

Research Funding Board Minutes

Date: 13/14 May 2009 **Venue:** Royal Horticultural Halls and
Conference Centre

Present: *Board members:*
Professor Ronald Akehurst (13 May)
Dr Steven Cummins
Professor Hilary Graham
Dr Marcus Grant
Professor David Gunnell
Professor David Jones
Professor Frank Kee
Professor Catherine Law (Chair)
Professor Alistair Leyland
Professor Ann McNeill
Professor Sandy Oliver
Professor Mark Petticrew
Professor Stephen Platt (14 May)
Professor Helen Roberts
Professor Peter Smith (14 May)
Professor Carolyn Summerbell
Professor Jane Wardle (13 May)
Professor Nicholas Wareham (13 May, part)
Professor Martin White
Professor Margaret Whitehead

Apologies: Professor Laurence Moore

Other attendees: *Observers:*
Professor Tom Walley, Director of NETS (13 May)
Ms Lynn Kerridge, Chief Executive Officer, NETSCC (14 May)

NETSCC, PHR:
Miss Kristy Cable
Dr Andrew Cook (13 May)
Mrs Kate Rodger
Mr Phil Taverner
Ms Elaine Williams

DISCUSSION OF FULL PROPOSALS

<p>09/3001/02: Evaluation of a Peer Support Programme to increase breastfeeding duration among women from disadvantaged groups: A mixed methods Study</p> <p><i>Helen Roberts introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/04: A school-based intervention to prevent and reduce overweight and obesity in primary school children: cluster randomised controlled trial</p> <p><i>Jane Wardle introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/07: The effect of walking-while-working on body weight in obese, sedentary adults: a pilot study</p> <p><i>Ronald Akehurst introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/08: Objective evaluation of physiological and psychological effects of the Sustrans Bike it evaluation</p> <p><i>Steven Cummins introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/09: Reducing alcohol-related harm in disadvantaged men: development and feasibility assessment of a brief intervention delivered by mobile phone</p> <p><i>Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding subject to certain conditions.</p>
<p>09/3001/10: The Cost-effectiveness of non NHS Public Health interventions intended to reduce inequalities in health: A review</p> <p><i>Martin White introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/11: Self-Incentives to Reduce Alcohol Consumption (SIRAC)</p> <p><i>Frank Kee introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/12: The impact, process and cost of community-led intervention on reducing health inequalities related to physical activity</p> <p><i>Alistair Leyland introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/13: 'On the buses': evaluating the impact of introducing free bus travel for young people on the public health</p> <p><i>Carolyn Summerbell Chaired. Catherine Law, Margaret Whitehead, Sandy Oliver, Helen Roberts and Mark Petticrew left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and requested that the proposal be re-submitted.</p>

<p>09/3001/16: Assessing the impact of school-based sexual health intervention programme, “R U Ready?”, on adolescent sexual health</p> <p><i>Carolyn Summerbell Chaired. Catherine Law and Mark Petticrew left the room. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/20: A non-residential weight loss camp for obese children: Exploratory trial</p> <p><i>Frank Kee introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/18: Improving the home environment for eating and cooking: development of an intervention in families with overweight children.</p> <p><i>Margaret Whitehead introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/19: Does the Royal Horticultural Society Campaign for School Gardening increase intake of fruit and vegetables in children?</p> <p><i>Carolyn Summerbell introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding subject to certain conditions.</p>
<p>09/3001/17: Evaluation of the convenience store ‘Change4Life’ programme to promote sales of fruit and vegetables</p> <p><i>Martin White, Steven Cummins, Mark Petticrew, Alistair Leyland, Helen Roberts and Margaret Whitehead left the room. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and requested that the proposal be re-submitted.</p>
<p>09/3001/03: Will physical activity levels in school children living close to the London Olympic Park change between 2010 and 2014? A controlled evaluated of a natural experiment.</p> <p><i>Steven Cummins introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3001/06: Health impacts of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway</p> <p><i>Martin White Chaired. Catherine Law and Mark Petticrew left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding subject to certain conditions.</p>
<p>09/3001/21: A feasibility study of a Brief Intervention promoting repeated Taste Exposure (BITE) to enhance the consumption of healthy school meals in primary schools.</p> <p><i>Sandy Oliver introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and requested that the proposal be re-submitted.</p>

DISCUSSION OF OUTLINE PROPOSALS

<p>09/3000/02: Preventing smoking in schoolchildren</p> <p><i>Ann McNeill, Hilary Graham and Peter Smith left the room. Sandy Oliver introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3000/03: A randomised controlled cluster trial comparing the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of a school based cognitive behaviour therapy programme (FRIENDS) in the reduction of anxiety and improvement in mood of children aged 9/10.</p> <p><i>Carolyn Summerbell introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.</p>
<p>09/3000/05: Evaluation of Smoke Free Homes; a community-based intervention to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke at homes</p> <p><i>Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.</p>
<p>09/3000/06: Cluster randomised controlled trial, economic and process evaluation to determine the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of a novel school-based intervention (Healthy Lifestyles Programme, HeLP) to prevent and reduce obesity in children.</p> <p><i>David Jones introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.</p>
<p>09/3000/07: A synthesis of evidence on area based physical environment and health interventions and an evaluation of 'Home Zones' and their contribution to increasing physical activity within deprived communities</p> <p><i>Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3000/10: Cluster randomised evaluation of Health Lay Prison Educator Research (HeLPER)</p> <p><i>David Gunnell introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.</p>
<p>09/3000/13: Reducing the risk of harm from alcohol consumption among young people: a cluster randomised trial</p> <p><i>Frank Kee left the room. Peter Smith introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.</p>
<p>09/3000/14: Crime and public health: systematic mapping of theory and relationships, and systematic review of interventions</p> <p><i>Mark Petticrew, Steven Cummins, Margaret Whitehead, Helen Roberts, Peter Smith and David Jones left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.</p>

09/3000/18: Assessing the impact of a national child cycle training scheme on children's physical activity and travel behaviour

Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3000/23: Longitudinal cohort study into the impact of school travel plans on the school travel behaviour of 11-18 yr olds and their levels of physical activity

Alistair Leyland introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

Summary

- 3 FULL proposals were recommended for funding subject to certain conditions
- 3 FULL proposals were asked to re-submit
- 5 OUTLINE proposals were discussed and shortlisted.