

Sustainable Kidney Care committee

Date: Wednesday 8th March, 2pm

Attendees: Suren Kanagasundaram (SK - chairing), Shazia Adalat (SA), Fiona Adshead (FA), Eleanor Murray (EM), Mark Wright (MW), Manraj Phull (MP), Angeline Taylor (AT), Daisy Wasilwa (DW), Jo Pywell (JP), Chris Stait (CS), Stephen Palmer (SP), Ben Taylor (observer)

Apologies: Frances Mortimer (FM), Katie Vinen (KV), Keith Channing (KC), Rona Hutton (RH), Emily Horwill (EH), Ron Cullen (RC), Karen Jenkins (KJ), Mark Harber (MH), Catherine Floyd (CF),

Minutes: UKKA Sec

Welcome & introductions - Declarations of interest

SK welcomed members including new observer Ben Taylor. No members declared new interests.

Matters arising

The committee agreed that the minutes of the January meeting were accurate.

SK discussed Gantt chart included in meeting agenda and used to structure key updates:

- **Top tips document:** close to being finalised and to complement sustainability section of forthcoming RSTP document. SK thanked MH and all for their feedback/comments. Recommended MH have establishment of Green Champion at top of list of recommendations.
- **RSTP:** MW updated, RSTP document currently in approval stages (and therefore 'locked'); should be released in April. Some specific recommendations have dropped out but to include key gaps in top tips document. MW also noted that additional resources / updates could be included in toolkit as links after unlocking and formal launch of document.
- **Action: MW to liaise with MH to finalise top tips document (noting recommendation re green champs, above) and both to circulate final draft to the committee**
- RSTP dissemination – the group discussed strategies including: UKKW Climate Clinic (contingent on approval), SKC webinar on Oct 18th, Social media, CD forum and network leads forum (SK has approached relevant leads). AT suggested putting out through Renal Dietitian Group, SK agreed, and that other specialty routes should also be utilised.
- **Metrics:** MW and SP updated; low number of responses to initial surveys distributed to ART with supporting comms in UKKA enews but planning to collate data and start linking regionally in Leeds/Yorkshire area with renal techs to get further data, plus Midlands. Unlikely to meet June 2023 goal of embedding metrics strategy but SK asked that a end-of-cycle document be drawn up by MW, SP and WS3 to identify learning points, achievements, barriers and next steps for the June 2024 cycle.
- **Action: MW/SP to produce one page report re: metrics**
- **Industry liaison group:** SK updated, part of WS2 work. Establishment of GREEN-K means this will be covered and will carry significant advantages in globalising the industry ask. SK noted the Canadian 'moonshot' challenge to their industry partners, which is hoped to provide a catalyst for set up of the global ILG.
- **Collaborative procurement template:** SK highlighted huge amount of work involved in this, developing joint statement of demand (JSoD) on even one component due to depth of stakeholder engagement that would be needed. Looking at funding options for dedicated coordinator. In the meantime, SK would develop a generic JSoD for approval by GREEN-K, the SKC main committee and WS2 prior to mitigate the certainty that the specific June 2023 goal (of product-specific JSoDs for ICHD) would not be met.

SK outlined progress on miscellaneous goals:

- **Green champions:** only 3 units currently have one or more nominated green champions. The aim is for 90% of units to be signed up by the end of UKKW. SK noted that not all renal units represented on the main committee or its workstreams and asked committee members could consider becoming their units champion or nominating someone keen from their unit. Will discuss re: holding list with CSH.
- **Action: All members to consider becoming unit champions/nominating one**
- **Climate clinic UKKW:** Rosa Montero, EM and MW supporting this for UKKW, some suggestions around green conferencing to discuss with UKKA Events team/ICC
- **Green nephrology 2023:** intending to run webinar on October 18th in lieu of conference given paucity of green champs and current difficulties with unit engagement, aiming to reinforce message re: signing up, top tips, RSTP and give green scholars opportunity to showcase work.
- **UK Health Alliance on Climate Change:** powerful collective body including Royal Colleges, specialty groups, BMJ, Lancet, RSM, etc., forming collective voice and learning from other specialties. SK and MH have met with CE/COO and has sent information on to KV/KJ/RC – small subscription charge (26p/per organisation member/year). SK will update re: progress.
- **Life RESYSTAL:** European project to build climate resilience in healthcare systems, planning to scale up across Europe and SK keen to put forward UK kidney network. SK will meet with them on 16th March for exploratory meeting.
- Newcastle work: awaiting confirmation of resources and, hence, scope, got PD and transplantation already underway following previous completion of ICHD analysis. Beta testing for carbon calculators taking place soon – SK will update.
- Holborn declaration – awaiting update from MH but SK noted that Pharmacy Declares have just release their own sustainable conferences checklist (SK will circulate to the group)

SKC webpage

Still awaiting new UKKA site – now likely to be ready in April/May. When live will be able to look at content refresh (individual workstream pages, news items, resource links,

Scholar's proposal

SK has suggested getting headshots of scholars to publicise work and successes – meeting with CSH tomorrow to discuss 2023/24 cohort.

GREEN-K (International liaison)

MH not in attendance but SK updated – GREEN-K new group under ISN umbrella with aim of hosting other national / international societies. Set up, underway, with UKKA SKC programme providing a template for its work.

Devolved nations

No update but SK keen for strategies to align between groups in devolved nations, so would like members to flag if they are aware of any clashing practices/plans during meetings (EM leading).

Comms strategy

Planning as a group to focus on key messaging, highlighting opportunities for people to get involved with work. UKKA Comms have tweeted unit champions link again plus GREEN-K article.

Greener NHS update

MP updated: [NHS carbon reduction plans were](#) launched last week and there is support for staff e.g. webinars available. Net zero building standards have also been released. MW asked re: extension of the plan to include contracts less than £5mil, SK indicated there is a Greener NHS timeline for this.

BMJ and UKHACC are having a one-day conference on Net Zero Clinical Care and call for abstracts is open – [further information is here.](#)

Research update:

JP updated, KRUK still committed to green agenda – UKKRC meeting on 22nd May and hoping to include some sustainability topics on the agenda.

AOB

Reviewing UKKA guidelines with susQI – MW raised this in reference to the guideline on Management of Blood Borne Viruses with the HD unit and wondered if the next update to the guideline could include participation from sus QI angle. SK felt this would be worthwhile to raise with CPG committee leads and will do so and feedback to committee

Action: SK to contact CPG committee leads re: susQI in UKKA guidelines

SA recently attended a climate and sustainability conference at King’s College re: climate and health research. The group have put together seed funding and are encouraging people to apply.

Action: SA to circulate details of KCL fund

Next meeting: May

Actions

AP1	Action: MW to liaise with MH to finalise top tips document (noting recommendation re green champs, above) and both to circulate final draft to the committee	MW
AP2	Action: MW/SP to produce short report re: metrics	MW/SP
AP3	Action: All members to consider becoming unit champions/nominating one	All
AP4	Action: SK to contact CPG committee leads re: susQI in UKKA guidelines	SK
AP5	Action: SA to circulate details of KCL fund	SA