and training	US-802
US-903	Environment and equipment	New standard
US-904	Paediatric imaging	US-804

Crossover 2026 to 2024

Stats

XR		
Number of standards	58	%
Number of Merged standards	13	22%
Number of Updated standards	28	48%
Number of new element standards	5	9%
Number of new standards	12	21%

Modalities		
Number of standards	22	
Number of Merged standards	6	27%
Number of Updated standards	8	36%
Number of new element standards	3	14%
Number of new standards	5	23%

All		
Number of standards	80	
Number of Merged standards	18	23%
Number of Updated standards	37	45%
Number of new element standards	8	10%
Number of new standards	17	21%

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