



Secretariat meeting – minutes and actions Tuesday 13th March 2018, 10am-12pm

Present: Lucy Allen (LA), Fiona Davey (FD), Alan Jackson (AAJ), Judit Varkonyi-Sepp (JVS) Martin Wiseman (MJW), Steve Wootton (SAW)

Ag	enda item	Notes	Person responsible	Required by
1.	Welcome and	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
	apologies	No apologies were given.		
2.	Minutes and matters arising	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to some suggested amendments.		
		Matters arising		
		Care Across has contacted SAW again to find out whether we can progress working together.		
		Action: Inform Care Across that we currently do not have the capacity to pursue working with them.	SAW	31/03/18
		Nutrition Society The Secretariat needs to agree a process for engaging with professional bodies. Obtain agreement at Steering Committee on 15-03-18 to put a process in place. We will hold internal discussions followed by an informal discussion with the Nutrition Society, which will inform a draft strategy to take to the Steering Committee for engaging with professional bodies.		
		ECMC Karen Brown has stepped down from the Steering Committee. KB represented the ECMCs on the collaboration. Invite suggestions from KB as to whether the ECMC link should be continued and who should fulfil this role. Action: Respond to KB	SAW	Complete
		Action: Respond to Ro	JAVV	Complete
		Research work stream remits The remit of the research work stream subgroups needs to be more clearly defined. The		

'cancer prevention and early detection' sub-		
group should also embrace secondary		
prevention.		
Action: define 'prevention' for purpose of	FD, MJW,	17/04/18
work stream remits and strategies.	SAW	
BBC Divertors communications		
BRC Directors communications The letters to the BRC Directors will be sent		
following the Steering Committee.		
Action: Send letters to BRCs	FD	17/04/18
Action: Send letters to bites		17/04/18
Work Plan		
Revisit work plan in light of a period working		
with reduced capacity. Revise objectives		
'Template for future work' created by MB – go		
through with Chair after SC.		
through with chair arter 5c.		
Application to BDA GET		
A meeting was held with Clare Shaw and Lucy		
Eldridge on 5 th February to progress the		
application and discuss the BDA Oncology		
Specialty Group's involvement in the project.		
The BDA OSG wishes to be co-applicants in the		
project, along with Bournemouth University		
(represented by Jane Murphy). The BDA OSG		
has added questions into their annual survey.		
They wish to support the project through		
reviewing literature and agreeing content.		
Stakeholder engagement plan		
The MOU will be taken to the Steering		
Committee for discussion and agreement. This		
document is the Launchpad for engaging with		
BRCs and an amended version may be		
required for other funders.		
The collaboration model offers the		
opportunity to engage with BRCs through:		
Being a platform to deliver studies		
Providing a community wanting to		
work in cancer and nutrition		
3) Engaging with stakeholders such as		
charities and professional bodies		
Membership The term for 'membership' of the		
The term for 'membership' of the collaboration has not been formally defined. It		
is a strategic objective to have all supporting		
organisations officially acknowledge that they		
are a part of the collaboration.		
Action: Draft list of potential 'actions' to be	FD	10/04/18
included for membership.		10/04/10
Action: Define what members can get back in	SAW	
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		return for membership		
		Clinicians' Survey manuscript The group had a deadline of the end of February for a publication-quality draft of a manuscript. We have not yet received a version ready for publication. The decision will be taken at the Steering Committee on the way forward with this.		
3.	Collaboration finance update and structure	A cost centre has been set up which is separate from Southampton BRC. The collaboration is now a separate legal entity and is able to take and dispense funds. The Secretariat formally notes the contributions of individuals within Southampton R&D in assisting setting this up. Southampton BRC is still meeting the costs of Lesley Turner as the lead patient representative of the collaboration. Action: Request confirmation that this support will continue for 2018-19 financial year Formal confirmation was received on 5 th February that Macmillan have offered a gift of financial support for £25000 for the present financial year. Action: Confirm what they would like us to do in return for gift Action: Write press release for Macmillan news. LA advised that one will be released soon for another collaboration and to try and release the news before that. There are also plans for a 'Lifestyle' collaboration. SAW and LA are attending the NIHR Diet, Lifestyle and Physical Activity meeting in Loughborough on 19/03. SAW and LA will feed back on how we can fit in with the Lifestyle collaboration as there may be opportunities for complementarity but may also pose a threat to the activities. Financial agreements for grant applications The collaboration is increasingly being approached by applicants – i.e. to request a letter of support for applications.	SAW FD	17/04/18
		Clarity is required on:		

		 What the collaboration can offer to these applications – how we are enabling or supporting it What is the expectation on researchers that use the collaboration's name In what way will we review requests and provide letters of support? The quality assurance process beyond supporting successful projects Income for providing original advice and insight in developing an application 	
4.	Steering Committee membership	In developing the MOU we have come to a position on what an appropriate Steering Committee membership would look like. We would not be able to have a model where every stakeholder has a seat at the Steering Committee because this would be impractical. At the Steering Committee meeting on 15/03 we should agree: 1) What is the representation wanted on the Steering Committee 2) What level should this representation be?	
5.	Paediatric oncology	AAJ and MJW have been directly involved with international activities. WHO, IARC, IAEA and UICC have come together to form a collaboration which is in the process of being recognised as a formal taskforce under IUNS. A group of paediatricians have expressed interest to these organisations that paediatric oncology should be included in the activities and that there is interest among the workforce. AAJ will speak with a senior paediatrician to explore how we can bring paediatric oncology into the strategy of the collaboration. Approval was received from the Secretariat to bring up paediatric oncology with the Steering Committee for further discussion.	
6.	Northern Health Science Alliance meeting	Bernard Corfe attended the NHSA meeting on 12 th March. This was an industry showcase that the Northern BRCs were present at. BMC found out about a showcase hosted by Manchester on 1 st June and will explore whether the collaboration can have a presentation slot.	

		Action: Ensure BMC is aware of previous contact with Northern BRC representatives	FD	
7.	European Cancer Patients Coalition	Fehmidah Munir brought the ECPC to our attention as they were participating in a 'nutrition and physical activity awareness month'. There is a need to be clear on how the collaboration relates to them (i.e. through work streams, contacts, public engagement). Action: Speak to Lesley Turner about ECPC	FD	
8.	Succession planning	Secretariat Chair position Action: AAJ to clarify whether WCRF would be able to continue support for Secretariat Chair position	AAJ	17.04.18
9.	Website	The nature and purpose of the website needs to be considered in line with the activities going forwards. The purpose of the website may change. We need to develop a web strategy to meet the needs of the stakeholders that will be using the website. Differentiate what needs to be done/what FD is already or could do.		
10.	AOB	It is vital to ensure the financial and operational sustainability of the Secretariat to enable activities to continue.		

Future meetings: Tuesday 17th April