

Sustainable Kidney Care committee

Minutes

Date: 29 March 2021

Chair: Suren Kanagasundaram (SK)

Minutes: Renal Association secretariat (SEC)

Attendees: Paul Cockwell (PC), Mark Harber (MH), Frances Mortimer (FM), Katie Vinen (KV)

Terms of reference

A draft terms of reference was discussed.

Summary of changes to be made:

Scope

- Inclusion of the multiprofessional team
- Definition of sustainable value
- Meet NHS net zero ambitions

Accountability

- Reporting to the clinical affairs board

The committee is likely to merge into the core structure of UKKA under QI in the future (to be reviewed).

Responsibilities

- Include educating the UK community
- Include assisting UKKA to embed sustainable healthcare in its structure and functions
- Soften the language around programmes of work as directed by the chair – there will be a co-chair model with interim chairs to shape the committee and then chairs will be appointed.

Membership

- To be decided following a scoping phase and call for expressions of interest.
- RSTP clinical leads should be engaged
- Interim chair to be Suren Kanagasundaram
- The MPT co-chair to be decided during the scoping phase
- The role of the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare (CSH) and Sustainable Healthcare Coalition (SHC) to be defined

Funding

Funding is needed to support the involvement of the CSH. Grants may be available.

The Sustainable Healthcare Coalition (SHC) held a recent event with industry which included an ambition to explore financial support from industry. Funding via the SHC rather than individual pharma companies would provide “distance” from individual corporations and would be preferable from a governance point of view.

Next steps/actions

AP1 All to adjust the draft ToR to align with the UKKA structure.

AP2 PC & KV to seek RA trustee approval on adopting the CSH definition of sustainable value.

AP3 SEC to set up a call to discuss funding in more depth. Include Ron Cullen, the CSH fundraiser and the chair of the SHC.

AP4 Group to draft an invitation for expressions of interest for a 3 month scoping phase