

Research Funding Board Minutes

Date: 13th and 14th October 2010

Venue: Danubius Hotel, Regents Park

Present: *Board members:*
Professor Ronald Akehurst
Professor Karl Atkin
Dr Steven Cummins
Professor Hilary Graham
Dr Marcus Grant (14th)
Professor David Gunnell
Professor David Jones
Professor Eileen Kaner
Professor Frank Kee
Professor Catherine Law (Chair)
Professor Alastair Leyland
Professor Ann McNeill
Professor Laurence Moore
Professor Mark Petticrew
Professor Stephen Platt
Professor Helen Roberts
Dr Rosemary Rushmer
Professor Peter Smith
Professor Carolyn Summerbell
Professor Jane Wardle
Professor Nicholas Wareham
Professor Martin White
Professor Margaret Whitehead

Apologies: Dr Marcus Grant (13th)
Professor Tom Walley

Other attendees: *NETSCC, PHR:*
Ms Kristy Cable
Dr Andrew Cook
Dr Claire Kidgell
Professor James Raftery
Mrs Kate Rodger
Mr Phil Taverner
Dr Sheila Turner

DISCUSSION OF FULL PROPOSALS

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)

Steve Cummins, Eileen Kaner, Mark Petticrew and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt introduced this proposal.

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

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

Steve Cummins, Mark Petticrew, Martin White and Margaret Whitehead declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Laurence Moore introduced this proposal

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

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09/3007 Alcohol Programmes

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. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.

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

10/3004 Traveller Communities

10/3004/01: Evidence synthesis of outreach programmes for Traveller communities, focusing on the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of these programmes in improving the health of Traveller communities

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3004/02: Outreach programmes for health improvement of traveller communities: A pluralistic synthesis of evidence

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

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

10/3004/03: Outreach programmes for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities: a systematic review of current models, effectiveness and cost benefits in improving health, health behaviour and healthcare outcomes.

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3004/05: The effectiveness and cost effectiveness of outreach programmes in improving the health of Traveller communities: evidence synthesis

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3004/06: An evidence synthesis of the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of outreach programmes for improving health of Traveller communities.

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Nick Wareham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3004/07: Outreach programmes for traveller communities (Evidence Synthesis).

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Alastair Leyland introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3004/08: The effectiveness and cost effectiveness of outreach programmes in improving health outcomes for gypsy and traveller communities: a multi-method approach to evidence synthesis.

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3004/09: Outreach programmes for Gypsy and Traveller communities: a systematic map of the research literature and mixed methods synthesis of effectiveness and cost effectiveness.

Ron Akehurst, Eileen Kaner, Catherine Law, Laurence Moore, Helen Roberts and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3006 Regeneration Programmes

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

Laurence Moore declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Ron Akehurst introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding.

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

Ron Akehurst declared a conflict of interest and left the room. David Jones introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected 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. Rosemary Rushmer introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

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

Steve Cummins, Alastair Leyland and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Margaret Whitehead introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

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

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3008 Community Engagement

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

Ron Akehurst declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Peter Smith introduced this proposal

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

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

Karl Atkin, Steve Cummins, Hilary Graham, Catherine Law, Mark Petticrew, Helen Roberts and Margaret Whitehead declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Stephen Platt chaired. Alastair Leyland introduced this proposal.

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

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. David Gunnell introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it to be deferred.

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

Mark Petticrew and Helen Roberts declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding.

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

Margaret Whitehead introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/3004 Mental Wellbeing

09/3004/01: Putting Life in Years (PLINY): Evaluation of the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of an intervention to promote mental wellbeing in community living older people

Ron Akehurst declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Nicholas Wareham introduced this proposal.

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

DISCUSSION OF OUTLINE PROPOSALS

RESEARCHER-LED

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

Eileen Kaner, Rosemary Rushmer, Carolyn Summerbell and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Hilary Graham introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3000/04: Effect of the United Kingdom, April 2010, six-day flight ban on cardiorespiratory admissions and mortality

Ron Akehurst declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Frank Kee introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3000/05: Evaluation of air quality management areas: processes and associations with health outcomes

Ron Akehurst declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Peter Smith introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3000/06: What contributions have public investments within Spearhead local authority areas made to improving the health and wellbeing of the people in those areas and reducing health inequalities? A resilience approach to evaluation

Steve Cummins, Mark Petticrew, Helen Roberts and Margaret Whitehead declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Peter Smith introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3000/07: Evaluation of the impact of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010 on access to tobacco products, attitudes towards smoking and smoking behaviour in young people aged 12 to 17 years

Steve Cummins, Stephen Platt and Martin White declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Ann McNeill introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3000/08: Efficacy of school-based counselling for psychological difficulties in young people: Cluster randomised controlled trial

Karl Atkin and Hilary Graham declared conflicts of interest and left the room. David Gunnell introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3000/11: Evaluation of a community cooking skills intervention (Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food) to improve eating behaviour in Leeds and Bradford

Carolyn Summerbell introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3000/14: Factors influencing active travel at key stages and transition points in the lives of children and young people: evidence mapping and synthesis

David Gunnell, Laurence Moore and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Helen Roberts introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

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10/3001 Walking and Cycling to Work Schemes

10/3001/01: Evaluation of the Workplace CTC Cycle Challenge to increase cycling to work

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/02: Evaluation of the Physical Activity and Health Benefits of Employer Actions to Promote Cycling to Work Facilitated by National and Local Support Schemes

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/03: Walking & cycling to work: An evaluation of how university travel plans in England contribute to changes in employee physical activity

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/04: Employer schemes to encourage walking to work: exploratory trial

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3001/05: Effectiveness of an employer cycle to work scheme in conjunction with a mobile phone 'physical activity application' in employees general health

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/06: A survey of employer cycle and walk to work schemes in Kent and Medway with an evaluation of the impact of cycle schemes on employee physical activity, health and work productivity

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/07: Employer incentives for active transport: are schemes to encourage cycling to work effective and do they increase employees' physical activity?

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/08: An evaluation of the effectiveness of the United Kingdom Government Cycle to Work Scheme in relation to increasing employees' overall level of physical activity

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/09: Are schemes that aim to encourage walking and cycling to work and organised by employers positioned close to cycle super highways in London effective in promoting physical activity?

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/10: Evaluation of the health and socioeconomic benefits of employer schemes to encourage walking and cycling to work

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3001/11: Differences in habitual physical activity in employees of firms with interventions to promote active commuting, compared with employees in companies without active commuting interventions

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

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3001/12: Do employer schemes to encourage employees to walk or cycle to work increase employees overall level of physical activity? Which components of schemes are predictive of success?

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/13: W2W: Walk or Cycle 2 Work - A Design and Impact Evaluation of a personalized travel-planning (PTP) framework intervention in a workplace setting using mobile technology

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/14: Critical success factors and health impact of employer schemes to encourage cycling and walking to work in three cities

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/15: An investigation of workplace cycling schemes and local walking/cycling interventions and their impact on employee physical activity and health

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/16: PHR Research Question: Do employer schemes to encourage employees to walk or cycle to work increase employees overall level of physical activity? Which components of schemes are predictive of success?

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/17: Walking to work: understanding the role of group norms and identity in achieving wellbeing in the workplace

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3001/18: The introduction and monitoring of an organisation-wide programme to encourage walking and cycling to work

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/19: Increasing physical activity through active commuting: a feasibility study to explore the changes resulting from employer-led travel plans to promote walking and cycling

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/20: Exploring the benefits, barriers and cost effectiveness of Active Travel schemes on employee physical activity levels: a multidisciplinary team approach to establish components that are predictive of success

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/21: Employer schemes to encourage walking or cycling to work

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/22: Walking and cycling to work schemes to increase physical activity: Do they work? A participatory evaluation of the cost effectiveness, its related environmental conditions and the effects on levels of physical activity (PA)

Marcus Grant and Mark Petticrew declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Steve Cummins introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3001/23: An assessment of the health benefits of cycling and walking to work: social and economic barriers to quality of health and well-being

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

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3002 Alcohol Misuse

10/3002/02: Development of an interactive computer game intervention "XS" that is transferable from classroom to community and a randomised controlled trial to test the effectiveness of "XS" in preventing alcohol misuse in adolescents

Eileen Kaner and Laurence Moore declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3002/03: Preventing alcohol misuse in young people: An exploratory trial of the Kids, Adults Together (KAT) Programme

Eileen Kaner and Laurence Moore declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3002/04: Self-Affirmation for Preventing Hazardous Alcohol Consumption in School Aged Children (SAPHACSAC)

Eileen Kaner and Laurence Moore declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3002/07: A feasibility pilot trial of screening and brief alcohol intervention involving pupils aged 14-16 and their parents

Eileen Kaner and Laurence Moore declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3002/08: Are drama workshops targeted at school children and their parents effective in reducing hazardous drinking and the associated health and social consequences: a randomised trial to evaluate the Solomon Theatre programme?

Eileen Kaner and Laurence Moore declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/3002/09: SHAHRP and TATI Alcohol Misuse Prevention Programmes (STAMPP): school-based cluster randomised controlled trial

Eileen Kaner and Laurence Moore declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3002/11: Cluster randomised controlled trial on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a school alcohol harm prevention programme to diminish hazardous drinking, and the value of community-based motivational interviewing in North West England

Eileen Kaner and Laurence Moore declared conflicts of interest and left the room. Mark Petticrew introduced this proposal.

The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

Summary

- 2 FULL proposal were recommended for funding
- 7 FULL proposal were recommended for funding subject to certain conditions
- 1 FULL proposal was deferred
- 13 OUTLINE proposals were discussed and shortlisted