

Cancer and Nutrition NIHR infrastructure collaboration

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Progress report – February 2018

Work stream name: Creating a skilled community of practice – ‘Professionals’ work stream

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Key deliverables (or key performance indicators) for Phase 3:

In Year One (April 2017-March 2018)

1. Collaboration between charities to fund the body of authoritative guidance.
2. Formation of project working group.
3. Further defining of deliverables for years 2-5.
4. Implementation of quality assurance framework for guidance to be included in body of authoritative guidance.
5. Publication of body of authoritative guidance in collaboration with the charities

Progress and Achievements

1. Body of Authoritative guidance

September 2017 - third charity project meeting to seek their commitment and provision of resources.

Achievements: A proposal was presented to charities to explore how they could engage and work together to support work on the production of a body of authoritative guidance.

Outcome

Professionals: Identified opportunity to apply for funding from the British Dietetic Association GET. Currently working with the BDA Oncology Specialty Group on the application and the project for a resource aimed at dietitians which will be disseminated to their colleagues in other disciplines. A meeting was held with Lucy Eldridge and Clare Shaw on 5th February in Southampton to discuss their input and role in the project. Plan to submit the application at the end of March for consideration at the Trustees’ meeting on May 14th.

Patients: apply for matched funding to the Garfield Weston Foundation for a patient-facing resource.

Thus the two applications are being treated as components of one overarching project and will be treated as 'matched funding' to meet the criteria of the GWF (and any others) match fund the separate parts of it. Teleconference with the charities in March to discuss the application.

2. Nutrition Society presentation at The Nutrition Society winter meeting on 'diet, nutrition and the changing face of cancer survivorship'.

Achievement: Abstract presentation (JM) of the combined dataset of the Clinicians' Survey. 'Nutritional screening, assessment and provision of advice for people living with and beyond cancer – a UK survey of clinicians.' This was part of a wider presentation session about the Collaboration's strategic plan and research activities with Lesley Turner and Alan Jackson. To be published in the Proceedings of the Nutrition Society.

3. Qualitative Research – student co-production project

Final year BSc (Hons) Nutrition student at Bournemouth University undertaking qualitative work (using telephone interviews) to extend on the analysis on the Clinicians' Survey on training received and advice given. Participant Information Sheets have been agreed and ethics approval granted.

4. Professional's Manuscript

Project subgroup formed with initial momentum in November 2017. Work to progress from March 2018.

Proposed: In Year Two (April 2018-March 2019)

1. Implement project to develop and evaluate body of authoritative guidance (dietitians and patients) subject to appropriate resource
2. Define a continuous monitoring and quality assurance framework
3. Identify training gaps and format to develop a professional training competency framework for clinicians
4. Dissemination of outputs – professionals manuscript (survey and qualitative work)

Original objectives in Years 2-5:

1. *Planning with relevant professional bodies to address training gaps within research.*
2. *Define measures needed for continuous improvement within a self-sustaining and self-propelling community of practice.*
3. *Improved access to authoritative guidance on nutrition for cancer patients, for both patients and clinicians.*