

Annex B

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From: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Sent: 15 January 2021 14:32

To: [redacted]@gov.scot>; Chronic Pain <chronicpain@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Cc: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>; [redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Patient Ref Group vote and meeting with NACCP Chair

Hi [redacted]

Sorry I didn't get chance to come back to you before the email confirming the final reps and substitutes went out to the group – to say this week has been a bit full on is the understatement of the year. However you will have seen the email go out and so far no one has come back to me questioning my maths (even if they have questioned everything else haha)..

I've literally just sent an email to the ten reps and subs starting to outline the next steps. This contained

- Seeking permission from them all to share their email addresses with each other - I think most of them will already have most of them, being part of the CPG, but others won't have so I thought it was important to do formally.
- I've also asked them to let me know asap their availability for the two date/times you offered in John's diary and will come back to you as soon as one or the other looks more likely – I've asked them to come back to me asap or by midday this coming Tuesday so we should be able to firm up by then
- I've given them the date of the NACCP meeting but realised as I was typing that part that I'd neglected to ask you what the timings and other arrangement will be – if you let me know I'll pass onto them straight away
- I've also started the conversation with them about how they'd like to gather wider views from CDRP ahead of the meeting – obviously time is super short this time around so it may need to be a more old school circulating of papers and views coming in via email, but to prevent this becoming the norm I'd be grateful if you could get me the NACCP dates for the rest of the year, I'll then in conjunction with the reps and wider group, get dates in the diary for the CDRP going forward

As you'll also have seen in the email to the group, I'm going to be a bit less able to respond to queries as soon as possible over the next month or so, due to some leave, followed by being part of the internal assessment panel for the Self Management Fund applications. To ameliorate some of the impact of that on the Chronic Pain work, we have set up a Chronic Pain email address at the Alliance which will be monitored by a number of staff – It'd probably be best to use that email address for anything not confidential going forward?

I "think" that's everything I had in my head for this email, apologies in advance for anything I've forgotten, it'll hopefully come back to me.

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Take care
[redacted]

[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 14 January 2021 12:10

To: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Cc [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: Patient Ref Group vote and meeting with NACCP Chair

Hi [redacted],

Hope you're well. Just wanted to get in touch to see how the vote for Representatives went? Not asking to see results in advance of sharing with the Reference Group, but just to flag that if [redacted] isn't elected directly we're considering meeting with [redacted] to understand if Action on Pain seek a seat around the NACCP table (as per Affa Sair [redacted] has been in touch)

Also, we are just finalising the agenda and papers for the NACCP meeting, so it would be good to understand how the Patient Group will meet to discuss the input required to inform the representatives ahead of the 2nd Feb

Finally, we said that John Harden would meet with the elected Representatives in advance of the NACCP meeting once they have had feedback from the Group on the points they wish to raise at the meeting. Dates he is available for a 30min meeting with the representatives are below

25/1 @ 10.45am

26/1 @ 3pm

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

Senior Policy Manager Chronic Pain and Long term conditions

Clinical Priorities

Planning and Quality Division

[redacted – out of scope]

From: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Sent: 07 January 2021 14:49

To: [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: CP update

[redacted]

[redacted] and I had a chat and feel that as [redacted] had submitted on time and other person's email had gone to junk we should include both in submissions in the interests of treating everyone

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equally.

[redacted] himself had talked about Affa Sair having a place and I think if he or [redacted] aren't successful I would expect they will contact you directly.

Best

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 07 January 2021 14:14

To: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>; [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: CP update

Hi both,

Thanks for the call earlier, was very helpful.

In terms of the actions from the call, [redacted] and I have discussed and we're happy to have a chat with [redacted] about Affa Sair joining the NACCP. If you can get back to him to let him know we'll be in touch to discuss options with him that would be appreciated.

We were also wondering if we therefore also need to consider [redacted] and his group Action on Pain for a similar conversation? It would be good to get your thoughts on this, as I note [redacted] has put himself forward for selection as a Patient Group representative, and was wondering if you've had any additional discussions with him or know what his preference might be.

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I'll send over slides before Monday as discussed.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 January 2021 16:13

To: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>; [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>; Chronic Pain <chronicpain@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Cc: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Subject: RE: CPRG - update and next steps

Hi [redacted]/[redacted],

Just to make you aware the Minister was content with Affa Sair joining the NACCP and he will be at the meeting on Tuesday. John Harden will make this clear in the introductions section of the meeting.

Look forward to the collated report on the Group's feedback tomorrow.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Sent: 01 February 2021 16:58

To: [redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>

Subject: Chronic Pain

[redacted]

Please find below a note re [redacted] email. It may be helpful to you in replying to Ministers.

The facts relating to the voting procedures are as follows-

Two people indicated after the closing date for applications to the National Advisory Committee that they would like to be considered as candidates.

I took a decision that I felt was "inclusive" to allow both to be included in the candidate list on the basis that

- these were volunteer positions,
- those involved experienced long term chronic pain
- that the process was taking place over a holiday period
- during a pandemic .

One applicant had already completed all necessary information templates but had asked for his application not to go forward as he was unwell and then asked for his application to be re instated as he felt better.

The other applicant stated that she had a power cut which she advised had compromised her situation.

In terms of "reasonableness" I felt that a flexible approach should be taken given both circumstances.

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I wanted to be inclusive to both and suggested that they both be added to the candidate list. This was conveyed to the group in the interests of transparency that two late applications had been allowed.

It was then for members of the group to exercise a choice as to who they wished their representatives to be.

However, It was highlighted to me that [redacted] objected to the late additions and had suggested he would take action with the charity regulator should they be included.

I phoned [redacted] to give him assurances as to why both late applicants had been included and while sympathetic he was not persuaded and I advised him that we would reflect on what he had said.

It was clear that we had put in place a procedure with a cut off point and my decision to be “inclusive” in terms of trying to be flexible with those with chronic pain in a pandemic was not received as I had hoped.

I therefore applied the letter of our original procedure and advised both late applicants that regrettably we could not be flexible and as a result they could not go forward as candidates.

[redacted] advised that he may apply as a third sector organisation and asked for [redacted] contact details/email address. These were supplied to him.

The Alliance was not involved in the selection of third sector organisation places.

The Alliance had oversight of the electoral process for the lived experience candidates. Of 19 applications five were appointed with five substitutes.

Various correspondence has been received by CEO and ALLIANCE staff - some marked “private” with regards to matters arising outside of our meetings.

Assurances have been given that in relation to meetings which we chair there will be adherence to reasonable and appropriate behaviour by all participants.

It is really not for us to comment on allegations made outside of meetings without any knowledge or due process of the events or individuals.

I trust this helps

Best wishes

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 December 2020 17:17
To: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@alliance-scotland.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Quick thoughts

Hi – no comments from me on the draft, just to say that it would be good to encourage the group to consider therefore how its nomination and selection process will ensure it fulfils the reasons outlined in its 50% proposal – e.g. if it's to reflect the diversity of the chronic pain community the representative group should itself be diverse etc.

It's up to the group to ensure that it defines clearly its intentions.

Hope that makes sense.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 December 2020 17:03
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted], [redacted]
Subject: Re: Quick thoughts

In accordance with the principles of Realistic Medicine a co production approach including 50pc representation is good practice in ensuring that people themselves contribute to and influence the Chronic Pain agenda.
Suggest above.

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On 7 Dec 2020, at 16:36, [redacted] wrote:

Hi [redacted],
Thanks for sharing this. I have tracked some changes in the document to make it a bit clearer that the ToR came from the group initially and are being co-produced with them.

I appreciate that [redacted] was asking for more about the case for 50:50 split in NACCP and I'm not sure this gives more for you [redacted] than our previous list. As you have been present in the conversations it is clear from the group that they were not proposing any more reasons other than the majority feel strongly it is the right thing to do to build trust that has been eroded over many years.

With best wishes,
[redacted].

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