

Sustainable Kidney Care committee

Date: Thursday 11th January 2024, 2.00pm

Attendees: Suren Kanagasundaram (SK - chairing), Eleanor Murray (EM), Shazia Adalat (SA), Frances Mortimer (FM), Mark Harber (MH), Keith Channing (KC), Lisa Ancliffe (LA), Benjamin Talbot - observer (BT), Mark Wright (MW), Keith Moore (KM), Fiona Adshead (FA) Angeline Taylor (AT)

Apologies: Daisy Wasilwa, Oliver Thomas, Jo Pywell, Karen Jenkins, Manraj Phull, Katie Vinen, James Burton

Minutes: UKKA Secretariat

Welcome, apologies & introductions

- SK welcomed the group and updated on the new members of the group. Oliver Thomas is joining as SpR representative and Rona Grieve as a nursing representative for Scotland.
- SK has approached potential candidates for the MPT co-chair vacancy. If conversations prove unsuccessful, an EOI will go out to the wider community.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Minutes of last meeting

The committee agreed that the November 2023 meeting minutes were accurate.

Matters arising

- 1:34 acid concentrates – wind down:
 - o Gareth Murcutt has produced a letter to manufacturers to ask them to phase out 1:34. SK has circulated to a small group and hopefully this will result in a published statement of demand from UK nephrology. KC raised that Nipro believe 1.34 is more water friendly on the powdered delivery system and is making further enquiries around this.
- Plant-based diet resources:
 - o AT has finalised the BDS Renal Nutrition Specialist Group's [video resource on plant-based diets](#), which has been shared via the UKKA on social media (X) and eNews and is available on the UKKA YouTube channel and SKC webpage. The plant-based diet factsheets have also been submitted via an abstract to UKKW and the ERA.
- No Fly Nephrology 2024
 - o SK encouraged the group (as private individuals) to make the pledge. Depending on declarations received, next steps could be a published letter and journal publication.
 - o LA is happy to raise the pledge at the next trustees meeting for thoughts on UKKA promotion.

ACTION 1: LA to raise no-fly nephrology at the next trustees meeting.

Group scholars programme round up

A [final summary report](#) is now available which outlines each project area, aims, results and impact summaries.

Green kidney care challenge 2024

FM has revised the proposal with a view to making it more attractive for industry. Stephanie Lock (UKKA) is in the process of contacting industry partners regarding sponsorship. Once funding is in place, team selection criteria will be reviewed, looking at areas such as geographical spread and diversity of project areas.

Horizon EU KitNewCare project

FM updated on the 4-year project, which commenced in January. Consortium partners are meeting and CSH has also recruited for their strand of the project. FM noted the opportunities to maximise synergies and cross working across both the Horizon project and the work of the SKC. FM and SK met with Caroline Stigant from Canada and will aim to align sustainability work happening in different places (particularly internationally), via quarterly meetings. SK also flagged the work that Rosa Montero is doing around driving a proposal for a UKRI 'hub' involving kidney care.

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. FP will also keep the group informed of any new guidelines due for review where expressions of interest will be sought.

The group discussed ways to ensure sustainability is incorporated across other UKKA committees and groups and where projects are lacking an enthusiast in this area, the SKC committee are consulted to offer opinion.

ACTION 2: SK to raise sustainability for wider UKKA projects.

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

- **Atlas of variation** – FM is working with Caitlin Sewell and UKRR on producing a map to be hosted on the UKKA website. MH is keen to define what we want to record, alongside which units have a sustainability champion, e.g., concentrate information, having a standard sustainability item in meetings. SpRs are keen to be involved, so have been encouraged to join up with MH and MW to ensure data is not being collected in parallel. MW presented on the RSTP findings at the national networks meeting and promoted the importance of central members of staff being a champion.
- **Sustainability champions network** – There are now 21 champions, however two are at a regional level, so 19 are representing units.
- **UKKW 2024** – The SKC session proposal has been accepted on the “Global initiative towards green nephrology”.
- **ART Survey** – work is ongoing, MW noted the difficulties on getting returns from the survey, however, is keen to access the data which could be helpful for presentations.
- **Metrics strategy timeline for 2023-24** – MW flagged the difficulties with responses and engagement and suggested looking at a different route such as via Greener NHS, or waiting for relevant technology that can capture the data. Other suggestions included a UKRR portal to calculate power consumption, or looking at funding a nationwide system as part of Rosa Montero's hub discussions. BT shared his experience of a survey of 300 units in NZ and Australia, which was very labour intensive. Ben shared a link to the paper [here](#) along with the [questions](#) that were asked.

ACTION 3: SK and MH to raise the interactional perspective around metrics at the next GREEN-K steering committee.

- **Joint LIFE RESYSTAL scaling network** – work is ongoing, however will require someone to lead the climate resilience workstream with LIFE RESYSTAL.

ACTION 4: Contact SK if anyone is interested in leading the LIFE RESYSTAL workstream.

- **Newcastle carbon calculator project** – work is ongoing, however the PD calculator is almost finished following the group scholars' work.

SKC webpage

The SKC webpage has been updated with a new resources section including the ISN work, webinars (both recent and previous) and plant-based diet links. Work is still ongoing on the new UKKA website, so please send any requests for updates to the current SKC webpage to FP.

UKHACC membership

FP updated the group following the last comms meeting on 4 December. Main focus was the [Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate change report](#) and the recommended three focus areas for the UK government. An in-person event for policy makers is being planned for end of January/early February, with recommendations to focus messaging around the general election.

There was also an invite to join UKHACC policy working groups for 2024. There are three focus areas:

- Fossil fuel and the energy transition
- Food system and sustainable diet
- Adaptation (health systems, heat, energy grid, transport)

Time commitment would be over a 4–6-month period with regular working group catch-ups, writing and review time.

ACTION 5: Contact FP if interested in joining a UKHACC policy working group by 31 January.

GREEN-K

MH updated the group on the ISN project. Ideas being discussed are an online global session, giving participants the opportunity in working groups to look at how to implement and scale an idea. There will also be a separate stream working on social media and ensuring alignment to the various projects happening to avoid duplication. A generic joint statement of demand that various societies will hopefully sign up to is also being developed, with the help of some expert opinions on social value.

Devolved nations

EM advised that work is ongoing with KRUK and industry, with a view to obtaining more evidence and data to present to the Scottish government.

Greener NHS update

MP provided an update via email.

The [clinical transformation GNHS FutureNHS page](#) is being updated. MP has requested a renal speciality page, please let MP if there is anything you would like to add/change.

MP has spoken with Tsanko regarding the ISNs Green K procurement work, who is happy to support. Net zero travel and transport strategy was launched towards the end of 2023. The link is here: [NHS England » Net Zero travel and transport strategy](#)

Updated guidance for suppliers to the NHS in England on the application of Carbon Reduction Plans (CRPs) and Net Zero Commitments (NZC) for NHS commercial teams and suppliers has now been published on the [NHS England website](#).

MP has asked members to promote the Sustainability Leadership training offer with the Leadership academy [Sustainability Leadership for Greener Health and Care Programme – Leadership Academy](#)

AOB

- MH raised the idea of pitching the benefits of green policies in terms of cost savings and patient benefits, to commissioners. John Stoves and Gareth Murcutt are pulling this information together for an abstract. MH is happy to approach them to see if they are willing to share the data.

ACTION 6: MH to approach John Stoves and Gareth Murcutt regarding green implementation data.

- FM shared that The Canadian group CASCADES have produced [an education resource for sustainable kidney care](#)

Next meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2024, 14:00 – 15:30

Actions

AP1	LA to raise no-fly nephrology at the next trustees meeting	LA
AP2	SK to raise sustainability for wider UKKA projects.	SK
AP3	SK and MH to raise the interactional perspective around metrics at the next GREEN-K steering committee.	SK/MH
AP4	Contact SK if anyone is interested in leading the LIFE RSYSTAL workstream.	ALL
AP5	Contact FP if anyone is interested in joining a UKHACC policy working groups by 31 January	ALL
AP6	MH to approach John Stoves and Gareth Murcutt regarding green implementation data.	MH