



## West Midlands Academic Health Science Network Theme Directors and Clinical Priorities Meeting

9 - 10.30am  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

4 Greenfield Crescent, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3BE

### Minutes

**Present:** Tony Davis (TD), Andrew Rose (AR), Peter Lewis (PL), Ruth Chambers (RC), Tim Jones (TJ), Rhian Hughes (RH), Jamie Coleman (JC) and Lucy Chatwin (LC) Theo Arvanitis (TA) and Blair Davis (BD)

**Apologies:** Christopher Parker (CP), Neil Mortimer (NM) Peter Winstanley (PW), Richard Lilford (RL), Jeremy Kirk (JK),

#### **Agenda Item 1: Welcome and apologies**

TD welcomed members and apologies were received from those listed.

TD discussed the presentations that the Theme Directors and Clinical Priority Leads gave at the last Board meeting and how it is good to look back at what has been achieved so far.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Operations update**

TD feels that the push and pull model has enabled people to start to understand the level of engagement they can expect from the AHSN.

AR gave a brief update to the group on the Patient Safety Collaborative (PSC) work and informed them that he has been working with external contractor Ginny Edwards on this. AR then went on to inform the group that they have had good responses to the questionnaire that was sent out, and there have been suggestions on different areas where the PSC could do work, e.g. mental health. The PSC symposium/launch takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> November, where AR is hopeful there will be buy-in to different areas.

There has been lots of work in the East Midlands with pressure ulcers and AR would like to work together with them to see if there are any synergies where they could collaborate.

TA suggested AR contact Richard King, patient safety lead at UHCW.

**ACTION:** TA to send AR Richard King's contact details.

TJ asked whether Ginny will be coming to talk to the Theme Directors/Clinical Priority Leads at any point, and TD suggested setting up some calls would be useful.

**ACTION:** AR to set up calls between Ginny and the Theme Directors.

## Improving health and creating wealth

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TD informed the group that the AHSN have been providing support with the WM Genetics Medicines Centre bid led by UHB. The AHSN's job is to engage all of the trusts and generate wealth creation activity, and on 6<sup>th</sup> October we will know if we have made it in to the second wave.

TJ went into more detail explaining the background behind the bid. Genomics England is planning to sequence 100,000 genomes and the focus is currently on rare diseases and cancer. There are three phases:

Phase 1 – Pilot to recruit patients into project

Phase 2 – Involve hospitals that have experience with genetics

Phase 3 – Recruit from every trust in the West Midlands.

TD went on to update that the proof of concept for the Industry Portal to act as a service to signpost to other support was out to OJEU, along with the Innovation and Adoption Unit and web platform. LC talked through the memorandum of information for this and expressed an interest in having a heat map of the region to see what activity is currently going on.

RH highlighted that the openness of some of the requirements is quite risky but LC and TD assured that this was done on purpose to encourage collaboration between companies and to see what offers they get fed back

TJ asked whether there are the resources available for this and whether there is enough funding. TD explained that he had not been willing to specify how much funding was available initially and wanted to see what offers came back and for how much throughout the tender process.

LC then went on to inform the group that there have been meetings with three organisations to discuss the SME Innovation Fund and that they are now down to negotiating with a hopeful supplier.

It is hopeful that a joint appointment will be made by the end of October for the Theme Director for Education and Training between Health Education West Midlands (HEWM) and AHSN.

Industry metrics have been produced and a wealth narrative which is going to the next Industry Reference Group for approval, so both will be tabled at the next full board.

TD explained that any new suggested projects can be put forward at any time using the push and pull models. For current projects to be continued there will be a framework produced that will need to go to the Board on 26<sup>th</sup> November. It will include proposed outcome measures used to evaluate proposals going forward, as we will want to invest in any existing excellence. Once this has been approved by the Board, Theme Directors and Clinical Priority Leads will be made aware of this and will have until the Board meeting to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to present ideas to request any project extensions.

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### **Agenda Item 3: Programme updates**

The Theme Directors and Clinical Priority Leads gave brief updates on their programmes.

### **Agenda Item 4: Action learning sets**

RH explained that using the push and pull framework they would like to partner up with CLAHRC West Midlands to develop action learning sets. This would be lead by Gill Coombes.

After reading the document, the general consensus among the group was that this is a good idea and TJ felt that it will be a good way of linking with the CCGs. TD also stated that it will integrate well with the Innovation and Adoption hub.

TD suggested that RH needs to work with AR with constructing a solid proposal for the Executive Team.

### **Agenda Item 5: Evaluation**

TD explained that there is a wider external evaluation of the AHSN underway with NIHR and Warwick Business School.

**ACTION:** TD to send RH information on NIHR and Warwick Business School evaluation.

### **Agenda Item 6: AOB**

No other business was raised.

### **Agenda Item 7: Date and venue of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2 - 4pm; venue will be 4 Greenfield Crescent, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BE.