



Photonet

National Managed Clinical Network for Phototherapy in Scotland

Photonet Winter Newsletter 2022

Welcome to the 2022 Winter Newsletter for Photonet, the Phototherapy National Managed Clinical Network in Scotland

It has been a busy few months for the network with a lot of work going on behind the scenes including a busy audit schedule, continued promotion of the Phototherapy online course available on Turas Learn, progressing work on a clearance poster and dosimetry visits by Photonet technician using Photonet Phantom.

Please read on to find out more details on what the network has been doing and visit the Photonet website www.photonet.scot.nhs.uk to keep up to date with our activities or email nss.photonet@nhs.scot if we can provide further information on any of the items noted below.

Best Wishes

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Lead Clinician end of the year message



As we come to the end of this year, a year of rebuilding, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work in delivering high-quality phototherapy services to the people of Scotland. Thanks to your efforts we continue to see an increase in the number of phototherapy courses being delivered. It hasn't quite reached pre-pandemic levels but it is going in the right direction!

This year Photonet became 20 years old, which we celebrated at the annual meeting with a review of the achievements from UV phototherapy in Scotland.



As one of the first national networks in Scotland we have seen a near doubling of phototherapy centres in the past 20 years, bucking the global trend of reducing phototherapy. During these difficult financial times it is more important than ever to have a strong phototherapy provision. We estimate that UV phototherapy in Scotland is saving the NHS between £10 million and £20 million every year by reducing patients' use of emollients and delaying the introduction of expensive biologic drugs. At Photonet we feel very proud that the network has contributed to these achievements. We will continue to provide the community, the education, the data and the passion for this vital treatment and we look forward to another 20 years on this journey with you.

As always the Photonet team of Mhairi, Aneta, Louise and Iain have been working hard to ensure the network continues to progress and deliver on its objectives. I want to thank them for their enthusiasm and dedication to the network, they make the role of Lead Clinician a joy and an honour to undertake.

As we go into 2023 my tenure as Lead Clinician comes to an end with the network looking for fresh ideas and a new perspective from an interested individual. I would highly recommend putting yourself forward for this role which I have enjoyed and which has taught me so much over the past 4 years.

For all your UV phototherapy enquiries we remain, as always, on the end of the phone or email, to support you and your Phototherapy service. From myself, Mhairi, Aneta, Louise and Iain we wish you peace, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ewan

Photonet National Meeting – Thursday 25th May 2023

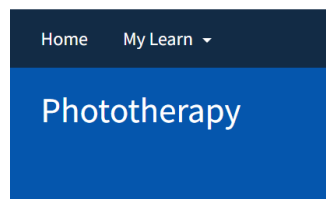
Next **Photonet National Meeting** is being planned for Thursday 25th May 2023, as a face-face event held in Steel Lecture Theatre, Perth Royal Infirmary. **Please note** there is no facility to offer virtual attendance at the moment however we are looking into this. Draft programme is being finalised and will be available on Photonet website in due course.

The event is free to attend – however **REGISTRATION** is required – please check our website for further information www.photonet.scot.nhs.uk



Photonet Education

TURAS | Learn



Photonet 2022 Annual Meeting recording now available on TURAS Learn

Photonet held a national annual meeting on the 19th May 2022 virtually via Teams platform. There were nearly 100 delegates linking in, with range of speakers from phototherapy/dermatology and third sector organisations. Here are the step-by-step instructions on how to access the recordings:

Step 1: Login to Turas & search for Phototherapy



Step 2: Click on 'Resources: Annual Conferences

The screenshot shows the TURAS Learn interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Home', 'My Learn', and 'Reports'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search...'. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'All' and 'Phototherapy'. The main content area is titled 'Phototherapy' and includes a sidebar with 'Phototherapy mentoring programme' and 'Resources: Annual Conferences'. The main text area contains a welcome message and a description of the online training programme on phototherapy and photochemotherapy (PUVA).

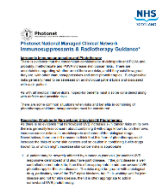
Step 3: Click on the recording you wish to watch (morning or afternoon sessions)

The screenshot displays the '2022 Annual Conference' page. It features a section for the 'Photonet Annual Conference' with details: Date: Thursday 19 May 2022, Time: 13:00 - 16:00, and Venue: TEAMS. Below this, there is a note: 'Select play to watch the Conference, timings are listed beneath each video, so that you can skip to a particular section if you wish. You can watch these videos with a transcript in Youtube.' Two video thumbnails are shown, one for '2022_05_19 Photonet Ann MTP' and another for '2022_05_19 Photonet Ann Mig B'.

Photonet Guidelines

A number of **Photonet guidelines** were recently reviewed/endorsed and are now available on Photonet website – please **follow the links** below for ease of access to:

- Immunosuppressants and Radiotherapy Guidance
- Photosensitising drugs and Phototherapy Guidance
- Photonet Quality Assurance Programme
- Guidance of Children



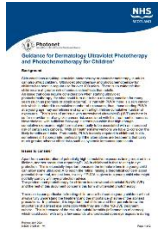
[Immunosuppressants and Radiotherapy Guidance](#)



[Photosensitising drugs and Phototherapy Guidance](#)



Quality Assurance Programme for Photonet ([Photonet National Standards](#))



[Guidance for Dermatology Ultraviolet Phototherapy and Photochemotherapy for Children](#)

Please note that the following documents were recently reviewed and endorsed by Photonet Steering Group on 3 November 2022 and are now being processed. Keep an eye on the emails/website – we shall let you know when these are available to view/download!

- Patient Information Leaflets (Oral PUVA, Topical PUVA, UVB) both for patients and professionals
- Photonet Treatment Protocols
- Protective eyewear for Oral PUVA
- Referral Form for PUVA Treatment

Photosys Upgrade



Long awaited changes have now been successfully implemented and **Photosys** launched on Monday 20 December 2021. Please check our [Guide](#) to familiarise yourself with the changes introduced. Here are few highlights:

- Location names have been updated (there is no longer Argyll & Clyde board) and Orkney and Western Isles added
- Removal of Health Board restrictions (you are now able to view your patient's treatment history regardless of where they were previously treated)
- Changes to the new treatment summary page
- You can now capture delay in treatment
- Erythema (called 'painful erythema grade 3 or 4 only')
- Face shield – it is now mandatory field
- ALL fields within treatment record can now be amended

Skin cancer review changes

- This section has been updated to better identify if and when patients have been offered and attended skin review.
- There is also a new area within Photosys to identify (tag) patients who should be recalled for skin review who may not currently be captured through the annual audit
- There is also the function to highlight patients who have been identified for skin review who should no longer be recalled

Photonet Meetings schedule 2023



Photonet Steering Group, Thur 16/03/2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Photophysics Sub Group, Thur 20/04/2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Photonet National Meeting, Thur 25/05/2023, 09:30 – 15:30

Photonet Steering Group, Thur 24/08/2023, 10:00 - 12:30

Photophysics Sub Group, Thur 31/10/2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Photonet Steering Group, Thur 7/12/2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Feedback



We hope you enjoyed this Newsletter. If you have anything you would like to include in future editions please get in touch.

We would also welcome your feedback on this newsletter and wider communications from the Network. All feedback is used to improve future communications.

Please email your comments to nss.photonet@nhs.scot

FESTIVE WISHES

From the Photonet Network Team we wish all the Photonet Network Members and their families peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year!

