



Mental Health Nurse Academics (UK)

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

Notes of meeting held Wednesday 21st March 2007

University of Nottingham, School of Nursing

1. Present

John Playle, University of Manchester (Chair); Linda Cooper, Cardiff University (Vice Chair); Ben Hannigan, Cardiff University; Patrick Callaghan, Nottingham University; Michael Coffey, Swansea University; Martin Anderson, Nottingham University; Debi Corby, Bradford University; Greg Rooney, University of York; Mark Wilbourn, Canterbury Christchurch University College; Ian Price, TVU; Alan Simpson, City University, London; Liam Clarke, Brighton University; Susan Sookoo, King's College, London; Alan Pringle, Nottingham University; Neil Brimblecombe (MH CNO DoH – presenting)

2. Apologies

Peter Morrall, University of Leeds; Len Bowers, City University, London; Karina Lovell, University of Manchester; Olive McKeown, Greenwich University; Alyson Kettles, Aberdeen University; John Gass, Aberdeen University; Enkanah Sooboodoo, London South Bank University; Rob Newall, Bradford University; Christina Lyons, UCLAN; Hugh O'Donnell, QUB; Christine Hogg, Salford University; Joy Duxbury, UCLan; Raj Bissessur, University of Newcastle; Peter Nolan, University of Staffs; Gordon Mitchell, Teeside University; Keith Edwards, Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College; Paul Rogers, University of Glamorgan; Siobhan Sharkey, University of Stirling; Lucy Simons, Southampton University; Lai Chan, Edgehill University; Mervyn Morris UCE, Paul Linsley, University of Lincoln; June Leishman, Abertay University; Doug Macinnes, Canterbury Christ Church University.

3. Welcome and Introductions

John Playle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Presentation by Neil Brimblecombe (CMHNO England)

Update on CNO Review outcomes and progress and other relevant issues.
Presentation and discussion took place (presentation attached to minutes)

5. Presentations from Host Institution

Presentations from University of Nottingham staff took place.

- Overview of Mental Health Research Programme (Patrick Callaghan)
- Football and Mental Health (Alan Pringle)

- Health Language and Communication (Paul Crawford)
- Suicide Prevention (Martin Anderson)
- Service User Student Assessment Project (Gemma Bertram)

Action: PC to forward power-points to JP
To be available on website as pdfs once set up

6. Business items/Tasks

- i. **Book proposal** - P Callaghan, J Playle & L Cooper have agreed to edit a book for OUP - *Core Skills for Mental Health Nursing*. Proposal finalised, positive reviews and key authors to be approached for chapters. Will link to CNO review recommendations and NMC ESCs. Aimed as a core text for pre-reg MHNs, will have additional web-based resources attached to each chapter.

Action: PC to contact potential authors directly.

- ii. **Evaluation of CNO Review – NIHR policy programme grant**
DH tender announced Feb 07. A number of HEIs/Trust collaboration groups had submitted bids – outcome due May 07.

- iii. **Web site development** – Michael Coffey presented an update and demonstration of the draft MHNAC UK website. To be hosted by University of Swansea free of charge. Comments on draft site as viewed:

- *Welcome Page* – need to trim down or put into columns – felt looked like too much text in present format. Link to ToRs. (These to be updated by JP)
- *Members* – suggested that this be organised in terms of HEI representation - simply Institution represented, name, title, photo then link through to the institutional web page or personal profile on institutional web site.
- *Position papers & responses to consultations* – suggested that the page include title, date produced/updated, headlines or summary.
- *Meeting dates and notes* – details of next meeting and key contact. Previous meetings listed and pdfs of notes and any powerpoints from each meeting to be available as downloads
- *Sharing pages* – there was a facility for joint editing of documents on-line and it was felt that this could be useful for future work on position papers/responses etc.

The group expressed their thanks to Michael and other staff at Swansea for their work on the web-site which was very impressive.

Action: M Coffey to progress website development

- iv. **Group Response to UKCRC paper** 'Developing the best research professionals' Qualified graduate nurses: recommendations for preparing and supporting clinical academic nurses of the future". Draft report of the UKCRC Sub Committee for Nurses in Clinical Research (Workforce) December 2006.

JP had collated and sent a response to this paper on behalf of the group – previously circulated – to be placed on web site once set up and live

- v. **NMC Draft Essential Skills Clusters.**

JP and Hugh McMaster had collated views and sent a summary response to Garth Long at the NMC in Dec 06 – previously circulated – to be placed on web site once set up and live.

7. Future work

- i. **NMC Branch Review**

JP had been informed at a recent UK MH CNO meeting that the NMC were about to commence work on a branch review. This was a piece of work that had come out of the Fitness for Practice Review. It was agreed that JP would contact Garth Long at NMC to request information re: process and timescales for this piece of work and if possible to seek representation of the group on the task group. JP also to invite an NMC rep to attend the next meeting to discuss and consult on issues with the group.

Action: JP to write to Garth Long at the NMC

- ii. **MHN Branch Commissions & HCA secondments**

Recent press reports had highlighted cuts in Nursing commissions, some at very short notice, driven primarily by SHAs seeking to use the MPET budget to pay off deficits. The CoD had canvassed HEIs to gain a picture on Nursing generally but it was felt that a clearer view of MHN branch specific commission changes may be useful.

Action: JP to survey each HEI in England through members on changes to MHN branch commissions and also whether MH HCA secondments were still being supported by SHAs

- iii. **MHN students gaining employment**
Again recent press reports had highlighted difficulties for graduating MHN students in obtaining first posts. Again it was felt that a clearer view of the national picture may be useful.

Action: JP to survey each HEI in England through members on first post info.

- iv. **Clarification of member representation from UK HEIs**
It was felt that with the development of the website, it was timely to clarify and seek representation from HEIs.

Action: JP would ask his 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.

7. Next meeting – 12th June 2007, University of Swansea

Michael Coffey offered to organise for the next meeting to be hosted at University of Swansea. John Playle is away – Linda Cooper to chair.

Actions: JP to remind members of date and to note change of venue

LC/MCoffey to co-ordinate agenda and organise meeting

8. Future meetings (*please note change of date*)

- Friday 19th October 2007 – Venue to be confirmed – possibly Brighton (Liam Clarke to confirm)