

## **Sustainable Kidney Care committee**

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 2pm

**Attendees:** Suren Kanagasundaram (SK - chairing), Shazia Adalat (SA), Fiona Adshead (FA), Catherine Floyd (CF), Frances Mortimer (FM), Eleanor Murray (EM), Jo Pywell (JP), Katie Vinen (KV), Mark Wright (MW), Stephen Palmer (SP)

**Apologies:** Keith Channing (KC), Mark Harber (MH), Karen Jenkins (KJ), Manraj Phull (MP), Rona Hutton (RH), Emily Horwill (EH), Chris Stait (CS)

**Minutes:** UKKA Sec

### **Welcome & introductions - Declarations of interest**

SK welcomed members. No members declared new interests.

### **Matters arising**

The committee agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were accurate. Actions from the last meeting were discussed in their respective areas.

### **Roadmap, pledge & comms**

SK thanked the committee for their input into the high level targets for the committee, which have now been shared on the SKC webpage along with the committee goals up to June 2023. Roadmap has been publicised at the Newcastle Hospitals-SHC report launch, London Kidney Network and Societe Francophone de NDT summer school; presentations well received and feel like SKC committee making good progress.

Plan to send letter to CDs soon outlining various activities of committee – the pledge (for CDs, industry [AP: SK to draft]) will be covered in this.

KV asked SK if committee could link with International Committee chair Sunil Bhandari to ensure knowledge sharing re: links – UKKA Sec will put MH in touch with SB.

### **SKC webpage**

UKKA Sec updated, new content added to webpages and information on each workstream and activities. Hoping to be able to add separate pages for each workstream and also improve accessibility of the committee pages, UKKA Comms working with new web developers on this. Will update at next meeting.

### **Scholar's proposal**

Proposal from WS1 for an educational development programme for x10 staff to be trained/mentored to work on sustainability initiatives, in situ within their centres.

Call was sent to CDs, 9 units have expressed interest. Ongoing work to secure final part of funding, RH working with AstraZeneca. FM noted that proposal needed to be re-submitted which has been done, and hope is that it can be fast tracked in light of response waiting time already. Timing fairly tight as intending to launch course on 1<sup>st</sup> November (more information below) and will be some delay getting scholars in place following funding being secured.

### **Centre for Sustainable Healthcare – Sustainable Kidney Care course**

FM updated on the course format: 4-6 hours of self-study developed as variation on sustainable healthcare course and specific detail on environmental impact of kidney care plus case studies.

These resources sit alongside a course workshop and attendance at sustainable healthcare cafes for sharing ideas/discussion. Intention to start on 1<sup>st</sup> November – looking within WS1 for co-facilitator. The course will be part of the training package for SKC scholars if funded, or organisations can book spaces on these for their staff. FM suggested including a link to the course in the letter to CDs to make them aware of this as part of scholar's proposal – SK to add this. Non-scholars can attend for a fee and course will run multiple times.

KV enquired re: support for interested units and possible projects, FM happy to work with them to develop projects aligned with aims and noted proposal aimed as professional development more than project delivery.

### **International liaison**

SK updated for MH - MH working to establish international links, drawing together and use work from committee as template – further update in September.

### **Devolved nations**

RH progressing with devolved nations links – currently developing a SIG within ANN UK (nephrology nurses group). Also looking at variation across devolved nations on targets and how these compare with UKKA targets as primarily based on NHSE's outputs.

### **Progress reports:**

#### **Workstream 1: Action, Learning & Education**

FM updated – WS1 keen to progress recruitment of SKC champions within units, communications planned as part of package to CDs following letter from SK/RH. Once circulated, planning to also use peer networks to encourage take up and potentially have multiple champions in units. A smaller group within the workstream have been ensuring that content on the online network is regularly updated – new cases on there from Leeds where Green Ward competition was running. Networks platform and case library being updated at CSH. Work has also begun on a Top Ten of sustainable actions in kidney unit, using data on activities which are straightforward and high impact based on previous case studies. SP has made good progress on integrating sustainability into training programmes for technicians. FM raised the fellowship as missed funding deadline for KRUK so would need to submit proposal in September – or Trusts could find funding if feasible, give preserved time to fellow for sustainability work. If any units interested in hosting fellow let FM/WS1 members know.

#### **Workstream 2: Procurement, infrastructure and innovation**

Newcastle report launched with SHC looking at in centre HD, showcasing high level targets and goals. Plan to establish industry liaison group – want to draft letter for joint signing between UKKA and other organisations to invite industry to group. Another goal to develop collaborative procurement templates – would seek unit looking to purchase high-impact component and use stakeholder engagement in collaborative procurement process. May be able to do this in Newcastle – need to secure funding for this, opportunity currently via Greener NHS for securing grant but deadline quite short (19<sup>th</sup> August). FM asked re: procurement of new infrastructure, e.g. green building – developed a green unit guide a few years ago, will send to SK to look at updating. FM noted the Greener NHS funding could also be included in CDs letter if they have project they would like funding for – UKKA Sec to do this.

#### **Workstream 3: Sustainable Kidney Care Pathways**

Group looking at setting up metrics for HD services, planning to engage renal technicians with a survey about their readiness for recording/returning data. Group will meet in fortnight so will look at questionnaire again to ensure streamlined and likely to be completed by the right people. Aim to send out soon following comms to CDs. MW also updated on the Renal Services Transformation

Project (RSTP) as have some space within the dialysis workstream to contribute re: sustainability with possibility of getting onto dashboard though complexity might make this challenging, but also getting sustainability into toolkits for commissioners.

#### NuTH – SHC carbon calculator project

SK updated – completion of [ICHHD report](#). Following this, ambition to have full service review completed, and units can deploy calculators as part of QI research/integrate within national audit returns. FA noted ongoing discussions re: funding, and discussed care pathway analysis with Greener NHS colleagues - renal could be prototype for this process nationally.

#### Greener NHS update

MP sent apologies, to update at next meeting.

#### UKKRC key unanswered questions

Committee members were asked to send any potential research questions to JP. There will be announcement soon re: new dialysis research and innovation network leads, whose task will be to do horizon scanning/identifying key gaps ready for consortium meeting in November. SK encouraged workstream leads to email any potential research questions to JP.

#### Green Nephrology conference 2023

Conference date agreed – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, will be an online event. RH approaching potential speakers – want new case studies/abstracts presented alongside teaching elements. SK, RH and SA currently organising but invitation open to any other committee members to join/help with planning.

#### AOB

- SP highlighted that the ART conference will be taking place in October, still looking for speakers so if anyone interested in doing a sustainability talk please get in touch.
- UKKW – keen to look at more sustainable conferencing by providers/venues. Include as regular agenda item.
- Flight-free declarations – aiming to be more vocal about being flight-free for conferences and business travel, SK asks group for ideas for next meeting on ways to declare this as a group.
- Dietician input – Kate Drake left so currently looking for new dietician to sit on committee, someone has emailed so UKKA Sec will put in touch with SK/RH.

Next meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 2 – 3:30 pm (TBC)

#### Actions

AP1	UKKA Sec to send letter to CDs outlining committee plans	UKKA Sec
AP2	UKKA Sec to put MH in touch with Sunil Bhandari	UKKA Sec
AP3	SK to add link to CSH SKC course in CDs letter along with information about Greener NHS funding	SK
AP4	All to think about possible flight-free declaration for business/conference travel, and bring ideas to discuss at next meeting	All
AP5	Draft CD & Industry Pledges	SK
AP6	UKKA sec to continue to develop programme webpage content and accessibility	UKKA sec
AP7	Convene Industry Liaison Group	SK
AP8	Send green buildings guide to SK	FM
AP9	Send potential research Qs to JP	All

AP10	Convene Green Nephrology 2023 organising committee	SA, RH, SK
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