



HEOPS EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Teleconference

4:30pm, Thursday 27th October 2022

Minutes

In Teams meeting:

Ali Hashtroudi (Chair) (AH)
Janet McGettigan (Treasurer) (JM)
Philippa Hawkins (Secretary) (PH)

1. Apologies – Max Hill; Gary Malcolm
2. Actions arising from last meeting:

(i) AH post on HEOPS Forum: regarding HSE interest in resumption of routine spirometry for respiratory health surveillance and recommend they review their current policies and procedures around spirometry, in accordance with published HSE position.

(ii) AH to write to Faculty, Society and CMO at HSE to commission a review of respiratory health surveillance requirements

(iii) AH to respond to JC.

AH confirmed all actions had been completed.

Overview of current understanding of HSE working with HEI's

AH – risk assessment has identified that a group of students no longer require health surveillance.

PH – a change to administrative processes and replacement of outdated equipment has reduced the total numbers of those exposed to respiratory sensitisers, and therefore reduced the number of persons requiring health surveillance.

JM – ongoing conversation with the HEI, as no health surveillance needs historically have been identified.

(iv) RP to pose a question to the membership regarding whether there is interest in an in person conference.

No update received from RP on action.

(v) Assign Nurse/Physician partners to work together, across Exec and the membership of HEOPS.

Four responses received from HEOPS. Insufficient numbers required to progress with plan agreed at previous meeting. Suggestion posed to approach OH Forum.

(vi) Finance – Nat West account now set-up. Previous Treasurer has these details to move the money into this account and close the previous account. JM has access to the account and is enabling AH to also be able to access the account.

3. Discussion ensued about further options for a further webinar to offer to HEOPS community. Suggestion posed for a webinar on infectious disease (broader than covid, and of relevance to OH).

Actions arising from the meeting:

(ii) – AH to follow-up with FOM and SOM regarding review of respiratory health surveillance requirements.

(iv) – PH to follow up with RP on whether action completed.

(v) – AH to contact Christina Bond for expressions of interest to be involved in updating HEOPS Guidance.

3. – PH to canvass what a webinar on Infectious Diseases should cover

Meeting concluded at 17:05

Next meeting: 16:30, Thursday 26th January 2023