

## **Sustainable Kidney Care committee - Funding**

### **Minutes**

#### **Date:**

**Chair:** Suren Kanagasundaram (SK)

**Minutes:** Renal Association secretariat (SEC)

**Attendees:** Fiona Adshead (FA), Ron Cullen (RC), Jacqueline Cutting (JC), Mark Harber (MH), Keith Moore (KM), Frances Mortimer (FM), Katie Vinen (KV)

**Apologies:** Paul Cockwell (PC)

The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare (CSH) is a registered charity, and projects or programmes are funded by grants, or contracted work. They have a wide range of funding sources, including industry and NHS trust charities. CSH has a history in Green Nephrology and is keen to contribute to the Sustainable Kidney Care committee. Examples of involvement include leadership programmes, mentors, QI methodology, developing educational resources, running conference and supporting fellows. A funding stream is needed to cover this involvement.

### **Sources of funding**

- Sustainable Healthcare Coalition (SHC) – membership fees could cover project management work from FA and KM but would not stretch to larger projects (e.g. low carbon clinical trials).
- Industry has been canvassed via the recent SHC roundtable event and there is interest. Industry is more likely to provide funding if discrete projects are proposed and any project should be designed with continuous development in mind. CSH independence is very crucial, a separation between the funding and the project delivery must be maintained. SHC can provide a buffer and broker industry partnerships. Home dialysis providers may be interested (RA already has links with Baxter and Fresenius), as may companies with SGLT2 inhibitors.
- Kidney charities (KCUK, NKF etc) could be approached if the sum needed is not too large. KRUUK used to provide money for scoping meetings.
- The NE&NC Academic Health Sciences Network actively supported the NuTH – SHC industry engagement event in March and may advise on future funding.
- NIHR has funded some work for the Greener Surgery programmes.
- Funding for a clinical fellow may be available via educational or NHS Trust funding sources.
- Novel funding sources such as companies outside of healthcare with philanthropic ambitions or an interest in the green agenda could also be sourced – eg transport companies or banks, but caution to be exercised over ‘greenwash’

**Funding required**

£5 – 10k for the initial stage – to cover work already done by CSH, and the contribution to the scoping workshop, and the first 6 months of work.

Future projects for funding could include:

- Clinical fellow
- Sustainable kidney care handbook

**Actions**

AP1	Investigate deanery funding for clinical fellow	MH
AP2	Scope out what Sustainable Healthcare Coalition could support	RC/FA/KM
AP3	Investigate funding sources from AHSN and KRUK, including KRUK grant rounds	SK
AP4	Refine the offer for 6 months of funding and start scoping future projects	RC/SK/FM