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Dear colleague

Making the best use of clinical radiology services (MBUR7)

My attention has just been drawn to the above consultation document.

The Faculty was established in 2006 by the Royal College of Physicians of London and has been founded to achieve the following objectives:

- To promote for the public benefit the advancement of education and knowledge in the field of forensic and legal medicine;
- To develop and maintain for the public benefit the good practice of forensic and legal medicine by ensuring the highest professional standards of competence and ethical integrity.

The Faculty includes three different professional groups:

- Forensic practitioners
- Medically qualified coroners
- Medico-legal advisers to the medical defence organisations.

My colleagues regularly see patients who are detained in police custody and it is suspected they may be concealing drugs in body cavities. We are of the opinion that a guideline for radiological investigation of body packers and stuffers would be helpful and did not see this in the proposed guidelines.

Yours sincerely

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