



# Mental Health Nurse Academics (UK)

*Promoting and advancing UK Mental Health Nursing education, research, policy and practice*

## Notes of meeting held Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008

### University of Salford

1. **Present:** John Playle, University of Manchester (Chair); Linda Cooper, Cardiff University (Vice Chair); Ben Hannigan (Cardiff University); Michael Coffey (Swansea University); Christine Hogg (Salford University); Naomi Sharples (Salford University); Russell Ashmore (Sheffield Hallam University); Karina Lovell (University of Manchester); Grahame Smith (Liverpool John Moores University); Steven Pryjmachuk (University of Manchester); Steve Lyon (University of Huddersfield); Liam Clarke (Brighton University); John Hurley (University of Dundee); Paul Linsley (University of Lincoln); Greg Rooney (University of Hertfordshire); Patrick Callaghan (University of Nottingham); Richard Whittington (University of Liverpool); Len Bowers (City University); Andrew Clifton (University of Nottingham); Rick Fothergill (University of Cumbria); Mairi Byrne (Edge Hill University)

**In attendance:** Tony Warne, Gill Rayner, Shelley Allen, Elizabeth Collier (University of Salford).

2. **Apologies:** Debi Corby (Bradford University); Mark Wilbourn (Canterbury Christchurch University College); Alan Simpson (City University); Ann Jackson, (RCN); Alyson Kettles (Aberdeen University); John Gass (Robert Gordon University); Enkanah Sooboodoo (London South Bank University); Christina Lyons (UCLan); Joy Duxbury (UCLan); Paul Rogers (University of Glamorgan); Ian Price (TVU); Jenny Cobb (City University); Hugh Masters (Napier University); Richard Frisby (King's College London); Mary Watkins (Plymouth University); Andy Williams (Southampton University); Joanne Sale (University of Bedfordshire); Susanne Forrest (NES); John Baker (University of Manchester); Lisa Woods (Liverpool John Moores University); Gordon Mitchell (University of Teeside); Tracy McClelland (Bradford University); Lai Chan (Edge Hill University); Sara Owen (University of Lincoln); Mary Chambers (University of London); Steve Hemmingway (University of Huddersfield); Sheila Dixon (University of Wolverhampton); Gill Maidens (University of Wolverhampton).

### 3. **Welcome and Introductions**

John Playle welcomed everyone and thanked University of Salford for hosting the meeting.

### 4. **Presentations from Host Institution**

Welcome and overview of host institution from Professor Tony Warnes – University of Salford. Presentations were made by staff from University of Salford.

## 5. Business items/Tasks

- i. **NMC review of pre-registration nursing** – John Playle had emailed Garth Long at NMC re: next stages and reporting timescale. He had received a response indicating that the findings of the consultation are going through relevant committees and the findings and way forward should be published by the end of July. The NMC were awaiting outcomes of DH consultation on 'Modernising Nursing Careers' the final outcome of the Darzi NSR for England to feed into the work. Garth had offered to come and discuss findings and way forward with the group after publication. JP gave an outline presentation of some preliminary feedback.

### **Actions:**

**JP** to continue to liaise with Garth Long at NMC.

- ii. **Wider developments in Nursing Education**  
JP gave a presentation on 'best guess' outcomes of other developments relevant to Nurse Education and research including:
  - Darzi NSR; Tooke; Tomorrow's Clinicians – *England*;
  - Research Excellence Framework (REF)
  - Nursing/AHP Research Capacity Development*Presentation attached to minutes*

- iii. **Update on Evaluation of England CNO Review implementation – NIHR policy programme funded study**  
JP provided some initial feedback. First stage survey of all HEIs & MH Trusts completed by University of Manchester. Response rate = 80% (40/50) HEIs; 63.6% (42/68)MH Trusts. Sample of 6 HEIs and 6 MH Trusts selected from respondents for in-depth case studies over next 9 months (University of Nottingham leading). Repeat survey planned for March 09. A full presentation of findings would be given at NPNR conference and interim report would be made available once approved by DH.

- iv. **Update on UK Academy of Nursing, Midwifery & HV Research** –

Len Bowers (representing MHNAC UK on this group) provided a brief update on work of this group. Key areas of focus were:

- To establish mentorship and leadership schemes for clinicians and practitioners from nursing, midwifery and health visiting
- To assist in the implementation of the recommendations of the UKCRC report 'Developing the Best Research Professionals'

- v. **MHN representation at DH CNO level**

Since Neil Brimblecombe was shortly to leave his MH CNO role at DH England JP had agreed to contact Chris Beasley (CNO) to ask about future plans for replacements and how the group would continue to remain linked in at DH level. JP had received an email response from CB's office (circulated to members) indicating that the post was soon to be advertised and that once in post, the appointee would continue to link in closely to the group and ensure group representation on key work streams.

**Action: JP** to continue to liaise once appointment made.

vi. **NPNR conference 2008**

Conference dates and programme being finalised. Conference would be run between RCN & MHNAC UK. JP & LC on conference and scientific committee.

Conference theme - ***Connecting research... connecting people*** with following themes:

- Health technologies
- Physical health care
- Acute care
- Public mental health
- International collaboration
- Doing research - opportunities and pathways

Keynote speakers had been invited based on suggestions from the group.

Other key parts to be organised by JP on behalf of group:

- *Professorial panel*
- *Methodological Symposium* – 'Developing and Testing Complex Interventions' – T Bradshaw + Mark Haddad
- *My PhD* – Ben Hannigan
- *Getting Published workshop* – Dawn Freshwater
- *Connecting to Research Funding* – K Lovell & P Callaghan

The Eileen Skellern Award nominees and winners would also be announced as part of the conference – Russell Ashmore would liaise with Gary Winship

v. **Update on progress of OUP book**

The book (edited by P Callaghan, J Playle, L Cooper) was in copy editing stage and launch date of January 2009 set. Thanks expressed to colleagues from the group for chapter contributions. MHNAC UK was acknowledged in preface.

vi. **Expanding group membership**

JP reported that the group now had nominated representatives on its mailing list from 53/68 HEIs in UK.

vii. **Review of group Terms of Reference and Working Methods - Process for Vice-Chair elections for 2009**

At the last meeting it was agreed that with expanded membership and the fact that MHNAC UK had been established for 5 years now it would be timely to review the Terms of Reference and Working methods of the group.

These had been circulated after last meeting.

Discussion took place and some revisions were agreed in terms of terms of office etc.

**Revised Terms of reference and working methods attached.** For final agreement at next meeting

Noted that Linda Cooper had agreed to take up Chair of the group from March 2009. Elections for new Vice-Chair to be held after next meeting.

## 6. AOB

- i. **Rob Newell** (University of Bradford) had emailed John Playle indicating that he would step down from representing the University of Bradford on the group. Tracy McLelland would replace him and Debi Corby would continue to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> rep from Bradford. Thanks to Rob for his work on the group over the past few years were noted.
- ii **Hugh McKenna – honours list.** Noted that Prof Hugh McKenna (University of Ulster) had received the award of MBE. JP had written to Hugh congratulating him

## 7. Future meetings agreed.

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – Napier University Edinburgh
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – Edge Hill University

## **Other developments in Nursing Education**

(Darzi NSR; Tooke; Tomorrow's Clinicians - *England*)

- Educational commission likely to be based on a 'strategic partnership' model using standard contract and BMP as far as possible (BMP rise – when and %)
- Operate at SHA level initially - option to devolve to PCT/FT clusters in the future (potential risks)
- Commissioning undertaken at optimal level (aim for predictable stability) to support economies of scale and best fit to the local workforce economy and education provision.
- MPET funding - move away from the profession specific (NMET, MADEL, SIFT) approach to more generic approaches based on specific expenditure covering
  - Tuition, Clinical Placements, Student and salary Support, Development / Commissioning / Capital

- Funding for placements in nursing, midwifery and the health professions (?approx £3K pspa)
- All graduate profession – ministerial endorsement
- Means-tested bursary – '*forgiveable loans*'
- Further work on curricula content relating to leadership, management and community
- Further work on QA framework – Trusts expected to have senior exec & NED responsible for education – (HEIs need to challenge some of 'myths' of poor preparation)
- Compulsory period of preceptorship with financial support to Trusts and linked to ? full registration/initial re-registration
- Post-graduate/qual support extended to nursing and the health professions – PQ career frameworks

### **Research Excellence Framework (REF)**

- HEFCE consultation on new 'RAE' framework – analysis of responses in April 08
- timetable for designing the new framework extended by 12 months to allow sufficient time for development
- no longer such a clear distinction between arrangements for science-based subjects and all other subjects
- assessment will include some combination of metrics-based indicators, including bibliometrics where appropriate, as well as input from expert panels.

### **Nursing/AHP Research Capacity Development**

- Funding announcement still awaited in England re: UKCRC proposals (Wales/Scotland already out)
- Likely to be announced with Darzi finalisation - ? 3 years initial funding
- ? Scheme to be administered by NIHR?
- Some evidence of strategic plans and investment at SHA Regional levels

**Mental Health Nurse Academics UK  
(MHNAC UK)**

**Aims and objectives**

(MHNACUK) was formed in 2003 and is a group that brings together representatives from all UK Higher Education Institutions engaged in mental health nursing education and research.

The aims of the group are

1. To represent and promote mental health nursing education, research and practice development, including actively participating in Key National and International committees and working groups
2. To influence and respond to the UK mental health agenda through well-informed debate, discussion and the dissemination of material that reflects our views on a range of issues
3. To act as a source of consultation and advice to mental health nurses and others on mental health nursing education and research
4. To share good practice and innovations in the development and conduct of mental health nursing education and research.
5. To conduct research into mental health nursing education

**Membership**

- Open to each UK HE Institution (HEI) providing Mental Health Nursing professional education and/or research.
- One member and one alternate will be appointed to membership by their base institution.
- All Professors of Mental Health Nursing will be de facto members
- Where a vote on any issue is required each HEI will have up to two votes and all Professors of MHN who are part of the group will also have a vote.

**Leadership**

Chair

- Nominated by members of the group.
- Informal election to take place if more than one nomination.
- Normally a two year term of office, though may, by agreement of the group may be extended one further year.
- Notwithstanding the above, no Chair shall serve longer than three years in total

Role:

- Initiate and pull together task groups to respond to issues or request for advice that arise between meetings.
- Chair the meetings of the group.
- Appoint members to other bodies when representation is requested or appropriate.

- Consider and approve all position statements and other documents emanating from the group prior to them being circulated.
- Maintain mailing list and facilitate communication
- Maintain an up to date list of contacts and groups to whom position statements should be issued

#### Vice- Chair

- Nominated by members of the group.
- Informal election to take place if more than one nomination.
- Normally a two year term of office though may, by agreement of the group may be extended one further year.
- Notwithstanding the above, no Vice-Chair may serve in the role for longer than three years in total
- The Vice Chair will normally take over as Chair, for a period of two years.
- No person shall serve as Vice-Chair, then Chair, for a total period exceeding five years

At no time should the Chair and Vice-Chair be from the same HEI.

#### **Method of working**

**Frequency of meetings:** At least three times per year, once per term.

**Location/venue:** To be held at HEIs willing to host around the UK taking into account equity between different parts and regions of the UK.

- Normally at least one meeting every two years shall take place in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- Normally at least one meeting every two years shall take place in London

#### **Format of meetings:**

- Presentations on MHN (MH) research and educational activity from the Host Institution (+ others nearby as necessary)
- Review of task group outputs and the uses to which they have been put.
- Suggestions for new task groups and any other issues requiring consultation or responses on behalf of the group.

#### **Relationship to others**

The Chair will be a member of the Nursing Advisory and Development Group (NADG) at DH - England. The Director of Mental Health Nursing at DH, may appoint other members to NADG at their discretion.

Members of the group shall also, as invited, represent MHNAc UK on equivalent relevant committees in the other three countries of the UK.

Similar appointments or representatives from MHNAc UK members may, as requested, be made to other bodies, as considered appropriate from time to time. Such appointments/representatives will be agreed by the Chair, from members of the *group* who volunteer for such tasks.