



Consortium for the Accreditation of Sonographic Education

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This newsletter aims to provide up to date information regarding CASE activities & requirements regarding validation, annual programme monitoring & other relevant issues



Introduction by CASE Committee Chair

It has been another busy and very exciting year for CASE. In February CASE was commissioned by Health Education England to write the '*Standards for Sonographic Education*'. I am pleased to say these standards were designed and delivered efficiently and effectively, with input from key stakeholders, and have been very well received. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Gill Harrison, Gill Dolbear and everyone who had input into the writing of this excellent document, which will form the basis of future ultrasound education.

In April the Committee held a joint meeting with the representatives of the member organisations of CASE. This allowed future strategies to be determined and as a result the annual performance and monitoring review (APMR) processes will be reviewed and there will be a full review of the accreditation processes to ensure CASE are able to fulfil all of our aims and to lead on ultrasound accreditation and education. It is expected this review will be completed by July 2019. A new *Validation and Accreditation Handbook* will also be written to reflect the ever changing nature of ultrasound education.

Ultrasound programmes and courses are rapidly changing and I am pleased to say that the first graduates of the graduate entry courses are now working well in clinical practice. The teams responsible for the delivery of these courses need to be commended for their excellent teaching and innovations.

CASE will be fully involved in the professional issues and education sessions at the BMUS ASM. These sessions should be interesting and enlightening and I look forward to seeing you there.

Simon Richards
CASE Committee Chair

Annual Performance Monitoring Review

APMR Lead, Dr Valda Gazzard, presents her report for the academic year 2016 to 2017

APMR 2016-17



Focused Courses for CASE Accreditation

The definition of a focused course, as defined by CASE in the Handbook, has been updated.

[Read the extract from the Handbook here](#)

Standards for Sonographic Education

In June 2018 CASE published a new guidance document entitled '*CASE Standards for Sonographic Education*'. This document, commissioned by Health Education England as an important step towards meeting the needs of the changing ultrasound education landscape, clearly identifies the standards that need to be met within/through sonographic education and training for non-medical practitioners known as 'Sonographers'.

It is acknowledged that it is no longer appropriate to restrict ultrasound education and training to current healthcare practitioners such as radiographers and midwives. A long-term, sustainable source of future sonographers is therefore required through a process of direct entry to programmes such as:

- Bachelor of Science e.g. BSc (Hons) Clinical Sonography or BSc (Hons) Medical Ultrasound
- Apprenticeship in Clinical Sonography or Medical Ultrasound
- Integrated Masters e.g. MSon (combines undergraduate and postgraduate study into a single four-year programme)
- Master of Science e.g. MSc Clinical Sonography or MSc Medical Ultrasound

This document was created to provide guidance on educating the future ultrasound workforce, along with learning outcomes for academic levels 6, 7 and 8, as a result of the increasing diversity of ultrasound programmes and courses. It is intended to be used as a resource by ultrasound educators and CASE accreditors; however, we hope it will be of interest to all those involved in the training and education of student sonographers.

[Download Standards for Sonographic Education](#)

Sonographer Workforce Developments

Committee member Gill Harrison provides an update on the sonographer workforce developments.

[Read More](#)



Direct Entry Courses - One Student's Experience

Kate Manley was one of the first cohort of full-time MSc graduate entrants from the University of Derby direct entry course and is now a newly qualified sonographer

[Read Kate's Story](#)

An Unexpected Presentation in Chile

Gill Harrison travelled to Santiago on holiday and found herself delivering a presentation on the UK perspective of independent reporting sonographers to a group of Chilean medical technologists.

[Read What Happened](#)



CASE Improvements on the Way

Earlier this year the CASE Member Organisations and the Committee held a joint meeting to identify how CASE needs to:

- Update accreditation requirements and their implementation
- Develop and refine accreditation processes
- Modernise governance arrangements
- Progress short, medium and long-term next steps in each of the above areas

As a result, an action plan has been put together and work has already begun so you will start to see the results filter through soon.

A key change which has already been implemented is that there will no longer be a single CASE Chair, the MO's have agreed to separate the role of Chair into two positions to spread the workload. The MO's will take responsibility for chairing their own group by rotating between organisations for a period of one year at a time and a Committee Chair will be appointed to manage only the Committee's workload.

Accreditor Training and CASE Open Day

The next training and open day for all accreditors, course leaders and other interested parties will be held in May 2019 at SCoR in London. Please keep an eye on the website for more details to follow soon and get in touch if you would be interested in attending.



Alison McBride



Lisa Newcombe



Accreditors

Alison McBride (Senior Lecturer and Sonographer, University of South Wales) and **Mike Bryant** (Consultant MSK Physiotherapist and Sonographer, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust) have been approved as new Accreditors.

Committee Members

New representatives from the Member Organisations who have joined the Committee this year are:

Lisa Newcombe (COP)

Jo Walker (SVT)

Member Organisations

The British Medical Ultrasound Society (BMUS)
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The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP)
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College of Podiatry (COP)
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Institute of Physics and

Goodbye to **Dawn Fraser** and **Katherine Barton** who have left the team this year.

Goodbye also to **Jean Wilson** who has retired after a long association with CASE, our best wishes go to a much respected colleague.

Accreditors

Thanks go to **Anna Jerram** (SVT), **Carolyn Mason** (CSP) and **Neil Pugh** (IPEM) who have all left during 2018.

Replacements for Carolyn and Neil will be appointed soon.

Committee

Engineering in Medicine (IPEM)

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The Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR)

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The Society for Vascular Technology of Great Britain and Ireland

The MO's

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