

Sustainable Kidney Care committee

Date: Thursday 9th November 2023, 2.00pm

Attendees: Suren Kanagasundaram (SK - chairing), Eleanor Murray (EM), Shazia Adalat (SA), Frances Mortimer (FM), Mark Harber (MH), Karen Jenkins (KJ), Stephen Palmer (SP), Keith Channing (KC), Chris Stait (CS), Ben Whitaker (BW), Lisa Ancliffe (LA)

Apologies: Jo Pywell (JP), Emily Horwill (EH), Benjamin Talbot - observer (BT), Fiona Adshead (FA), Mark Wright (MW)

Minutes: UKKA Secretariat

Welcome, apologies & introductions

- SK introduced the group and welcomed Ben Whitaker (CSH) and Lisa Ancliffe (UKKA Trustee and Clinical VP).
- SK has approached some potential candidates for the MPT co-chair vacancy. If conversations prove unsuccessful, an EOI will go out to the wider population. Any interested non-medical health care professionals can contact SK for an informal chat about the role.
- SK is still seeking nursing and SpR representation and is continuing to have conversations around this.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Minutes of last meeting

The committee agreed that the September meeting minutes were accurate.

Matters arising

- 1:34 acid concentrates – wind down:
 - o B-Braun have sent out a leaflet regarding the discontinuation of 1-34. The timescale is still unclear as to when Fresenius and other manufacturers will follow. SK suggested that UKKA could put out a statement welcoming this change.
 - o **AP1:** SP & KC to pull together a short note which could be shared on social media and UKKA eNews.
- Plant-based diet resources:
 - o AT was in the process of producing a video resource on plant-based diets, however the group were unsure if this had been finalised.
 - o **AP2:** FP to follow up with AT on the plant-based video resource.

Group scholars programme round up

FM updated the group on the scholars' programme which is now complete. A summary report is being finalised based on impact reports and case studies completed by the scholars. The programme has been instrumental in fostering shared learning and growing the community around SKC. SK offered a huge thanks to FM, BW and CSH for all their hard work.

Green kidney care challenge 2024

Funding details are still being discussed with partner organisations for next year challenge. FM is in the process of redesigning the proposal with a view to making it more attractive for industry partners, e.g., offering insights into future trends. Costings are also being reviewed and FM will present the programme in person at the Association for Renal Industries conference.

Incorporating sustainability in UKKA CPGs

MW will be working on the new BBV guideline, so, together with FP, will continue to keep sustainability on the guideline group agenda.

SK shared the Gantt chart with updates on the various committee projects:

- **Disseminate top tips, RSTP** – SK praised all the efforts across the year, which culminated in the recent UKKA sustainability webinar. This agenda item can now be closed off.
- **Atlas of variation** – Following discussions with the UKRR, a map is being created to reflect which units have sustainability champions. MW is also following up on behalf of WS3 to investigate data collection from different units for resource use, energy and waste reduction.
- **Sustainability champions** – There are now around 18 units with a sustainability champion, so the number is increasing. Sarah Crimp has requested that unit champions is raised at the next professional council meeting.

AP3: FP to follow up with Sarah Crimp on unit champion discussions at the professional council meeting.

EM noted that as a champion, there may be some room for improvement in relation to outputs via the unit champions' network. The group discussed options such as sharing workstream outputs or case studies across the network, using the kidney care Susnet group to update on projects and generally encourage the champions to help create the community by sharing achievements. FM also asked if anyone in the group would be willing to record a short video about a project or change implemented to improve the sustainability of kidney care. The proposed video structure could be:

- Introduce self: name, role, organisation (setting where project took place / patient group – if not obvious)
- What was the problem that you identified?
- What was the change?
- What were the outcomes - clinical, environmental, social, financial?
- One thing you learned

AP4: All to contact FM if you would be happy to record a short video on any sustainability projects.

- **UKKW** – SK has submitted a session proposal for UKKW 2024, which includes some of the current SKC activities such as the ISN work, plus some international speakers (presenting remotely).
- **Sustainable conferencing** – MH has been in touch with SC to brainstorm ideas.
- **ART Survey** – SP/MW have been looking at the feedback gathered from units, from which an excel macro has been produced to show energy data in relation to power and water consumption. This will be trialled in Yorkshire with a view to rolling out in all units.
- **Metrics strategy timeline for 2023-24** – MW to update at next meeting.
- **Webinar** – The SKC webinar was held on 18th October via Zoom. The webinar consisted of a multi-professional panel discussion and the group scholars' presentation. The top tips, information on the unit champions, and Canadian experiences were all discussed and feedback was positive.

AP5: FP to arrange for SKC webinar links to be added to the webpage.

- **UKHACC membership** – FP attended the first monthly comms and policy meeting. UKHACC has frequent asks of members to support campaigns, such as member signatories on petitions (e.g., No New Oil petition). FP and SK are currently liaising with UKKA trustees to establish a process for responding to such requests.
- **Joint LIFE RESYSTAL scaling network** – A request will be submitted to join the scaling network. There is a need to set up a climate adaptation workstream on an equal footing to the mitigation work.

- **Carbon calculator** – KM updated on next steps which will be looking at a range of additional calculators such as peritoneal dialysis, transplantation and care pathway guidance, with a view to building up a suite of tools over time. Work is also happening with the Sustainable Markets Initiative to build a clinical trials calculator, plus a project with the UAE to try and understand the carbon calculator's application for a middle eastern population.

SKC webpage

FP updated the group on the website timescales. Caitlin Sewell and the UKKA systems team are continuing to work with the developers and substantial progress has been made - all are hopeful the website will be going live soon. Updates can still be made to the existing SKC webpage, such as adding links or committee activities. Any requests for updates or additions can be sent to FP.

AP5: All to send any webpage additions to FP, who can review with UKKA comms lead.

Social media – comms

Recent social media and communications have been focussed on the SKC webinar and UKHACC membership.

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MH updated the group on the ISN project. One key priority is linking education to implementation and roll out. Ideas include hosting a free global meeting for anyone with an interest in sustainability, with working groups discussing potential improvements and changes to dialysis units. MH echoed the request from FM on looking at building up a portfolio of short YouTube videos demonstrating sustainability e.g., water saving etc. These could be shared as part of the ISN work. SK also noted its other active project – Procurement, Innovation and Infrastructure – which has now subsumed the UKKA equivalent (workstream 2).

Devolved nations

Scotland are having ongoing meetings trying to push government to develop an action plan similar to Wales, which would include working groups on value, inequalities and data, encouraging focus on sustainability aspects. EM has also asked for a green focus to be included in the upcoming SRA conference.

Greener NHS update

Update at next meeting

Research update

Update at next meeting

Horizon EU project

FM informed the group that CSH will be a major partner in a European consortium bid on sustainable kidney care. The project, *EU Horizon: KitNewCare project 2024-7* is due to start in January 2024. There will be multiple work packages looking at mapping the sustainability healthcare landscape through to validation and implementation. CSH is leading some of the educational work. The group discussed the overlap with some of the UKKA and ISN work on sustainable health care and are keen to utilise any opportunities for shared communications and best practice.

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No-fly nephrology in 2024

- SK highlighted the no-fly nephrology 2024 pledge and invited commitments from the group.
- **AP6:** ALL to let SK know if you wish to sign up to the no-fly nephrology 2024 pledge.

Next meeting: Thursday 11th January 2024, 14:00 – 15:30

Actions

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