

The East of England Radiotherapy Network

Study Day

May 2026

Post event summary

Summary

The East of England Radiotherapy Network Regional Study Day took place on 21 May 2026 at Hinxtton Hall, Cambridgeshire. The event brought together radiotherapy professionals from across the East of England to share learning and strengthen collaboration across the Network.

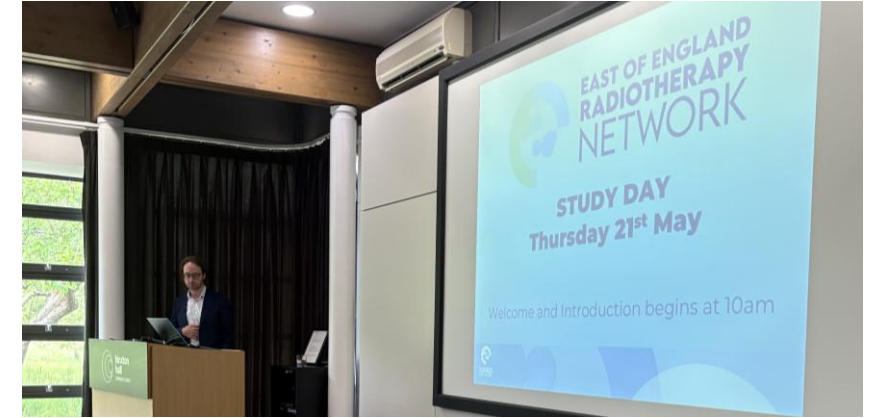
The programme covered a broad range of clinical, workforce, quality improvement, and strategic topics, including the future direction of radiotherapy within the National Cancer Plan, clinical oncology training, radiotherapy quality assurance through ProKnow, implementation of renal SABR services, sustainability initiatives, and consultant radiographer practice.

In addition to the main programme, the Network hosted a dedicated breakout session for aspiring Medical Physics Experts (MPEs), providing targeted support for workforce development within radiotherapy physics. The session focused on portfolio development, evidence requirements, and practical challenges associated with the MPE accreditation process and was supported by Heads of Radiotherapy Physics from across the Network, and Emma Wilson, Peterborough City Hospital.

The day provided opportunities for multidisciplinary learning and discussion between therapeutic radiographers, clinical oncologists, medical physicists, therapeutic radiographers, dosimetrists, and trainees. Delegates also had the opportunity to engage with industry partners who supported the event through exhibition stands.

Attendance

Total delegates: 85
In-person delegates: 57
Virtual delegates: 28
Presentations: 15
Speakers: 17
Sponsors: 5



Sponsors

The event was supported by five industry partners, whose representatives showcased the latest radiotherapy technology, equipment, and services. Their contribution ensured the study day remained free to attend for delegates and created valuable opportunities for networking throughout the day.

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Key themes

The programme highlighted several strategic priorities for radiotherapy services including:

- Quality improvement and audit
- Workforce development and career progression
- Innovation and advanced techniques
- Sustainability and environmental responsibility
- Research and service evaluation
- Collaborative working across the Network

Feedback

Feedback from the event was very positive:

100% of respondents rated the study day excellent (59%) or good (41%) – with more respondents than last year rating the study day excellent.

100% of respondents were very satisfied (65%) or satisfied (35%) with the quality of speakers and range of topics covered.

100% of respondents like an annual network study day.

Delegates particularly valued practical sessions showcasing innovation and shared learning, including CBCT optimisation, ProKnow audits, and sustainability. Learning from colleagues across different professions and Trusts was consistently highlighted as a key benefit.

This year we successfully introduced the first Network Aspiring MPE support session. Participants highly valued independent portfolio reviews and practical advice from experienced MPE assessors. The session will be developed further as an annual opportunity with potential for wider regional mentoring.

With strong support and enthusiasm for these events, the Network is exploring the options for 2027.



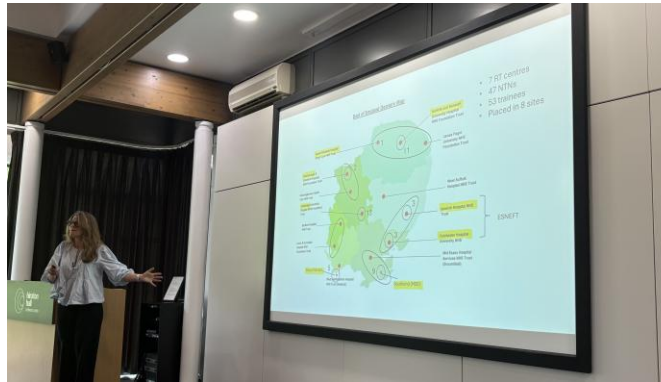
Presentations

The National Cancer Plan: Implications for radiotherapy in the next 10 years – Tom Roques, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital

Clinical Oncology training in the East of England: Bigger and better – Helen Swannie, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital

Health inequalities in radiotherapy – Naman Julka- Anderson, Southend University Hospital

Effect of SABR in oligometastatic disease – Kabilesh Janasanthiran and Baiju Anjana, Colchester Hospital



Varian CBCT optimisation – Chelsea Powell, Addenbrooke's Hospital

Using ProKnow to improve radiotherapy quality: national breast audit, Network learning, and practical application – Kamal Thippu, Addenbrooke's Hospital; Michael Thomas, Royal Marsden Hospital; Katie McHugh, Southend University Hospital; Aquila Sharif, Peterborough City Hospital

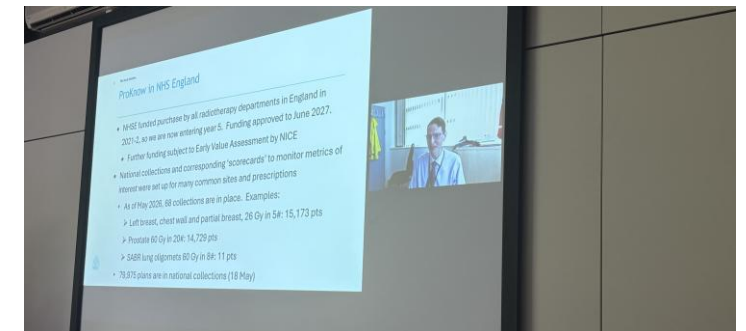
Establishing a renal SABR service at Cambridge University Hospital – Rebecca Sen, Addenbrooke's Hospital

Environmental sustainability in radiotherapy: The green Radiotherapy Framework – Sara Lightowlers, Peterborough City Hospital and Luke Eggerton, St Bartholomew Hospital

Supporting the workforce: EofE RTN Consultant Radiographer Group – Helen Gregory, Peterborough City Hospital and Kim Whitlock, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital

Experience of an Academic Clinical Fellow in Clinical Oncology – Osama Omrani, Addenbrooke's Hospital

Overview of precision RT techniques in UK practice for OG and HPB cancer – Ganesh Radhakrishna, Christie Hospital



Aspiring Medical Physics Expert (MPE) session

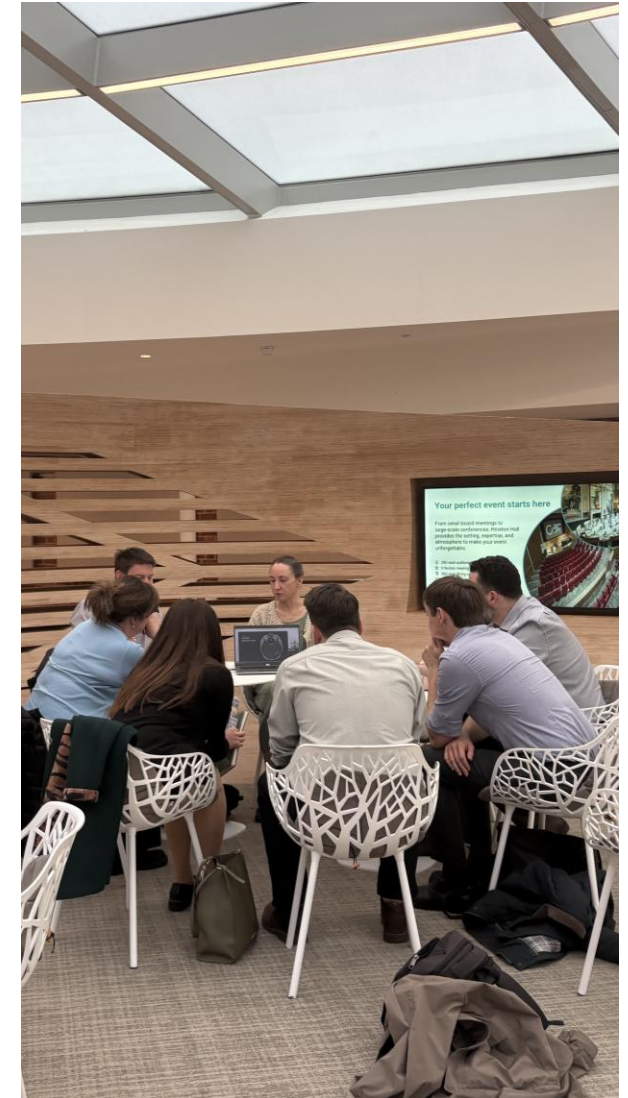
Alongside the main study day programme, the Network hosted a dedicated breakout session for aspiring Medical Physics Experts (MPEs) from across the region.

The session was developed in response to identified workforce development needs and provided an opportunity for aspiring MPEs to discuss the MPE accreditation process, portfolio development, evidence requirements and common challenges encountered during the journey towards recognition.

The session was developed and supported by Andy Robinson, Jamie Fairfoul.

The interactive format encouraged discussion between aspiring MPEs and experienced colleagues, allowing participants to explore practical solutions to challenges and gain valuable insight into the accreditation process.

Feedback from participants will be used to inform future workforce development activities and determine whether a regional community of practice for aspiring MPEs would be beneficial.



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- Dr Holyoake for chairing the day.
- All speakers for sharing their expertise.
- Our sponsors for their generous sponsorship and participation.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the day such a success.

We hope to build on this in future and look forward to hosting more exciting network events.

