

## Research Funding Board Minutes

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**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Venue:** The Royal Horticultural Halls

**Present:** *Board members:*  
Dr Steven Cummins  
Professor Hilary Graham (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Dr Marcus Grant  
Professor David Gunnell  
Professor David Jones  
Professor Frank Kee  
Professor Catherine Law (Chair)  
Professor Alastair Leyland  
Professor Ann McNeill (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Professor Laurence Moore (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Professor Mark Petticrew  
Professor Stephen Platt  
Professor Helen Roberts  
Dr Rosemary Rushmer  
Professor Jane Wardle (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Professor Martin White (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Professor Nicholas Wareham (23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Apologies:** Professor Mark Bellis  
Professor Ronald Akehurst  
Professor Peter Smith  
Professor Carolyn Summerbell  
Professor Margaret Whitehead  
Professor Jane Wardle (24<sup>th</sup>)  
Professor Nicholas Wareham (24<sup>th</sup>)  
Professor Hilary Graham (24<sup>th</sup>)  
Professor Laurence Moore (24<sup>th</sup>)  
Professor Ann McNeill (24<sup>th</sup>)  
Professor Martin White (24<sup>th</sup>)

**Other attendees:** *NETSCC, PHR:*  
Mrs Gemma House (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Dr Claire Kidgell  
Professor James Raftery  
Mrs Kate Rodger  
Mr Phil Taverner  
Dr Sheila Turner (24<sup>th</sup>)

## DISCUSSION OF FULL PROPOSALS

### RESEARCHER-LED

#### **09/3005/03: Evaluation of the 'Health in Pregnancy Grant'**

*Martin White and Rosemary Rushmer declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Hilary Graham 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.**

*Catherine Law, Helen Roberts, Jane Wardle and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. David Jones chaired. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

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

*Catherine Law, Steve Cummins, Helen Roberts and Jane Wardle declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Nicholas Wareham chaired. Alastair Leyland introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding.

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

*Steve Cummins, Mark Petticrew, Hilary Graham and Helen Roberts declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.*

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

#### **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.**

*James Raftery declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.*

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

### COMMISSIONED

#### **09/3004 Mental Wellbeing**

#### **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.**

*Catherine Law declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew chaired. Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.*

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

## DISCUSSION OF OUTLINE PROPOSALS

### COMMISSIONED

#### 09/3006 Regeneration Programmes

**09/3006/01: A longitudinal study to examine the relationship between unintended consequences of housing regeneration identified in the literature and change in reported common mental disorders and wellbeing at the individual and population level in the UK.**

*Mark Petticrew and Rosemary Rushmer declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3006/02: Health impact, and economic value, of meeting housing quality standards.**

*Laurence Moore declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3006/07: Health impacts of urban regeneration and changing tenure mix in a deprived inner city population: a quasi-experimental study.**

*Alastair Leyland, Stephen Platt, Mark Petticrew, Helen Roberts and Steve Cummins declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3006/03: Investigation of the effects of regeneration on public health and health inequalities in Sheffield.**

*Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3006/05: Does community regeneration enhance social cohesion and improve mental health?: a natural experiment.**

*Laurence Moore declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3006/06: Young people's experience of urban regeneration; does it improve their life choices and life chances?**

*Alastair Leyland, Nick Wareham, Mark Petticrew and Steve Cummins declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3006/04: Changing Behaviours - Improving Wellbeing: Evaluating the impact of environmental interventions in regeneration programmes.**

*Mark Petticrew declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3006/08: The Impact of Regeneration: Measured and Perceived Health and Quality of Life in New East Manchester.**

*Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3008 Community Engagement**

**09/3008/01: Healthy Andover: Harnessing Community Engagement for Sustainable Health Promotion, in Partnership with the Andover Vision Project.**

*Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3008/05: Are self management approaches developed through community engagement and the third sector effective at improving health and reducing health inequalities in people with long term conditions?**

*Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3008/06: Experimental and Observational study of the cost effectiveness of different community engagement approaches delivered within the Olympic and Paralympic Host Borough's Strategic Regeneration Framework.**

*Mark Petticrew, Steve Cummins, Hilary Graham and Helen Roberts declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3008/07: Evaluating the contribution of Community Engagement to the impact on health inequalities of the national regeneration initiative New Deal for Communities.**

*Hilary Graham, Catherine Law, Helen Roberts, Jane Wardle and Steve Cummins declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew chaired. Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3008/13: Participatory Action Research to develop community engagement approaches for the reduction of health inequalities by increasing physical activity and improving nutrition in South Asian communities.**

*Alastair Leyland, Stephen Platt and Steve Cummins declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3008/04: Community-based peer support: Developing a model for promoting health literacy (COPES).**

*Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3008/08: An evaluation of the SUNEE Street League community engagement and outreach programme using football to engage socially disadvantaged adults in improving health and reducing health inequalities**

*Rosemary Rushmer declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and decided to transfer it to the researcher-led workstream.

**09/3008/12: Peer-led study to consider the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of Turning Point's Connected Care community-led commissioning model**

*Rosemary Rushmer declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3008/03: Systematic exploration of approaches, processes, experiences and outcomes of community engagement, and synthesis of evidence into a decision making framework to facilitate tailoring and effectiveness of intervention.**

*Rosemary Rushmer declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Frank Kee introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3008/09: An evaluation of methods to achieve community engagement in health interventions**

*Mark Petticrew declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Frank Kee introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3008/11: Can specific approaches to community engagement help to reduce inequalities in health; for whom, under what circumstances, and with what resources? A mixed-methods evidence synthesis.**

*Helen Roberts and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Frank Kee introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3008/14: Community engagement approaches to improve health and reduce health inequalities.**

*Frank Kee introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

## **09/3007 Alcohol Programmes**

### **09/3007/01: Associations between Alcohol-related Harm and Outlet Density.**

*Laurence Moore declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

### **09/3007/02: Change in alcohol outlet density and alcohol related harm to population health.**

*Laurence Moore declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

### **09/3007/03: The effect of activity by licensing authorities on alcohol-related health and social harms, in particular violence, as seen by studying differences within England, and between England and Scotland.**

*David Jones, Catherine Law, Alastair Leyland, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Jane Wardle declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

## **THEMED CALL**

### **09/3010 Obesity Themed Call**

#### **09/3010/17: The Diet and Active Living (DEAL) Feasibility study: preventing obesity among Black Caribbean and Black African children using school and community linked interventions.**

*Mark Petticrew and Steve Cummins declared conflicts of interest and left the room. David Gunnell introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

#### **09/3010/02: Identifying effective techniques for preventing obesity in children and young people: A meta-analysis and meta-regression.**

*Catherine Law and David Gunnell declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Alastair Leyland chaired. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

#### **09/3010/05: Assessing the impact and cost-effectiveness of selected food based interventions in the preschool setting to reduce childhood obesity: Kindergarten Initiatives and Dietary Strategies in Merseyside (KIDS Merseyside).**

*Alastair Leyland introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3010/06: Football Fans in Training (FFIT): a randomized controlled trial of a gender-sensitive weight loss and healthy living programme delivered to men aged 35-60 by Scottish Premier League (SPL) football clubs.**

*Alastair Leyland and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Marcus Grant introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3010/08: Assessing the cost effectiveness of public health interventions to prevent obesity in England.**

*Frank Kee introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3010/09: Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a community family-based lifestyle change intervention for treating childhood obesity (Getting Our Active Lifestyles Started (GOALS)): a randomised controlled trial with 2 year follow up.**

*Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3010/13: An evaluation of the effectiveness of classroom based physical activity breaks in increasing physical activity and promoting healthy weight gain in primary school children. (APACE- Adding Physical Activity to the Classroom Environment).**

*Helen Roberts introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3010/14: Tackling inequalities in obesity: Two Cochrane systematic reviews of the effectiveness of interventions in reducing socio-economic inequalities in childhood and adulthood obesity.**

*Rosemary Rushmer and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Helen Roberts introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3010/16: Effectiveness of a mobile phone 'physical activity application' in improving physiological and metabolic markers in obese individuals.**

*Frank Kee introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3010/19: OBE – CITY The relationship between Obesity, urban forms and public realms in neighbourhoods, cities and regions - a cross-disciplinary synthesis of evidence and development of a framework for designing policy and planning interventions.**

*Helen Roberts introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3010/24: Early Years Intervention: Health Promotion & Obesity Prevention Programme.**

*David Gunnell introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3010/25: Evaluation of a workplace intervention delivered by expert life coaches to reduce body mass index and improve health and lifestyle factors in working adults.**

*Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3010/33: Enhanced versus standard feedback for the Sandwell SSS physical testing programme: a three arm cluster randomised controlled trial.**

*Alastair Leyland introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**RESEARCHER LED**

**09/3009/02: Randomised controlled trial, economic and process evaluation of domiciliary welfare rights advice for socio-economically disadvantaged older people recruited via primary health care. (DO-WELL Trial)**

*Rosemary Rushmer and Steve Cummins declared conflicts of interest and left the room. David Jones introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

**09/3009/05: An evaluation of the SPRINGBOARD project (Starting Proactive Responses, Introducing New Gains, Benefiting Older people and Reducing Dependence) using Social Return on Investment methodology.**

*Helen Roberts introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**09/3009/06: Evaluation of Glasgow Community Initiative to Reduce Violence gang intervention.**

*Frank Kee introduced this proposal.*

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

**Summary**

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