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British Institute of Radiology (BIR)
Online survey of imaging and oncology professionals
29 April and 1 May 2020

The British Institute of Radiology (BIR) conducted a survey of imaging and oncology professionals between 29 April and 1 May 2020. The survey was completed by 561 UK based radiographers, 81 sonographers, 65 radiologists, 11 scientists working in healthcare and 6 oncologists. The key results are shown below.

Radiographers (sample: 561)

To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	36%	39%	19%	5%	1%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	36%	24%	20%	9%	11%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	23%	21%	24%	24%	8%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	1%	2%	13%	57%	27%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	43%	37%	14%	4%	1%
Cleaning staff	34%	32%	17%	10%	6%
How much confidence do you have that there will be adequate provision (where you work) to deal with the situation as you can envisage it developing within the NEXT THREE MONTHS?					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	21%	33%	30%	11%	5%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	22%	25%	25%	11%	17%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	30%	22%	24%	14%	9%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	4%	8%	25%	29%	33%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	35%	34%	17%	7%	6%
Cleaning staff	34%	30%	16%	9%	11%

Sonographers (sample: 81)

To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY

	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	47%	38%	9%	6%	0%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	38%	16%	17%	5%	23%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	28%	22%	23%	16%	10%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	1%	2%	14%	51%	32%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	53%	33%	6%	8%	1%
Cleaning staff	43%	25%	14%	9%	10%

How much confidence do you have that there will be adequate provision (where you work) to deal with the situation as you can envisage it developing within the NEXT THREE MONTHS?

	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	30%	28%	28%	7%	6%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	27%	14%	28%	6%	25%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	40%	20%	20%	10%	11%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	5%	6%	17%	30%	42%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	41%	28%	15%	5%	11%
Cleaning staff	47%	20%	11%	11%	11%

Radiologists (sample 65)

To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY

	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	55%	21%	15%	5%	4%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	41%	14%	14%	5%	26%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	33%	29%	18%	11%	10%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	5%	12%	18%	36%	29%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	51%	28%	10%	1%	10%
Cleaning staff	55%	21%	4%	7%	14%

How much confidence do you have that there will be adequate provision (where you work) to deal with the situation as you can envisage it developing within the NEXT THREE MONTHS?

	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	41%	25%	18%	5%	11%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	38%	19%	16%	5%	21%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	42%	31%	8%	7%	13%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	16%	16%	16%	16%	34%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	53%	18%	8%	3%	18%
Cleaning staff	51%	18%	5%	7%	19%

Scientists (sample 11)

To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	45%	27%	9%	18%	0%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	45%	9%	9%	0%	36%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	18%	27%	27%	9%	18%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	0%	9%	0%	55%	36%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	45%	9%	27%	0%	18%
Cleaning staff	45%	27%	18%	0%	9%

How much confidence do you have that there will be adequate provision (where you work) to deal with the situation as you can envisage it developing within the NEXT THREE MONTHS?					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	36%	36%	9%	9%	9%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	36%	9%	9%	0%	45%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	45%	18%	18%	9%	9%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	0%	18%	18%	27%	36%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	36%	36%	0%	9%	18%
Cleaning staff	45%	27%	0%	9%	18%

As a necessary part of your current work do you come into physical contact or close proximity to other people (eg patients or colleagues)?				
	Radiographers	Radiologists	Scientists	Sonographers
Yes - every working day	98%	66%	36%	99%
Yes - every working week	2%	23%	45%	1%
Yes - occasionally but on average less than once a week	0%	7%	18%	0%
No	0%	4%	0%	0%

Are you:				
	Radiographers	Radiologists	Scientists	Sonographers
Working entirely from home	1%	8%	0%	0%
Mixed working from home and your workplace	4%	42%	36%	6%
Working entirely/mostly from your workplace	92%	49%	64%	90%
On sick leave with COVID-19 symptoms	2%	1%	0%	1%
On sick leave for another reason	1%	0%	0%	0%
Furloughed	1%	0%	0%	2%
Not currently employed	0%	0%	0%	0%

(If your job involves image reporting) Are you...(Please tick ALL that apply)				
	Radiographers	Radiologists	Scientists	Sonographers
Image reporting from home (for your main employer)	6%	40%	0%	0%
Image reporting from home (for a teleradiology organisation)	2%	11%	0%	0%
Image reporting from your workplace	95%	88%	100%	100%

Notes to Editors

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