

Research Funding Board Minutes

Date: 24/25 February 2010

Venue: The Danubius Hotel

Present: *Board members:*
Professor Ronald Akehurst
Professor Hilary Graham
Dr Marcus Grant
Professor David Gunnell (25th)
Professor David Jones
Professor Frank Kee
Professor Catherine Law (Chair)
Professor Alistair Leyland
Professor Ann McNeill (24th)
Professor Mark Petticrew
Professor Stephen Platt
Professor Peter Smith
Professor Carolyn Summerbell
Professor Jane Wardle
Professor Nicholas Wareham (25th)
Professor Martin White
Professor Margaret Whitehead

Apologies: Professor Mark Bellis
Dr Steven Cummins
Professor Laurence Moore
Professor Helen Roberts
Professor David Gunnell (24th)
Professor Nicholas Wareham (24th)
Professor Ann McNeill (25th)

Other attendees: *Observers:*
Professor James Raftery, Acting Director Public Health Research Programme, NETSCC (25th)
Professor Tom Walley, Director of NETS (24th)
Gerhard Wilke (25th)

NETSCC, PHR:
Miss Kristy Cable
Dr Andrew Cook
Mrs Sarah Fryett
Mrs Kerstin Goodall (25th)
Dr Rebecca Moran (24th)

DISCUSSION OF FULL PROPOSALS

RESEARCHER-LED

09/3002/18: Phase II translational evaluation of the dissemination of an evidence-based and population-based public health strategy to reduce population level indicators of child maltreatment

Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3002/08: The effects of schools and school-environment interventions on health: evidence mapping and synthesis

Mark Petticrew and Margaret Whitehead declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Alistair Leyland introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding.

09/3000/05: Evaluation of Smoke Free Homes: a school based intervention to protect children from second hand smoke.

Hilary Graham, Stephen Platt and Peter Smith all declared conflicts of interest and left the room. David Jones introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding subject to certain conditions.

COMMISSIONED

09/3003 – The reduction of harm associated with injecting drug use

09/3003/02: Reduction of harm associated with injecting Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs through Vending machine provision of sterile injecting equipment: A feasibility Study

Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3004 – Mental wellbeing of older people

09/3004/01: Putting Life in Years (PLINY): Evaluation of the comparative effectiveness and cost effectiveness of two interventions to promote mental well being in community living older people.

Ron Akehurst and Catherine Law declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Frank Kee chaired. Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and requested that the proposal be re-submitted.

DISCUSSION OF OUTLINE PROPOSALS

RESEARCHER-LED

09/3005/07: Economic assessment of both past and potential future government interventions that change prices, or provide information to consumers, in the retail food market on health and economic outcomes

Martin White introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3005/01: Heart of Mersey: Assessing the impact and effectiveness of a Population Based Cardiovascular Disease Intervention Programme in a deprived area in the North West of England

Hilary Graham, Catherine Law, Peter Smith, Jane Wardle and Margaret Whitehead declared conflicts of interest and left the room. David Jones chaired. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

09/3005/03: Evaluation of the 'health in pregnancy Grant'

Carolyn Summerbell and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

09/3005/13: Developing a brief intervention to be delivered to groups to reduce the frequency of binge drinking among young women: a feasibility study

Alistair Leyland declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3005/12: Factors facilitating and constraining the delivery of effective teacher training to promote health and well being in schools – a survey of practice, systematic review and economic analysis

Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

09/3005/04: Active for life: A cluster RCT of a primary school based intervention in crease levels of physical activity, decrease screen-viewing and improve diet

David Gunnell declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Frank Kee introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

09/3005/05: A population-level evaluation of a family-based community intervention for childhood overweight and obesity

Hilary Graham, Catherine Law, Mark Petticrew, Peter Smith and Jane Wardle declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Frank Kee chaired. Alistair Leyland introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

09/3005/08: Evaluation of the determinants of success, failure and sustainability of community initiatives in the Middlesbrough Healthy Town Project which aims to promote health and well-being within an urban environment

Carolyn Summerbell declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3005/09: Evaluating the impact of urban regeneration on health and health inequalities in adolescents and their parents

Hilary Graham, Mark Petticrew and Margaret Whitehead declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

09/3005/11: What is the role, acceptability and optimal configuration of financial incentive schemes for clients in increasing coverage of chlamydia screening, and reducing inequalities in uptake, within the National Chlamydia Screening Programme in England?

Mark Petticrew declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Ron Akehurst introduced this proposal

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3005/14: Brain training on the mobile phone - a viable method of stimulating cognition and preventing dementia on a large scale?

Frank Kee declared a conflict of interest and left the room. David Gunnell introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

Summary

- 1 FULL proposal was recommended for funding
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- 1 FULL proposal was asked to re-submit
- 6 OUTLINE proposals were discussed and shortlisted