

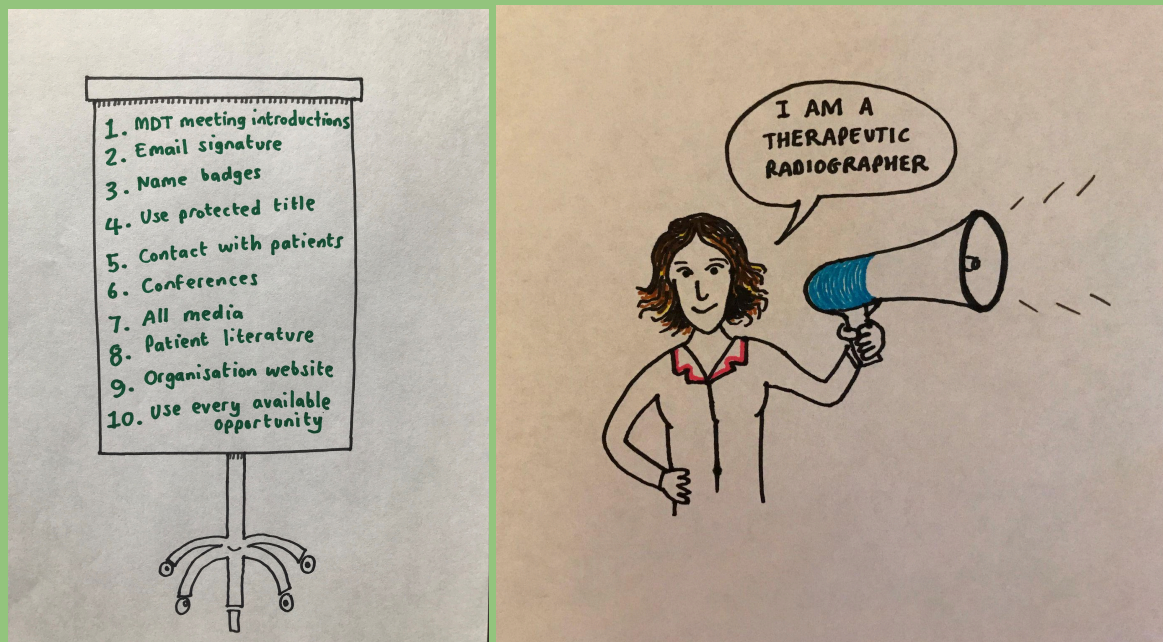
Monthly Radiotherapy Clinical Fellow Blog

July Issue

Jo

I can't believe that Hazel and I are nearing the end of our fellowship. We are trying now to tie up all our projects and ensure legacy for some of the work we have undertaken. We are also starting to reflect on what we have achieved and the impact we have made. It is crazy to think we have been in post almost a year and Hazel and I haven't even met face to face! We hope to meet up in September for a walk and a well deserved drink in a nice country pub.

So this month, Hazel and I took some annual leave, but we were particularly busy with career events. This month we presented twice at [Health Care Careers Live](#) event and used a patient voice to highlight the impact of different AHP careers and particularly Therapeutic Radiographers (Hazel and I did not pay [Rhea](#) to say nice things about the profession!) and presented on how all AHP's can be Professional Ambassadors and promote their professions.



Are you doing any of these now? I love how many Therapeutic Radiographers inform me that they are now using our registered HCPC title rather than an

alternative e.g. Therapy Radiographer. It really can have a big impact on promoting our profession.

I had two weeks off in July, but I have been busy keeping up with [#Miles4Radiotherapy](#) and August see's the return of #AHPsActive on Twitter. Do come and get involved! It is great to come together as an AHP community, get fit, inspire friends and family and to promote our profession. I love it when people ask me what I do when I am wearing a promotional T-Shirt. Thinking of opening an Etsy shop!



We have been busy this month reviewing Macmillan websites and resources, ensuring radiotherapy resources and information is accurate and up to date, whilst also ensuring that it is inclusive of all the healthcare professionals working in oncology.

We hope to launch by the end of this month The Society of Radiographers Specialist Interest Group of which I am going to chair along with a diagnostic colleague, so watch this space if you're interested in recruitment, retention and outreach work.

Hazel

Wow, I can't believe July has come and gone and it's August. As Jo said we were quite busy preparing for Health Careers live in July and we must give a big thank you to all the AHPs and Rhea who helped us deliver a great session by sending us selfie films to showcase.

July was a busy month for webinars as Jo and I also did a webinar with The Society of Radiographers for prospective students considering a healthcare career in radiotherapy. [Here is the link please share with any prospective student.](#)

July for me saw me tick one of the bucket list; centre court tickets for men's semi-final day! It was a wonderful day. We definitely all deserve a treat after the last 18 months.



We have shamelessly copied the great work of the paramedics poster campaign, 'not all paramedics wear green' in collaboration with The Society of Radiographers and we are currently gathering 'volunteers' for a poster to showcase the diversity of roles therapeutic radiographers can do. Another big thank you to all those who have helped us. The poster supplements the webinar Jo and I ran in May on what you can do with a therapeutic radiographer qualification. [Here is the link if you missed the webinar.](#)

Jo and I are currently reviewing the data from a North West service evaluation about the perception of the role of the therapeutic radiographer in



prehabilitation and rehabilitation, some really interesting results are emerging and we hope to put together some proposals following this working closely with GM prehab and other prehab/rehab leads.

Jo and I continued our virtual tour of the Macmillan geographies this month and welcomed the opportunity to speak to the Macmillan Partnership Managers about the scope of therapeutic radiographers practice and to request that teams consider whether or not job descriptions could be opened out to AHPs and not limited to nurses which is often the case. Following this tour we have also helped one of the geographies for a bid for a specialist therapeutic radiographer; fingers crossed they are successful.

Jo and I have also heard from other therapeutic radiographers about the challenges of applying for roles outside the radiotherapy department in oncology which are often open to only nurses despite therapeutic radiographers having years of oncology experience. We have approached The Society of Radiographers about the challenges faced by members and are hoping to work together on this challenging topic.