



Secretariat meeting – minutes and actions Tuesday 19th June 2018, 10am-12pm

Present: Sam Ahmedzai (by phone) (SA), Fiona Davey (FD), Martin Wiseman (MJW),

Steve Wootton (SAW)

Apologies: Lucy Allen (LA), Alan Jackson (AAJ), Judit Varkonyi-Sepp (JVS)

Ag	enda item	Notes	Person responsible	Required by
1.	Welcome and apologies	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including SA, joining us (by phone) for the first time as new Chair of the Steering Committee. Apologies were noted as above.		
		SAW explained the role of each Secretariat member for SA's information.		
2.	Minutes and matters arising	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.		
		Action: Upload to website	FD	Complete
		Matters arising Southampton BRC PPI support Oral confirmation has been received from Southampton BRC that support will continue for Lesley Turner as PPI representative. Written confirmation of support is required. Action: Written confirmation of support to be provided	КР	30/6/18
		Press release This item is pending (see finance section)		
		Job description FD is currently working with SAW and JVS to redefine her role as Acting Project Manager.		
		Negotiations with RMH SAW is visiting RMH in two weeks to speak with Clare Shaw Action: Report back at next Secretariat meeting	SAW	16/7/18
		BDA and NS conversations SAW has already met with the President of		

the BDA. High level conversations are taking place between NS and BDA about their own future relationship. Leave our discussions with them as a pending item to return to at a more appropriate time. **BRC Discussions** FD sent the agreed letters to the Directors/key contacts of BRCs with a theme in cancer or nutrition at the beginning of May, and a reminder at the end of May. Responses have been received from: Southampton – SAW will be meeting Keith Godfrey in July (2.30pm, Friday 13th July) Manchester - Andrew Renehan designated contact to take discussions forward, FD liaising with their admin contact to arrange a discussion. Bristol - Julian Hamilton-Shield designated as contact Royal Marsden – Clare Shaw has confirmed that the Royal Marsden wish to engage beyond their current investment. SAW to speak with RM regarding specific outputs from CS Oxford – negative response. Leicester – teleconference scheduled for 27th July at 9am Action: Compile list of centres to chase, FD/SAW 29/6/18 SAW to make phone calls FD is in the process of writing to the BRCs without a cancer or nutrition theme. **CRF Survey** A survey will be sent to the CRFs to see whether they are equipped and enabled to do research in nutrition and cancer. Ask questions regarding interest, capacity and capability in nutrition, whether they would be interested in having help and support to improve capabilities and capacity in that area. **Action:** Draft survey to be approved at July FD/SAW Secretariat.

3.	Steering Committee	Chair position The Steering Committee meeting took place on 5 th June. Prof Sam Ahmedzai was elected unanimously as the new Chair of the committee, with immediate effect.		
		Steering Committee membership It has been agreed in principle that each group of stakeholders from the stakeholder engagement plan, including the BRCs, should be represented on the Steering Committee; they will all need to convene and nominate someone to represent them as a group. Action: item for operationalising the plan for representation of stakeholder groups on the next Secretariat agenda	FD	16/7/18
4.	Stakeholder Engagement Plan	Charities SA leads the NIHR & Charities Consortium for Hospice and Community Research. Action: Speak to SA about further charity engagement with the consortium	FD	2/7/18
5.	Collaboration membership	The draft membership structure was presented to the Steering Committee. It was suggested at the time that individuals could also obtain CPD recognition for contribution to the collaboration. However, we cannot award CPD ourselves, though we could arrange our activities in a way that would make it easier for organisations such as AfN or BDA to award CPD for contributions to the collaboration. UICC's membership programme had been provided by Kate Allen at WCRF as an example of what could be offered to organisations and individuals.		

		Action: FD to review UICC Champions programme and individual membership, take out relevant points and redraft collaboration membership framework to focus more on the benefits for members at different levels. To be reviewed by secretariat and then SC	FD	13/7/18
6.	NCRI	NCRI conference 2018: Explore which collaboration work stream members will be speaking at the NCRI conference and whether they can mention the collaboration. SA will be on the panel to announce the JLA priorities at the conference.		
		2019 conference Prof Steve Hursting has confirmed his willingness to give a keynote talk in a session.		
		Beyond the Horizon The Supportive and Palliative Care work stream is submitting a suggestion to the BTH programme, and will include an element of nutrition. SA recommended that more responses regarding nutrition should be submitted, not only one from the CSG on behalf of the collaboration.		
		Action: SA to share BTH application with Secretariat Action: FD to arrange time for SAW and MJW to draft BTH response	SA FD	29/6/18 29/6/18
		CSGs Action: SA will revisit the CSGs that did not reply to the survey on a 1:1 basis, via the annual CSG meeting.	SA	18/9/18
7.	Paediatric Oncology	A briefing paper was presented at the last Secretariat meeting. This has now been further developed into a formal paper to inform an expert meeting. Prof Mike Stevens has identified a community of practitioners (mainly paediatric oncology) to participate. A teleconference is being held on 10 th July in preparation for a face to face workshop on 11 th October. Potential participants have been invited to both, and have been asked to share their views on how they might		

	achieve their outcomes indicated in the briefing paper. The expectation of the workshop is to come up with a work plan for the group to take forward and to identify research priorities. This project is being financed by AAJ's budget.		
8. Work streams	PPI LT has raised concern that the current teleconference number is not a Freephone line. The collaboration has previously advised our PPI representatives that we will reimburse any charges they incur using the geographical number, but they would prefer not to go through this process. Action: Ask AfN, WCRF, NCRI Consumer Forum and Southampton if they are able to advise or support costs for a Freephone line for teleconferences.	FD	29/6/18
	Professionals Following the unsuccessful outcome of the BDA GET application, SAW will be meeting with Andy Burman, Chief Executive of the BDA, and the BDA Oncology Specialty Group to help move the activity forward. The case has been made that there is the potential for reputational risk to dietitians if the project is not carried out to secure the evidence base. The Garfield Weston Foundation remains a potential option for funding. The funding stream we had been considering requires matched funding – the funding from Macmillan might be able to be used as part of the matched funding if necessary.		
	Research work streams		
	Nutrition Care in People Living with and Beyond Cancer The group had a teleconference on 14 th June and will be having a face to face meeting on 2 nd July. This meeting will focus on setting up the next series of studies for the group. It will also approach the topic of succession for leadership for the group, as SA will step down at some point following his appointment of Chair.		

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	Population health – cancer prevention and		
	early detection		
	The group will be holdings its first face to		
	face meeting on 26 th June, which FD will be		
	attending to support. The purpose of this		
	meeting is to produce a methodological		
	framework for designing interventions in		
	prevention.		
	Experimental – discovery to first in man		
	Prof Karen Brown is stepping down from		
	leading this work stream and further		
	consideration will be given to its future		
	direction.		
	Toolkit – manuscript		
	Despite repeated promises of producing a		
	manuscript, we still do not have a draft that		
	is appropriate for submission. SAW has		
	provided a narrative which clearly defines		
	the professionals' message separately from		
	the Toolkit message. The target journal will		
	be one with a primarily medical readership,		
	as it was felt that doctors would be less		
	likely to read a nursing journal. Bernard		
	Corfe is pursuing an appeal to BMJ Open to		
	have a no page-fee prior to submission.		
	Action: SAW to speak to TW directly about		
	manuscript messages		
		SAW	29/6/18
	The Professionals work stream can resume		
	work on their aspect of the manuscript		
	along the lines of the narrative provided by		
	SAW.		
	Action: Contact JM and FM	FD	
	Toolkit activity		29/6/18
	The Toolkit project would fit into the WCRF		
	research grants scheme as a feasibility		
	study. However, if we submitted an		
	application in Feb 2019, this would not be		
	funded until 2020 at the earliest.		
	Action: Encourage BMC to develop a	FD/SAW	
	proposal for a feasibility study of the Toolkit,		
	and explore suitable funding options. The		16/7/18
	purpose of this application will be to ensure		
	that the Toolkit is understandable to those		
	in clinical practice, and can fit in with the		
	capacity and capability of organisations.		

9.	Future	Action: FD to find dates for Secretariat	FD	16/7/18
	meetings	meetings to end of the year, and for 2019		
		for the Steering Committee.		

Future meetings: Monday 16th July, Tuesday 7th August, Tuesday 18th September