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Subject: Joint Statement of Intent - Artificial Intelligence

Dear Melanie and Mani,

Many thanks for sharing the Joint Statement of Intent. We very much welcome the collaborative approach being taken and the intention to develop greater consistency around the safe, effective and responsible use of AI by health and social care professionals.

This is an area in which IPEM is already undertaking a significant programme of work, reflecting the particular role of medical physicists, clinical engineers and clinical technologists in the development, implementation, assurance and safe use of AI-enabled technologies in healthcare.

Our current activity includes work through our AI Special Interest Group, bringing together member expertise across Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering. We are also working with the National Clinical Liaison Group, alongside the RCR and SCoR, to strengthen awareness of existing governance and IR(ME)R requirements relevant to AI-enabled technologies. A specific IPEM group has been established to consider the implications of the National Commission's recommendations and how these interact with existing professional, regulatory and governance frameworks.

More broadly, we have been engaging on the application of IR(ME)R to AI, including the importance of appropriate human oversight, clear accountability and assurance throughout the lifecycle of AI-enabled technologies. These issues are particularly important for our members, who frequently have responsibilities not only as users of technology but in its specification, evaluation, implementation, quality assurance and ongoing monitoring.

We therefore particularly welcome the intention to develop high-level principles through engagement with professionals, patients, service users and the public, and to seek greater consistency across professional regulation.

We would be very pleased to contribute IPEM's expertise to this work as it develops. There is a strong alignment with the work we already have underway, and we would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the PSA, regulators and Accredited Registers over the coming months, including sharing learning and ensuring the perspectives of the Medical Physics, Clinical Engineering and Clinical Technology communities are reflected.

Please do keep us closely involved as the next phase of work develops and we would welcome early involvement as appropriate.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Knight'.

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