

**RADIATION PROTECTION  
POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
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**RESPONSIBILITY FOR USE OF EQUIPMENT**

The main users of ionising radiation which may result in irradiation of patients are the departments of Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Medical Physics, and Clinical Oncology. All such equipment within the Trust, including that "owned" by other departments (e.g. some surgical image intensifier systems), will for radiation protection purposes be used under the direction of the Radiation Protection Supervisor in one of the above departments. The RPS responsible for each controlled area will be named in the appropriate Local Rules.

This policy is intended to ensure that good practice is maintained, and that practical aspects of medical exposures are only performed by operators who are authorised to do so, having received adequate training.

In order to ensure that the probability and magnitude of accidents of unintended doses to patients from radiological practices are reduced so far as is practicable, only authorised operators and practitioners shall authorise and undertake medical exposure, and then in accordance with the relevant Local Rules, and Policy & Procedures.

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