

The National Demand Optimisation Group met for the third time on 1st July in Glasgow and will meet for the final time on 7th October. The group reviewed the ongoing work that members are carrying out in order to develop recommendations and guidance for standard DO practice across NHS Scotland. The group are also working towards the production of an end of year review report which will detail and highlight the work, progress, achievements to date and recommendations going forward for further work.

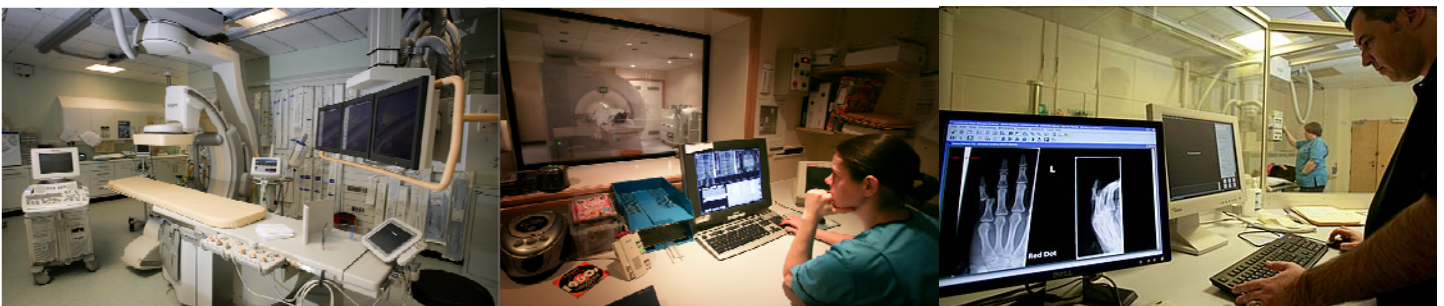
Progress

Draft papers had been produced, reviewed and discussed at the July meeting for the following;

- Atlas of Variation Pilot—A draft paper has been developed detailing the requirements for the Atlas pilot - incorporating level of data collection and the likely targeted tests for inclusion in the analysis.
- GP Feedback pilot—Dr Croal shared details of the project being carried out across Primary Care within NHS Grampian (see below).
- General DO guidance document - a working draft highlighting the main ten recommendations for good DO practice was reviewed by the group
- Establishing the importance of Minimum Retesting Intervals (MRIs) - the group discussed how best to prioritise key MRIs for each discipline – a document is being drafted that summarises these.
- IT Guidance – The group reviewed a draft paper containing guidance on the IT aspects of delivering DO activity.

The group will continue to review and contribute to these reports, all of which will be included in final end of year report for November 2016.

Scottish Clinical Imaging network (SCIN)

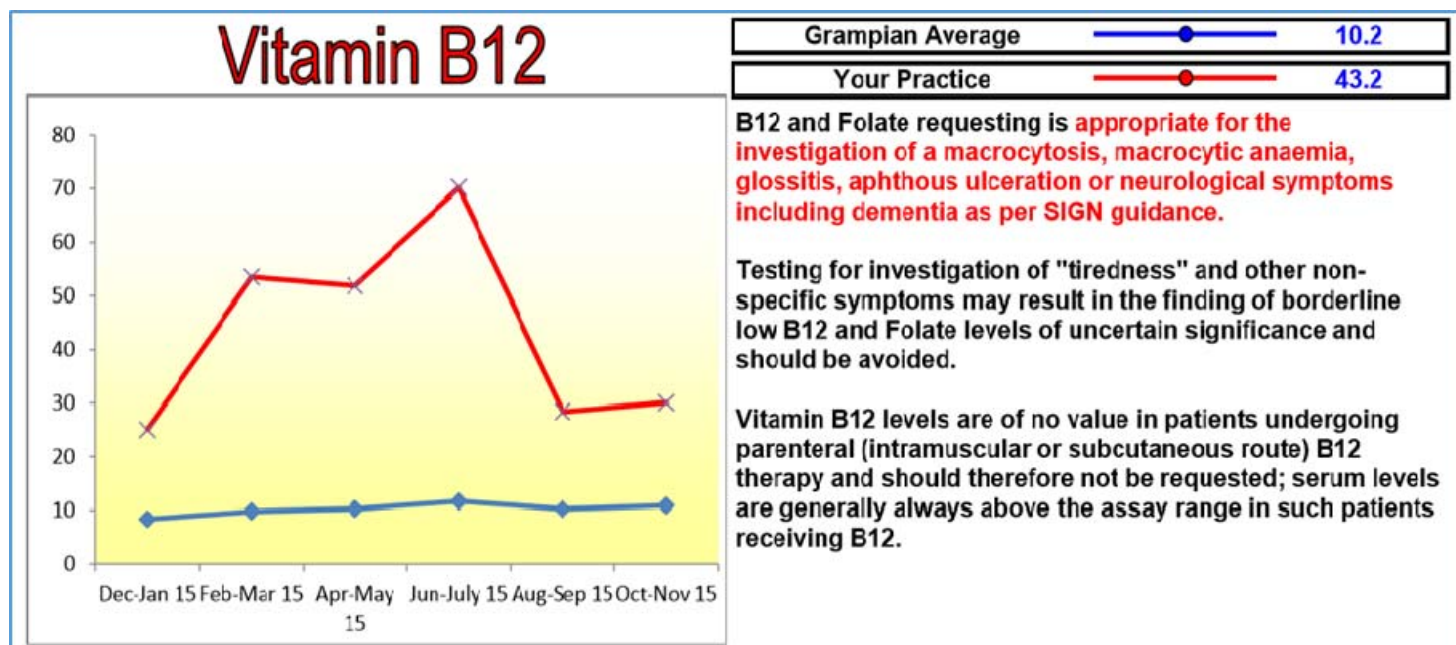


Dr Fiona Hawke, Scottish Clinical Imaging Network (SCIN) Imaging manager gave an update on the work that the SCIN Network have been focusing on and advised that the SCIN current programme of work involves working towards a pilot of Clinical Decision Support Software and developing a quarterly report showing useful metrics identified from the cost book data. Future items on the workplan involve investigating standardised protocols and vetting processes.

GP Education Feedback— DO Strategy



The Educational Feedback for GPs currently underway across NHS Grampian was discussed at the meeting. This service provides GP practices with data on their requesting rates of specific targeted tests (compared to regional averages) along with educational messages associated with optimum test use. This is provided electronically and a live sharepoint version is being developed. Versions are being considered in Tayside and Lothian but any other Board looking to develop this for their own GPs are asked to contact Dr Bernie Croal directly – bernie.croal@nhs.net



Further details can be found on both the Scottish Government website;
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00476785.pdf>

And in the National Demand Optimisation Group website;
<http://www.mcns.scot.nhs.uk/dog/>