



Notes of the meeting held Friday 23rd June 2006

University of Manchester, Manchester Museum
Oxford Road, Manchester

1. Present

John Playle, University of Manchester (Chair); Karina Lovell, University of Manchester; Alistair McElroy, RCN; Linda Cooper, Cardiff University (Vice Chair); Ben Hannigan, Cardiff University; Cathy Griffiths, Edgehill University; Lai Chan, Edgehill University; Christina Lyons, UCLAN; Gillian Rayner, Salford University; Alan Simpson, City University, London; Martin Anderson, Nottingham University; Debi Corby, Bradford University; Rob Newall, Bradford University; Liam Clarke, Brighton University; Tim Bradshaw, University of Manchester (Presenting); Sarah Kendall, University of Manchester (Presenting)

2. Apologies

Patrick Callaghan, Nottingham University; Peter Morrall, University of Leeds; Len Bowers, City University, London; Sara Owen, University of Lincoln; Hugh O'Donnell, QUB; Alyson Kettles, Aberdeen University; John Gass, Aberdeen University; Greg Rooney, University of York; Richard Gray, IOP; Mark Wilbourn, Canterbury Christchurch University College; Ian Price, TVU; Olive McKeown, Greenwich University; Christine Hogg, Salford University; Joy Duxbury, UCLan; Raj Bissessur, University of Newcastle; Naomi Sharples, Salford University; Enkanah Sooboodoo, London South Bank University; Gordon Mitchell, Teeside University; Keith Edwards, Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College; Lucy Simons, Southampton University; Mary Watkins, Plymouth University; Mary Chambers, Kingston University/St Georges Medical School; Mike Wrigley, University of West of England; Paul Rogers, University of Glamorgan; Sally Hardy, University of East Anglia; Siobhan Sharkey, University of Stirling; Michael Coffey, Swansea University.

3. Welcome and Introductions

John Playle welcomed everyone to the meeting. An overview of the UoM Faculty, School and Division Research and Educational activity was presented.

4. Research presentations

UoM presentations:

- Tim Bradshaw - *Evaluating Health Education Groups for people with a diagnosis of Schizophrenia*

- Sarah Kendall - *Self-help for common mental health problems: evaluating service provision in an urban primary care setting*
- Karina Lovell; John Playle - *Building research capacity and capability amongst Mental Health Nurses through multidisciplinary, programmic approaches: Some reflections*

Action: JP to circulate power-points as pdfs

5. Business items

- Book proposal** - Patrick Callaghan has met with an editor from Oxford University Press re: this and they are keen for a book. Working title: *Core Skills for Therapeutic Alliances in Mental Health Nursing*. The aim is to focus on how MHN students can demonstrate the required core fundamental clinical skills. Formal book proposal in progress – Patrick Callaghan, John Playle to be joint editors on behalf of group. Contributions will be sought for chapter writers once proposal firmed up.

Action: P Callaghan, J Playle

- Papers following on from CNO Review** – 2 of papers ready to submit to Mental Health Practice by next week
 - Placements paper – lead P Callaghan
 - Service User, Carer involvement paper – lead A Simpson

3rd paper on partnership working still in progress – lead J Playle. May consider an overarching paper on partnerships for HSJ.

Action: J Playle

There will be an official funded evaluation of impact of CNO review – suggested the group or a number of HEIs may be well placed to bid for this. Process and timescales unknown.

Action: P Callaghan to discuss with N Brimblecombe.

- Funding the groups' activities** - John Playle and Patrick Callaghan have undertaken a scoping exercise of potential funding sources. Bid for funding to Burdette fund to be prepared.

Action: P Callaghan, J Playle

- Mental Capacity Act – Draft Code of Practice** - A response to this consultation has been submitted.

- Web site development** – Michael Coffey has confirmed that University of Swansea are willing and able to host the web pages for the group free of charge. These can be developed quickly and once set up will be

managed by Michael on behalf of the group. Discussion took place about pages/content. Key areas agreed to start with (**see proposed site map attached app.1**). The group saw this as an exciting development and expressed their thanks to Michael and University of Swansea.

It was noted that the whilst Michael could manage content on the web site the development and usefulness of it would be very much dependent on all group members regularly identifying relevant content, links etc to forward to Michael to keep up to date and exciting.

Action: J Playle to forward map and relevant docs, details to Michael.

M Coffey to progress website development

- vi. **CAMHS programme evaluations (Sara Owen)** – Sara unable to attend – defer to next meeting or Sara to communicate through e-mail list.

6. CNO Review – pre-reg guidance discussion

Discussions focused on the groups concerns/uncertainty re the status of the document (guidance) and the plethora of benchmark and guidance documents which HEI's are advised to map curricula to. It was noted that the NMC is soon due to publish their 'Skills Clusters' and it was thought desirable to clarify whether these will be linked the DH Best Practice pre reg competencies.

Actions:

- **John Playle** to invite Neil Brimblecombe and Garth Long (NMC) to the next meeting in York (October 25th) asking them to focus on key questions identified by the group:-

Status of document; Relationship of document to skills cluster – will NMC clearly recommend the linking of Mental Health Branch clusters to the Department Health review document? NMC advice to HEI's re bench marking of DH criteria. DH & NMC View re implementation strategy. DH & NMC View re the proliferation of standards against which HEI's are required to benchmark.

In the interim it was felt that a useful activity for the group would be to ascertain HEIs responses to the DH Best Practice Pre-Reg Competency doc for MHN's. A brief e-mail survey would be conducted through the group e-mail list. Contacts at each HEI would be asked to forward to Pre-reg Branch leaders for completion and return. Key areas:

- Awareness of the document
- What do they see as the key areas of opportunity & challenge of the DH Best Practice competency document in relation to Pre-Registration Mental Health Nursing Branch programmes.

- Action plans and progress to date.

Action: Linda Cooper to develop this e-mail survey – distribute to group for comments and then forward via e-mail list. Update to be presented at next meeting – potential for a summary publication.

The group also considered the role of Mental Health Nurse Academics (UK) in relation to the evaluation of the DH Review and validation of curricula in HEI's. Actions re these to be re considered once status of document discussed with DH & NMC representative.

7. Proposed Agenda for next meeting – 25th October 2006, University of York

John Playle is away – Linda Cooper to chair

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| 9.30 – 11.00 | Presentations from Host department |
| 11.15 – 12.30 | Presentation/discussion from DH (NB) & NMC (GL) re CNO review status, progress and links with NMC guidance |
| 1.15 – 2.15 | Presentation of three papers submitted on Placements (P Callaghan); SU Carer involvement (A Simpson), Partnerships (C Lyons – JP away) |
| 2.15 – 3.30 | Business – updates on other actions from last meeting |

8. Future meetings

- 25th October 2006 – University of York (**Greg Rooney key contact to organise - JP**)
- 21st March 2007 – **To be confirmed – proposed Swansea (JP to contact M Coffey)**
- 12th June 2007 – RCN, London (**may need to consider other venue – University of Brighton offered – Alistair to confirm as soon as known**)
- 16th October 2007 - Birmingham

Appendix 1: Proposal for initial structure of web site

Proposed to structure some of pages around Research, Practice, Education

