

Current COMARE Work Programme (April 2017 – March 2018)

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COMARE PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS:

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. The established subcommittee will continue to investigate this issue. 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 medical radiation dose issues associated with DXA scans for sports performance assessments and other non-medical practices. The established subcommittee will continue to review the evidence on this issue. It is anticipated that this advice will be published as a report from COMARE.

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COMARE PUBLICATION REVIEW:

Published reports

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

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WORKING GROUPS:

Contaminations

The Contaminations Working Group will continue to consider updates on the respective beach monitoring programmes submitted from Dounreay and Sellafield, noting the particles detected at each site. The working group will also follow 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) will advise on draft authorisations and keep the full committee aware of its proceedings.

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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.

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SAHSU

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

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