

Sustainable Kidney Care committee

Date: Thursday 7th September 2023, 2.00pm

Attendees: Suren Kanagasundaram (SK - chairing), Eleanor Murray (EM), Mark Wright (MW), Shazia Adalat (SA), Angeline Taylor (AT), Ben Talbot (BT - observer), Frances Mortimer (FM), Mark Harber (MH), Karen Jenkins (KJ), Claire McGuire (observer), Ryan Villanueva (observer)

Apologies: Jo Pywell (JP), Fiona Adshead (FA), Stephen Palmer (SP), Keith Channing (KC), Manraj Phull (MP), Emily Horwill (EH), Natalie Erickson (observer), Chris Stait (CS)

Minutes: UKKA Secretariat

Welcome, apologies & introductions

- SK welcomed members and introduced Claire McGuire & Ryan Villanueva who were attending as observers from the nursing community.
- An EOI should be going out in the next UKKA eNews for the multi-professional co-chair vacancy. Any non-medical committee member is welcome to apply.
AP1: FP to forward the MPT Co-Chair vacancy EOI to ANN UK once the communication has gone out.
- SK congratulated EM on their consultant appointment.
AP2: EM to seek SPR club representative.

Declarations of interest

SK reminded committee of AZ sponsorship of ICHDcarbon.org – previously declared

Minutes of last meeting

The committee agreed that the minutes of the June meeting were accurate.

Matters arising

Atlas of variation (MH) has been added to the Gantt chart as a project.

1:34 acid concentrates – wind down

SK updated that B. Braun have gone ahead and stopped production of 1:34 – further details awaited from SP.

Plant-based diet resources

AT is recording a short video to go with the presentation on plant-based diets. The video will include reference to the recent KDIGO draft guideline which advocates for plant-based diets. The BDA slides on sustainable food have been added to the presentation.

AP3: FP to discuss with Caitlin Sewell how UKKA could help promote the plant-based diet video.

Group scholars programme update

Project work is being finalised with written submission due in a couple of weeks. There will be a semi-internal presentation to local & national supervisors in early October, with a more concise version delivered at the SKC webinar on 18th October.

Green kidney care challenge, 23/24

FP is in the process of organising a next steps/funding meeting for the Green Kidney Care Challenge. FM gave an overview of the programme, which is run as a competition between six teams from different kidney units. The project involves measuring environmental and social cost impact on patient care, culminating in six case studies.

Incorporating sustainability in UKKA CPGs

MR has now linked in with Jim Burton (Co-Chair of the CPG committee) to discuss having a sustainability focus within each guideline. The blood borne viruses guideline is currently out for update and MR has submitted an EOI. Other virologists in London are also interested.

AP4: FP to continue to highlight sustainability at CPG committee meetings.

SK shared the Gantt chart with updates on the various committee projects:

- **Disseminate top tips, RSTP** – MW/FM suggested writing to individual network leads for help engaging the renal centres, to encourage unit champions and promote sustainability discussions to improve patient care.
- **Atlas of variation** – FM updated that the UKRR are happy to publish a table of which units have champions, which could inform the variation map.

AP5: FM/MH to meet with UKRR and look to adopt the atlas of variation into Workstream 1.

- **Sustainability champions** – The committee has a 90% coverage target by end of October. Members can register [here](#) on behalf of their unit. Current units with a sustainable champion:

1. Midlands Network
2. Berkshire Kidney Unit
3. Royal Derby Hospital
4. Newcastle Renal Services
5. St George's Renal and Transplantation unit
6. Glasgow Renal and Transplant Unit
7. Salford Royal Foundation Trust
8. UKKA - Yorks & Humber KQUIP
9. York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals
10. York Renal Unit
11. Evelina London Children's Hospital
12. King's College Hospital units
13. GWH Swindon
14. Leeds Childrens Hospital

AP6: FP to ask Sarah Crimp if unit champions can be added to the next Professional Council group meeting agenda.

- **UKKW** – SK has been in contact with Sarah Crimp at UKKA regarding the SKC footprint at UKKW 2024. There will be a call for session proposals in a few weeks. SK is proposing invited speakers covering UKKA SKC programme progress, an international perspective, technical component and sustainability abstracts. SK will share the proposal with the committee before submission. The group discussed other ideas such as requesting a sub section in the poster hall, CO₂ score cards for speakers, sustainability in abstract templates and approaching the UKKW programme committee to ensure sustainability is front and centre.
- **Sustainable conferencing** - SK noted that Sarah is also taking a course in event sustainability this month and will be writing a sustainability policy for all UKKA events. MH spoke with Sarah previously on ideas for UKKW and will follow up.

AP7: MH to speak to Sarah Crimp about UKKW sustainability.

- **ART Survey** – MW updated the group on the survey, which is now being supported by a colleague of EM. The aim is to pull the information together into a presentation for UKKW or similar. KJ suggested the Journal of Kidney Care may be a good place to highlight and share the information.
- **Metrics strategy timeline for 2023-24** – MW updated the group on the sustainability project which has commenced across the Northeast & Cumbria, and Yorkshire & Humber. There is a

plan to draw together some technicians involving Retha from UKRR, which will be discussed at a meeting in September.

- **Webinar** – The SKC webinar will be on 18th October via Zoom. [Here](#) is the link to share. The webinar will consist of a multi-professional panel discussion, followed by the group scholars presentation.
AP8: MW & MH to send their pre-record of the RSTP work and 12 steps to SA.
- **UKHACC membership** – Steph Lock from UKKA has agreed to fund the first year's membership. SK will submit the application shortly and finalise representatives for the various meetings.
- **Joint LIFE RESYSTAL scaling network** – SK will update further at next meeting, however the plan is to start to formalise links with Health Care Without Harm.
- **Carbon calculator** – ongoing, launched ICHD component, potential partnership with UAE.
- **AP9: FP to share updated Gantt chart with the meeting minutes.**

SKC webpage

FP updated the group on the website timescales. Caitlin Sewell and the UKKA systems team are continuing to work with the developers. Progress is being made but no firm date for release as yet.

Social media – comms

FP raised the recent interaction on Twitter with the ISN around GREEN K. Caitlin Sewell is keen to understand how UKKA can join up with the ISN and promote this work.

GREEN-K

Work is continuing to establish an industry liaison group and developing both generic JSODs and those for specific high impact components of ICHD pathway. MH updated that the ISN now has links on the steering group with many other international renal societies, including US, Australia & Latin America. The next step will be to move forward with working groups. MH and SK will be joining a meeting of the strategic group to discuss further.

AP10: FP to update Caitlin on GREEN-K for consideration for future comms.

Devolved nations

EM updated the group. Scotland have carried on round table events pushing CKD management and the prevention angle with the aim of persuading the government to prioritise this. No further new updates from Wales or Scotland.

Greener NHS update

MP sent apologies – to review at next meeting

Research update

JP sent apologies – to review at next meeting

AOB

Horizon Europe bid

FM informed the group that CSH is a major partner in a European consortium bid on sustainable kidney care, which following successful review by Horizon Europe, has been invited to commence grant preparation.

AP11: FP to add CSH European Consortium bid – Horizon Europe, to next meeting agenda.

Flight free nephrology

SK has contacted Flight Free UK as an individual. If anyone is interested in joining the declaration for flight free work next year, please let SK know.

Chemical rinsing initiative

RV shared his trusts green initiative around heat disinfection in between dialysis treatment, without negative impact on infection rates. RV was encouraged to consider submitting as an abstract for UKKW 2024 or as a case study via CSH via this link [here](#)

Next meeting: Thursday 9th November 2023, 14:00 – 15:30

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