

Sustainable Kidney Care committee

Tuesday 23rd November 2021, 2pm

Minutes

Chair: Suren Kanagasundaram (SK)

Minutes by: Sarah Crimp (SC)

Attendees: Shazia Adalat, (SA), Catherine Floyd (CF), Mark Harber (MH), Emily Horwill (EH), Frances Mortimer (FM), Eleanor Murray (EM), Manraj Phull (MP), Jo Pywell (JP), Chris Stait (CS), Mark Wright (MW)

Apologies: Katie Vinen (KV), Kate Drake (KD), Stephen Palmer (SP)

Minutes of meeting 20/10/21

Approved.

Matters arising:

- Webinar 25th November – 66 registered
- Healthcare Without Harm conference – **FM to enquire about space for sustainable kidney care on the programme in 2022.**

Membership

Monique Burgin has stepped down due to workload but has been encouraged to contribute via the Community of Practice.

Expressions of interest for a nursing representative will be sent out via ANNUK.

Any MDT members of the committee are invited to express interest in the post of co-chair. If none are forthcoming, EoI will be invited from the wider community.

Workstream progress reports

All workstream leads to supply a summary to add to the SKC webpage along with list of members.

Workstream 1 - Action learning and education

Members have been recruited and the first meeting held. The group has more ambitions than capacity to follow up immediately, so the main focus is creating a community of practice with education and training resources – and looking at how the training is delivered in the speciality. Influencing, with a presence at events and links with other networks was also considered.

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FM circulated a proposal for a group scholar programme. There is currently one running in Cardiff and Vale, where 10 individuals have time agreed with their employers and funding from the Health Board allows CSH to provide training, mentorship and peer support. This proposal would fulfil the action learning remit and the scholars would provide more capacity for the SKC workstreams while

they are part of the programme. Co-branding with the UKKA would be helpful to tie the programme in with the work of the SKC committee, and support the recruitment and funding process, while CSH provides the educational aspect of the programme.

All committee members to comment on the proposal

FM to liaise with KV about UKKA involvement.

Workstream leads to define some suggested topics for the scholars to work on.

Workstream 2 - Procurement

A meeting has been pencilled in for January 2022. Gaynor Whyles will provide the link to the NHS Supply Chain, and a link with the ERA-EDTA can be provided by Prof Peter Blankestijn (demitting chair of their Green Nephrology group). An international ask of supply chains is crucial for consistency and the ASN needs to be aware of our work.

FM to forward her international contacts to SK.

International collaboration to be a standing agenda item.

Workstream 3 - Pathways

The first meeting will be held w/c 6 December. Mark Lambie, the network lead for West Midlands, is developing a survey for the network units which could form a template for a wider survey on what metrics can be collected and returned on a regular basis. This will be sent out via clinical leads and the renal technician network.

Chris Stait has been working with the Derby group and has some datasets available. Carbon footprint calculations will vary from country to country depending on energy mix. The information from the data can be used to change manufacturing specifications (eg acid re-use). Some machines are owned, some are leased.

UKKW 2022

SK will contact the UKKW programme committee about a sustainable kidney care session. A Q&A session with experts was suggested.

Sustainability in conference organisation should also be considered – eg a list of 3 measures we suggest for any conference. The Association of Anaesthetists of GB&I have done some work on this.

SK to catch up with Ian Baxter.

The Faculty of Public Health has also created guidance (**CF to send details to SK**)

A stand-alone Green Nephrology conference will also be considered

Research strategy – Kidney Research UK

Kidney Research UK have recently launched their 10-year charity strategy, and sustainable healthcare and health inequalities are included.

Existing grants rounds will be continued. There will also be a new Open Door portal, for clinicians, researchers, patients, industry to submit their suggestions for improvement. Expressions of interest will be submitted via the portal and followed up with a consultation, support, collaboration and finding. This is for ideas that do not fit the criteria for the grants rounds.

Kidney Med Tech is a network and innovation competition, open now, with prizes worth up to £30k each (£25k funding, £5k worth of start up programme support).

The UK Dialysis Research Network is in the early stages of setting up. This will identify gaps and priorities that need working on. There is a plan for an innovation competition in this area too.

JP to keep the committee updated on these projects and continue sustainability within the Kidney Research UK groups.

AoB

Regular Greener NHS updates will be a standing agenda item.

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Add devolved nations involvement to agenda for December meeting.

Balancing the carbon footprints of various interventions also needs to be looked at. **SA to join workstream 3.**

Pharmacy procurement will be covered in workstreams 2 & 3. **EH to identify pharmacy procurement representatives.**

Climate crisis and Cop26 has generated a huge amount of goodwill and ideas. Now we need to let everyone know what we are doing.

Next meeting

Wednesday 22nd December 2022; 2 - 3:30 pm

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Agenda items

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