

Sustainable Kidney Care committee

Date: Tuesday 17th January 2023, 2pm

Attendees: Suren Kanagasundaram (SK - chairing), Shazia Adalat (SA), Fiona Adshead (FA), Catherine Floyd (CF), Eleanor Murray (EM), Katie Vinen (KV), Mark Wright (MW), Keith Channing (KC), Mark Harber (MH), Karen Jenkins (KJ), Manraj Phull (MP), Rona Hutton (RH), Emily Horwill (EH), Ron Cullen (RC), Angeline Taylor (AT), Daisy Wasilwa (DW)

Apologies: Jo Pywell (JP), Frances Mortimer (FM), Chris Stait (CS), Stephen Palmer (SP)

Minutes: UKKA Sec

Welcome & introductions - Declarations of interest

SK welcomed members including new members Angeline Taylor and Daisy Wasilwa representing renal dieticians. Committee members introduced themselves. No members declared new interests.

Matters arising

The committee agreed that the minutes of the July meeting were accurate – September meeting was not quorate and November meeting was cancelled.

Only matter arising not dealt with elsewhere in agenda was sustainable conferencing proposal. MH has been working on this with others, have had some success in getting royal colleges to agree to the terms. SK wondered if this could be taken to UKKA governance – KV and RC keen to see content of proposal.

Action: MH will send proposal to group for comment, comments to be returned by February 5th.

Roadmap, pledge & comms

The group discussed under agenda item for workstream progress reports.

SKC webpage

Awaiting new UKKA site – when live will be able to look at content refresh.

Scholar's proposal

Scholar's programme now live, 6 scholars started in November 2022. Hope scholars will be able to present work to committee at a future meeting.

Centre for Sustainable Healthcare – Sustainable Kidney Care course

[Course](#) launched end of 2022.

GREEN-K (International liaison)

MH updated – view that UKKA is ahead of other organisations in SKC and looking to link with others to support, including ISN/ERA. Paper out via KI which is call to arms for action. Planning to start global workstream with input from MDT. Also aiming to link with other specialties and use a template for them – KV suggested linking with RCP on this, FA suggested contacting UK Health Alliance on Climate Change as have links to all colleges. EM noted that Scottish RCP climate group would also be keen to be involved.

Action: FA to contact UKHACC and put in touch with MH, SK

Devolved nations

RH updated on devolved nations links – minimal progress, ideally need more people to sign up as unit champions (see below). Need to draw out differences across the 4 NHS's relevant to SKCc programme.

Action: RH to confirm differences across 4 NHS's relevant to SKCc programme

Adaptation / resilience

SK noted the need to understand Renal Network plans in relation to climate shocks as well as supply chain disruption.

SK has also reached out to HCHW LIFE-Resystal healthcare resilience project to explore potential link up with UKKA work

Action: SK to explore network plans, HCHW collaboration

Progress reports:

Workstream 1: Action, Learning & Education

MH and CF updated – MH discussed top ten tips document. Ideally would like to have a version to send out with the KI paper for some simple organisational things to do to drive change.

Action: MH to circulate draft top ten tips document to committee – feedback by February 17th

CF highlighted key achievements including scholar's programme, SKC course and successful conference appearances. Workstream also now has a patient member. Several areas of improvement – unit champions call was not as successful as hoped, only 3 came forward so considering different approach. Keen to meet with UKKA leadership to discuss fellowship.

Action: Schedule meeting with UKKA/CSH to discuss fellowship

Workstream 2: Procurement, infrastructure and innovation

SK updated - working with NHS Supply Chain colleagues to produce a sustainable procurement framework for renal products and reassure industry that there is a market for sustainable products in this area. Put in bid to Greener NHS for funding but this was unsuccessful, considering next options – planning to generate joint statements of demand, and would like to globalise this given the nature of procurement. Global ask from industry would be more powerful collectively. SK considering advisability of CD Pledge at this stage given difficulties engaging with front line services at this time.

FA and SK met with international nephrology group to talk about how a global Procurement initiative might look and how this might complement or be incorporated within existing WS2 activities; aiming for sign off of global strategy at next GREEN-K meeting, February 6th, then will share strategy.

Action: SK to share global / UKKA industry strategy after GREEN-K meeting, Feb 6th

Workstream 3: Sustainable Kidney Care Pathways

MW updated primarily on RSTP work – asked to present to NHS England leads on work of SKC committee, sustainability considered an overarching theme of the project. Completed questionnaire with information for RSTP but unclear how much of ask will be preserved in final version, particularly metrics/self-assessment information. MW shared slide with overview of RSTP, the group felt this version would fall short of what the committee would like to see from units.

ART questionnaire – to await update at next committee meeting.

Action: MW to share current version of RSTP sustainability section and previous draft recommendations for comparison – feedback by February 17th

Action: MW to update group on ART questionnaire / metrics work

Comms strategy was discussed but agreed ask of units should be defined first, then comms strategy outlined. Possibility to reach CDs via new UKKA Clinical Services Chair and CD forum, when arranged.

KV also suggested helping staff find out who in the senior executive in each Trust has responsibility for sustainability (recommendation incorporated within first draft RSTP document). KJ and RH reported some success with reaching professionals via Whatsapp groups. CF also highlighted the [CSH network](#) as a space for this. RH reported that several Scottish CDs had not received CD comms, to check list/emails for updates.

Action: Discuss with SK/RH and UKKA comms use of social media in highlighting committee work and check Scottish CD list

NuTH – SHC carbon calculator project

SK updated – in centre HD calculator near beta testing and will look to get this out to the community very soon. The group scholar based in Newcastle has been looking at PD and transplant care pathways and aiming eventually to develop a suite of carbon calculators, along with identifying carbon hotspots.

Greener NHS update

MP updated – role has now changed at Greener NHS, sitting in a new workstream on Net Zero Clinical Transformation. Would be keen to have representation from SKC committee on net zero advisory boards – have buy-in from senior leadership. Also would like to understand how this learning can be shared with other specialties. MP’s workstream also planning to set up an international group to work with WHO. MP would be happy to help with possible support for RSTP plans if needed.

Green Nephrology conference 2023

SK updated – aiming for conference on 18th October 2023. Aiming for mixed forum for didactic sessions, hoping for scholars to showcase work plus susQI case studies. Will convene planning group soon to start moving plans forward.

Action: UKKA Sec to send poll for planning meeting dates

AOB

None

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th March, 2 – 3:30pm

Actions

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AP2	FA to contact UKHACC and put in touch with MH, SK	FA
AP3	RH to confirm differences across 4 NHS’s relevant to SKCc programme	RH
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AP10	Discuss with SK/RH and UKKA comms use of social media in highlighting committee work and check Scottish CD list	UKKA Sec
AP11	UKKA Sec to send poll for green nephrology conference planning meeting dates	UKKA Sec