



Mental Health Nurse Academics (UK)

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

Notes of meeting held Tuesday 4th March 2008

University of Lincoln

1. Present

John Playle, University of Manchester (Chair); Linda Cooper, Cardiff University (Vice Chair); Ben Hannigan, Cardiff University; Michael Coffey, Swansea University; Ian Price, TVU; Tony Butterworth, University of Lincoln; Sara Owen, University of Lincoln, Paul Linsley, University of Lincoln, Dave Rushforth, University of Lincoln; Ian Baguley, University of Lincoln; Christine Hogg, Salford University; Naomi Sharples, Salford University; Russell Ashmore, Sheffield Hallam University; Martin Anderson, Nottingham University; Len Bowers, City University; John Baker, University of Manchester; Steven Pryjmachuk, University of Manchester; Jenny Cobb, City University; Liam Clarke, Brighton University;

2. Apologies

Debi Corby, Bradford University; Greg Rooney, University of York; Mark Wilbourn, Canterbury Christchurch University College; Alan Simpson, City University, London; Ann Jackson, RCN; Karina Lovell, University of Manchester; Olive McKeown, Greenwich University; Alyson Kettles, Aberdeen University; John Gass, Robert Gordon University; Enkanah Sooboodoo, London South Bank University; Rob Newell, Bradford University; Christina Lyons, UCLAN; Joy Duxbury, UCLan; Paul Rogers, University of Glamorgan;

3. Welcome and Introductions

Linda Cooper had agreed to chair the meeting and welcomed everyone and thanked University of Lincoln staff for hosting the meeting.

4. Presentations from Host Institution

Presentations were made by staff from University of Lincoln (Centre for Clinical and Academic Workforce Innovation (CCAWI)) – Prof Tony Butterworth; Prof Ian Baguley; Prof Sara Owen; Paul Linsley

Congratulations were offered by the group to Sara Owen who had just been promoted to Dean of Faculty at the University.

5. Business items/Tasks

- i. **NMC review of pre-registration nursing** – A collated response from the group to the NMC consultation had been submitted to the NMC – available on the MHNac UK web site. Thanks were expressed by the group to John Playle, Linda Cooper and John Baker who had pulled together the final response from colleague's responses. JP had made contact with MHN rep on NMC council - Abbey Akinoshun to get an update on progress and likely feedback date

The Council of Dean's response to the consultation was circulated. Rather disappointing response re: continuation of branch – 'time to drop the baggage of branches'.

Wide ranging discussion took place about potential further lobbying of NMC. Following agreed:

Actions:

JP to re-contact Abbey Akinoshun for further updates.

JP to write to Garth Long at NMC re: when outcome due and also ask about process of counting group and individual responses + user representation.

Consider writing an editorial for MH Practice – **LB** to discuss with Ian McMillan

Disseminate our response to user and carer groups with briefing note – **all members**

ii. **Evaluation of England CNO Review implementation – NIHR policy programme funded study**

Collaborative of Universities of Nottingham, Manchester, Plymouth, Notts Health care Trust and Making Waves (User group) had been successful in this bid. 1st stage survey of all MH Trusts and PCTs and all MHN provider HEIs being undertaken by Manchester (JP, J Baker, K Lovell) – returns due by end of March. Good response to date – members agreed to ensure HEI returns.

University of Nottingham to lead stage 2 (in-depth case studies of 6 HEIs & 6 Trusts) starting May 08. Update would be provided at next meeting.

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

Presentation had been given earlier in the day by Tony Butterworth on this newly established collaborative with wide ranging representation (**Flyer attached**)

Len Bowers was representing MHNAc UK on this group and we had agreed (after seeking views from members) that the group logo could be used on relevant reports etc.

Initial work for the group was to seek funding to establish an office function and develop two initial work streams:

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

iv. **NPNR conference 2008**

JP & LC had met with Peter Carter (RCN General secretary) on behalf of the group at 2007 NPNR to discuss future of the network and in particular the annual conference. Peter had confirmed that he would be supportive of continuation of the network and conference and would be happy for a closer alliance to be forged between the network and MHNAc UK. A further

meeting between Peter, RCN MH reps and JP had taken place on 5th December 2007 to further discuss alliances. JP had presented an overview of MHNAc UK and it was agreed that we should work together to organise the next NPNR conference in Oct 2008.

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

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

Suggestions for international key note speakers were discussed.

Action:

JP to contact Professor Brenda Happell (QCU Australia)

LB to send Julia Jones details for Mary Johnson – President of APNA

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 suggested
- *My PhD* – originally planned to use Mark Haddad but may be preferable to use him for methodological symposium
- *Getting Published workshop* – Dawn Freshwater suggested
- *Connecting to Research Funding* – K Lovell & P Callaghan suggested

Action - JP to contact people re: above and proceed with organisation

Abstract reviewers were sought from group. Number expressed willingness – **JP to liaise.**

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

v. **Reduction in pre-reg MHN numbers in Scotland**

Hugh Masters reported that the Scottish Exec had previously announced reductions of 45% in pre-reg MHN commissions by Oct 08. Meetings had taken place between SE/HEIs/MH Nurse Directors and it had now been agreed that the reduction would only be 30% but recruitment and retention would be closely monitored.

Commissioned numbers in England, Wales and NI seemed fairly stable and similar to last year.

vi. **Expanding group membership**

It was agreed at the last meeting that it was time to review current membership and JP had agreed to work with his PA PA to identify all HEIs offering MHN programmes (via NMAS/UCAS site) and contact MH lead in each to confirm current representation (2 per institution) and seek representation where none at present.

23 HEIs (+ key contacts) in UK had been identified who did not currently have representation on MHNAc UK. E-mail has been sent inviting them to join and nominate representatives.

Action

JP to update by e-mail and at next meeting

vii. **Chair - Term of office**

JP had been Chair of the group since election in March 2006. Terms of reference of the group state that the Chair would normally serve for a two year term of office. At previous meeting a suggestion had been put forward that JP be asked to serve for one further year. JP had subsequently agreed to this providing no other candidates wished to stand and that it was discussed at the March 08 meeting.

JP left the room while this was discussed. Discussion took place amongst the group and it was agreed to invite JP to continue as Chair for one further year.

JP accepted this invitation and agreed to serve until March 2009. He expressed his thanks to the group for their support.

Discussion also took place about the current Vice Chair standing for election as Chair from March 2009 and LC had expressed some reservations about this in light of representation of the UK as she was based in Wales. The group felt that this should not be an issue as MHNAc covers the whole of the UK. LC agreed to give this some thought and report back at the next meeting.

It was suggested 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 at the next meeting.

Action - JP to ensure that ToR and WMs to be agenda item for discussion at the next meeting. Aims of the group and ToR/WM to be circulated prior to next meeting

6. AOB

i. **Documents added to MHNAc UK website**

- Group response to UKCRC consultation on 'Developing the Best Research Professionals'
- DH NIHR response to letter from group re: MHN research funding
- Group response to NMC consultation

- ii. **Website – updated photos**
MC requested that staff reps from HEIs send a photo for upload to the website
- iii. **National DH/CSIP Education and Training group**
To note that Ian Price had agreed to be the nominated MHNAC UK rep on this group. **Action: JP** to notify Roslyn Hope
- iv. **MHN representation at DH CNO level**
Since Neil Brimblecombe was shortly to leave his MH CNO role at DH England JP to contact Chris Beasley to ask about future plans for replacements and how the group would continue to remain linked in at DH level. **Action – JP** to e-mail Chris Beasley

7. **Next meeting**

- 27th June 2008 – University of Salford, Manchester
- 14th November 2008 – Napier University – Edinburgh

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Introduction

The Academy of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Research has been established as a collaborative enterprise between the Royal College of Nursing, UNITE-Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association, the Royal College of Midwives, The Council of Deans for Health, the Nurse Directors group of the Association of UK University Hospitals, the Nurse Directors Association, the Queens Nursing Institute, Mental Health Nurse Academics UK, the UK Clinical Research Facility Network and Nurses in Primary Care Research.

The need for an Academy.

The need for a collective voice on matters relating to research and nurses, midwives and health visitors is immediate. The necessary policy infrastructure to shape clinical academic careers is now in place (UKCRC 2007) and a requirement to develop mentorship schemes and expert support for those developing their clinical academic careers is important. The combined expertise of the collaborating organisations is powerful, as is the collective capacity to lobby for investment and change, particularly that given by our participating membership organisations. The re-emergence of clinical leadership as a force for innovation and improvement can also be seen across the UK. A renewed purpose is beginning to emerge from that landscape as well as the new structures that will deliver research and development for health and social care. The Academy has an important part to play in shaping that landscape and can offer a strong platform of professional expertise.

The Mission of the Academy

The prime concern of the Academy is to *‘to be an expert collaborative voice for all aspects of research involving nursing, midwifery and health visiting in the UK, including policy development, its implementation and evaluation through negotiation and dialogue with other key stakeholders.’*

The Academy as an organisation

As yet, the Academy is a collaboration of interests between the organisations listed above. It has no formal infrastructure but seeks to develop an office function and develop work streams to further its declared mission.

The first elected Chair is Professor Tony Butterworth CBE.

Initial work for the Academy

We seek funding to establish an office function and develop two initial work streams.

1. To establish mentorship and leadership schemes for clinicians and practitioners from nursing, midwifery and health visiting.
2. To assist in the implementation of the recommendations of the UKCRC Report ‘Developing the Best Research Professionals’.

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