

Current COMARE Work Programme (2016)

COMARE PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS:



Childhood leukaemia in the vicinity of Sellafield and Dounreay

COMARE will be kept up to date on the surveillance and review of the incidence of childhood leukaemia and other cancers in the vicinity of Sellafield and of Dounreay, in accordance with recommendation 5 of the 11th COMARE report. A review of the current update on this work has been commissioned by the Department of Health and it is anticipated that it will be published as a COMARE report in 2016.



Interventional Radiology Issues

COMARE has been asked by the Department of Health to produce advice on issues concerning radiation doses from interventional radiology in the UK. A subcommittee has been established to respond to this request. It is anticipated that this advice will be published as a report from COMARE.

DXA Scanning Issues

COMARE has been asked by the Department of Health to produce advice on issues on medical radiation dose issues associated with DXA scans for sports performance assessments and other non-medical practices. A subcommittee is being established to respond to this request. It is anticipated that this advice will be published as a report from COMARE.




COMARE PUBLICATION REVIEW:

Published reports

COMARE will consider the outcomes of published COMARE reports and will determine if further review is required.

WORKING GROUPS:

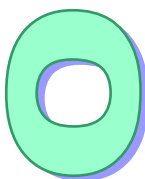


Contaminations

The Contaminations Working Group continues to consider updates on the respective beach monitoring programmes submitted from Dounreay and Sellafield, noting the particles detected at each site. The working group also follows the monitoring work being undertaken at Dalgety Bay and the remediation programme.

Authorisations

COMARE has a standing commitment to advise on authorised discharges of radioactive materials as and when new or revised authorisations are produced. The Authorisation Working Group (AWG) advises on draft authorisations and keeps the full committee aware of its proceedings.




ADDITIONAL ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE:

Radon

COMARE will be kept aware of the progress of the policy on "Radon in homes". Any new epidemiological or dosimetric data will be brought to the attention of the committee so it may consider the current risk estimates from radon in the home in the light of these new data.

Electromagnetic Fields

COMARE will be kept up to date on studies of the possible health effects of electromagnetic fields. The Secretariat will bring appropriate information before the committee, as it becomes available.



SAHSU

COMARE has a standing commitment to consider any epidemiology studies involving radiation issues reported by the Small Area Health Statistics Unit (SAHSU).