



**Notes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006**  
**Institute of Psychiatry**  
**London**  
**Agenda**

**1. Present**

Patrick Callaghan, University of Nottingham, Chair  
Christina Lyons, UCLAN  
Richard Gray, IOP  
Doug McInnes, Canterbury Christchurch University College  
Mark Wilbourn, Canterbury Christchurch University College  
John Playle, University of Manchester  
Karina Lovell, University of Manchester  
Sara Munro, University of Manchester – Observer  
Alan Simpson, City University, London  
Ian Price, TVU  
Alistair McElroy, RCN  
Linda Cooper, Cardiff University  
Ben Hannagan, Cardiff University  
Lai Chan, Edgehill University College  
Michele, Queens University Belfast  
Debi Corby, Bradford University  
Olive McKeown, Greenwich University

**2. Apologies**

Peter Morrall, University of Leeds  
Len Bowers, City University, London  
Sara Owen, University of Lincoln  
Hugh O'Donnell, QUB  
Jon Murphy, Edgehill University College  
Sally Hardy, UEA  
Alyson Kettles, Aberdeen University  
John Gass, Aberdeen University  
Greg Rooney, University of York

**3. Welcome and Introductions**

Patrick Callaghan welcomed everyone to the meeting which was followed by a round of introductions.

**4. Announcement of New Chair and Vice-Chair**

John Playle has been elected Chair for 2006-08; Linda Cooper has been elected Vice-Chair for the same period. The group extended their congratulations to John and Linda and assured them of its support in their roles. The group extended its thanks to Patrick Callaghan and Sara Owen for their work as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively during the past two years.

## **5. Research presentations on medication adherence**

Richard Gray, Suparpit 'Nicky' Manesakorn and Debbie Robson presented 3 different research studies on medication adherence part of a programme of research on this topic. The presentations stimulated a lively and stimulating debate and were very well received by the group.

## **6. The DH Review of MHN: feedback and the role of MHNAUK**

The Chair did a brief presentation on the review of mental health nursing. Following this presentation the group divided into three small groups to consider the role of MHNAUK in helping realise the actions of the proposed recommendation on pre-registration education.

Group 1 considered the group's role in developing the partnership model of developing, delivering and evaluating pre-registration education and recommended that members could lead on creating formal structures to enable the partnership model to develop, collecting information on models of best practice across the country and helping to diffuse these models elsewhere and encouraging shadowing arrangements for academics and clinicians, acting as a resource for each other. The group also highlighted the need for Universities, Trusts and SHAs to consider the financial issues around clinical/academic career pathways.

Group 2 considered ways to improve the involvement of service users and carers in the design, delivery and evaluation of pre-reg. education. The group noted that MHNAUK had already issued a position paper on this issue and recommended that the recommendations made in this paper be implemented. In addition, the group recommended that Universities, Trusts and SHAs use a variety of methods of to involve users and carers in education, e.g. selecting students, helping develop criteria for the selection of students, promoting the recruitment and selection of users and carers to train as MH nurses, working with user reference groups to develop curricula and involving users in the assessment of students. The group reiterated the need for universities to have sound systems and policies in place for paying users for their input. A good practice example from Manchester was the SHA providing funds within the education contract to fund user and carer involvement.

Group 3 considered how best to provide clinical experience of students. The group recommended that Universities should not rely on location-based placements as the sole method and suggested also the potential benefits of students working with a sole mentor throughout their training and being attached to a host trust(s) or community of practice.

Overall, MHNAUK feels that it must play a lead role in the monitoring of actions being recommended, enabling Universities, Trusts and SHAs to use the proposed tool-kit outlining the competencies required at the point

of registration in the design, delivery, evaluation and commissioning of pre-registration programmes. Members of MHNAUK are a resource for providing people to validate pre-registration programmes.

The group agreed to seek publication in Mental Health Practice of 3 papers based on the work and deliberations of the small groups.

**Actions:** Patrick Callaghan will lead on the paper on placements, John Playle will lead on the paper on the partnership model and Alan Simpson will lead on the paper on User and Carer involvement. The group agreed that these papers will be submitted as soon as possible following the launch of the MHN Review on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## **7. Future work of MHNAUK**

### Website development

**Action:** The group will ask Michael Coffey, University of Swansea to lead on a feasibility study to consider the hosting of a MHNAUK website at Swansea.

### Funding application

**Action:** John Playle and Patrick Callaghan will lead on an application to an appropriate funding body for monies to fund the work of the group.

### Book proposal

The group agreed that it was important publicise its work as widely as possible through various publication methods and outlets.

**Action:** Patrick Callaghan will lead on discussions with Oxford University Press on the possibility of a book on MH Nursing.

## **8. Terms of reference**

**Action:** John Playle agreed to circulate the revised TORs to members.

## **9. 'Best Research for Best Health'**

**Action:** Olive McKeown and Richard Gray agreed to write an editorial on the implications of this publication for mental health nursing research.

## **10. Mental Capacity Act – Draft Code of Practice**

The group agreed to submit a response to this consultation.

**Action:** Patrick Callaghan will circulate the document and convene an extraordinary meeting of the group to draft a response.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of MHNAUK will take place at the University of Manchester on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006

**12. Summary of actions – a progress report on these actions will be made at the Manchester meeting**

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