

Research Funding Board Minutes

Date: 23 & 24 February 2011 **Venue:** Danubius Hotel, Regents Park

Present: *Board members:*
 Professor Karl Atkin
 Dr Steven Cummins
 Professor Hilary Graham
 Dr Marcus Grant
 Professor David R Jones
 Professor Frank Kee
 Professor Catherine Law (Chair)
 Professor Alastair H Leyland
 Professor Ann McNeill (23rd)
 Professor Laurence Moore
 Professor Mark Petticrew (24th)
 Professor Stephen Platt
 Professor Helen Roberts
 Dr Rosemary Rushmer
 Professor Peter C Smith
 Professor Carolyn Summerbell
 Professor Jane Wardle
 Professor Martin White
 Professor Margaret Whitehead

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 Professor Eileen Kaner
 Professor Ann McNeill (24th)
 Professor Mark Petticrew (23rd)
 Professor Nicholas J Wareham

Other attendees: *NETSCC, PHR:*
 Ms Kristy Cable, Assistant Programme Manager
 Dr Andrew Cook, Consultant in Public Health Medicine
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 Professor James Raftery, Director NETSCC, PHR
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Observers: Dr Glenn Wells, Deputy Director, Head of Research Finance and Programmes, NIHR, Department of Health (23rd)
 Professor Ruairidh Milne, Director of External Relations, NETSCC (23rd)
 Dr Eugenia Cronin, Expert Advisor, NETSCC, Health Services Research (23rd)

DISCUSSION OF FULL PROPOSALS

Project Reference	Researcher-led workstream	Decision
10/3000/04 Pearson	Effect of the United Kingdom, April 2010, six-day flight ban on cardiorespiratory admissions and mortality.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3000/07 Haw	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.	The Board discussed the proposal and requested that the proposal be re-submitted
10/3000/08 Cooper	Efficacy of school-based counselling for psychological difficulties in young people: Cluster randomised controlled trial	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3000/11 Cade	Evaluation of a community cooking skills intervention (Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food) to improve eating behaviour in Leeds and Bradford	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
Project Reference	Commissioned workstream	Decision
09/3008/09 Draper	An evaluation of methods to achieve community engagement in health interventions	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
09/3010/02 White	Identifying effective techniques for preventing obesity in children and young people: A meta-analysis and meta-regression.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3001/04 Audrey	Employer schemes to encourage walking to work: exploratory trial	The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding subject to certain changes
10/3001/10 Marsden	Evaluation of the health and socioeconomic benefits of employer schemes to encourage walking and cycling to work	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3001/11 Sandercock	Differences in habitual physical activity in employees of firms with interventions to promote active commuting compared with employees in companies without active commuting interventions.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3001/17 Murtagh	Walking to work: understanding the role of group norms and identity in achieving wellbeing in the workplace	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3002/03 Segrott	Preventing alcohol misuse in young people: An exploratory trial of the Kids, Adults Together (KAT) Programme	The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding subject to certain changes
10/3002/07 Newbury-Birch	A feasibility pilot trial of screening and brief alcohol intervention involving pupils aged 14-16 and their parents	The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding subject to certain conditions
10/3002/09 Sumnall	SHAHRP and TATI Alcohol Misuse Prevention Programmes (STAMPP): school-based cluster randomised controlled trial	The Board discussed the proposal and requested that the proposal be re-submitted
10/3002/11 Bellis	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.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it

09/3010/06 Wyke (Resub)	Football Fans in Training (FFIT): a randomized controlled trial of a gender-sensitive weight loss and healthy living programme delivered to men aged 35-65 by Scottish Premier League (SPL) football clubs.	The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding.
09/3010/14 Bambra (Resub)	Tackling inequalities in obesity: How effective are public health interventions at reducing socio-economic inequalities in obesity amongst children and adults?	The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding.
09/3010/17 Harding (Resub)	The Diet and Active Living study (DEAL 2): preventing obesity among Black Caribbean and Black African children using school and community linked interventions.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it

DISCUSSION OF OUTLINE PROPOSALS

Project Reference	Responses to Emotional Wellbeing commissioning brief	Decision
10/3006/01 Humphrey	Evaluating the efficacy and effectiveness of the Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) curriculum in promoting social and emotional wellbeing among children in primary school: a cluster randomized controlled trial	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3006/02 Connolly	A cluster randomised controlled trial evaluation and cost-effectiveness analysis of the Roots of Empathy schools-based programme in improving emotional and social wellbeing	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3006/04 Betts	Developing young people's social and emotional wellbeing (SEW): An evaluation of three interventions	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/05 Mckenzie	Evaluation of the 'Emotions Talk'* intervention for primary school aged children with a learning disability (LD): Impact on social and emotional wellbeing	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/06 Buchanan	The Impact of a School-based Intervention on Children's Social and Emotional Wellbeing: a mixed method study of influences and outcomes	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/07 Ford	The effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management programme in primary school children: a Cluster RCT with parallel process and economic evaluations	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3006/08 Law	A cluster randomised controlled trial and economic evaluation of the impact of the Thoughtful Learner Programme (TLP): a population based intervention to address social, emotional and behavioural problems.	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3006/09 R.Smith	The effectiveness of the Nurturing Programme in promoting the emotional and social wellbeing of primary school children	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/10 F.Smith	An Evaluation of the impact of the MindUP (mindfulness education) programme on the emotional and social wellbeing of Children aged 4-11 in England	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/11 Kushner	Evaluating the whole-school environment as a context that determines the success and failure of interventions for the emotional and mental wellbeing of primary-aged children.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it

10/3006/12 Callaghan	Promoting social and emotional wellbeing and healthy transitions to secondary school: considering primary school children's varying needs and their implications for successful intervention	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/13 Henderson	Social and Emotional Education and Development (SEED): a Stratified, Cluster Randomised Trial of a Multi-component primary school intervention that follows the pupils transition into secondary school.	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3006/14 Payne	An evaluation of the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the Process Oriented System as a school-based intervention for primary school children aiming to improve their social and emotional wellbeing when compared to usual practice.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/15 Barton	The effectiveness of Outdoor Learning Programmes for improving the emotional and social wellbeing of primary school children	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/16 Little	Measuring the impact and cost-effectiveness of an integrated intervention designed to improve children's social and emotional learning and academic performance.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/17 Peddie	To assess, through a process of static and dynamic, structured and unstructured, grounded and ungrounded processes; the emotional and social wellbeing of primary school children with the potential for dynamic feedback and interventions if desired	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/18 Padley	Understanding well being in primary school children: evaluating the impact and outcomes of wellbeing interventions in English primary schools	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/19 Close	Play and primary school children's wellbeing	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/20 Cooper	Play-based and whole school counselling for psychological difficulties in children: Cluster randomised controlled trial (PRIMED study)	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/21 Rabiee	The extent to which the Healthy Schools Enhanced Model improves the emotional and social wellbeing of children aged 4-11 years in Birmingham: an assessment of effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and health inequalities	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/22 Roy	An evaluation of interventions to enhance social and emotional wellbeing in primary school children from an area of socioeconomic disadvantage	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/23 Hoare	A study of the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) initiative - how does SEAL promote the emotional and social wellbeing of children, and thereby improve children and pupils' well being and ability to cope with stressful transitions?	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/24 Maynard	An Evaluation of the Immediate and Sustained Impact and Cost-effectiveness of School-based Programmes aimed at Promoting the Social and Emotional Wellbeing of Schoolchildren	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/25 Duda	Improving the emotional and social wellbeing of primary school pupils through a motivational training intervention. A pragmatic cluster randomised controlled trial of an educational intervention for primary school teachers	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3006/26 Brophy	What is the effectiveness of school-based interventions to promote the emotional and social wellbeing of primary school children	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it

10/3006/27 Torgerson	A cluster randomised control trial of the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of 'Check and Connect' on the emotional and social wellbeing of primary school children; with pupil level links to the Born in Bradford (BiB) birth cohort study.	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
Project Reference	Responses to Mental Health commissioning brief	Decision
10/3007/01 Ferguson	Survivor-led training: Survivor Insights Pilot: Sense of Self (SOS)	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/02 Maden	A cluster randomised control trial (RCT) of a brief training programme for managers to improve the mental wellbeing of workers	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3007/03 Cartwright	A comparative evaluation of the cost effectiveness and impact of organizational intervention strategies directed at changing and improving the work environment on employee health and well being	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/04 Wills	Promoting mental health and wellbeing at work: feasibility assessment of an intervention to raise organisational awareness of wellbeing in the workplace	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/05 Francis-Smythe	Age positive workplaces: promoting individual wellbeing and organisational performance amongst older workers.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/06 Stansfeld	Evaluation of a wellbeing toolkit and an e-learning health promotion manager-led intervention for the improvement of employee wellbeing and reduction of sickness absence and stress	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3007/07 Clow	A pragmatic cluster cohort evaluation of interventions to improve mental health and well-being in the workplace: what works, where and how?	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3007/09 Williams	Building a healthy work environment and employee resilience for mental health and wellbeing: Evaluation of a two-pronged multi-level organisation-wide intervention	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/10 Thomson	The Effectiveness of Management Competencies for Preventing and Reducing Stress at Work (MCPARS) in improving employee well-being and absence: a quasi-experimental study and realistic evaluation in three organisational settings.	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3007/11 Van Stolk	Understanding the human capital outcomes of National Health Service (NHS) mental health and well-being interventions in the workplace: An evaluation of selected interventions in NHS trusts.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/13 Reid	Promoting mental health and wellbeing in the workplace. A qualitative study of workplace interventions for return to work employees with common mental health problems.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/14 Leavey	A cluster randomised controlled trial of an educational package for line managers in the Civil Service designed to improve communication, recognition and early intervention	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/15 Scanlan	Exploring the effectiveness of Action Learning with and without the addition of the Compassionate Mind Therapy value system to an NHS organisation	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/16 Graveling	Effectiveness of organisational wellbeing interventions in the workplace	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3007/17 Parkes	Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of an organisational learning approach using Developmental Work Research and “expansive learning” aimed at promoting the mental health and wellbeing of managers in an NHS Health Board.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/18 Chalder	Promoting mental health and wellbeing in the workplace	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3007/21 Roman	Evaluating the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of organisation wide strategies to improve mental wellbeing in the workplace in the four countries of the UK: focus on the school system and the teaching profession	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
Project Reference	Responses to Community Farms commissioning brief	Decision
10/3005/01 Bowling	What is the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of community farms, gardens and allotments in improving health and well-being?	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/03 Richardson	Comparative pilot study to assess uptake, health and wellbeing benefits, cost and sustainability of community gardening.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/04 Cade	Does allotment gardening lead to healthier lifestyles?	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/06 Caan	How fruitful is participation in a new Community Orchard? A comparative study of two South Cambridgeshire villages in relation to growing Natural and Social Capital for Health	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/09 King	The effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of Stirley Community Farm, West Yorkshire in improving health and wellbeing	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/10 Sempik	A study of the effectiveness of Community Farms and Community Gardens in promoting mental well-being and health	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/11 Jorgensen	Evaluating the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of Allotments with Regard To Health, wellbeing and health inequalities	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3005/13 Heinrich	Effectiveness of working on allotments in improving health and well-being – a feasibility trial in the Tamar Valley Region of Cornwall and Devon	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/14 McManus	The Diversity Garden food growing project: a recipe for improving the health and wellbeing of local residents?	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/15 Carr	Understanding and measuring the impacts of community farm activities on improving health and wellbeing in a deprived area in the North East of England.	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3005/16 Wrieden	School Gardens: A feasibility study of the impact on the eating habits, physical activity, and personal well being of participants, and the social return on investment.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/18 Ward-Thompson	How effective is the Forestry Commission Scotland’s woodland improvement programme - ‘Woods In and Around Towns’ (WIAT) - at improving psychological wellbeing in deprived communities?	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3005/21 Parham	Formative and summative evaluation to explore the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of community farms, gardens, and allotments in improving health and wellbeing.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/22 Morris	The effectiveness and cost effectiveness of community food growing on health, wellbeing and social integration among disadvantaged groups in East London.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it

10/3005/23 Renton	Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of community gardens and allotments in improving health among direct participants and the wider community: a controlled trial.	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3005/26 Jepson	The effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of community gardens and allotments: a four part natural experiment	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/27 Pritchard	Urban agriculture on housing estates in Greenwich: A controlled trial of an urban agriculture intervention across six Registered Social Landlord Housing Estates in an ethnically diverse and socioeconomically-deprived area of London.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/31 Middleton	What the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of Sandwell's community agriculture farms, gardens and associated allotments in contributing to improved health and well-being	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/32 Jones	Our Dear Green Place: Evaluating the Health Impacts of Community Growing Spaces	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/33 Power	An analysis of direct/indirect impacts of community farms, gardens and allotments on health in disadvantaged areas; their costs and benefits in reducing health inequalities, improving community wellbeing, economic, social and environmental conditions	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/35 Schmutz	The effectiveness and cost effectiveness of different gardening forms on improving health and wellbeing. A comparative study on community farms, gardens and allotments	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3005/36 Carter	The Haven Gardening Project: an early intervention to improve psychosocial wellbeing in primary school children	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
Project Reference	Responses to Smoking in School Aged Children commissioning brief	Decision
10/3008/01 McKenna	What is the efficacy and cost effectiveness of the Smoking Prevention Intervention in Primary Schools in Northern Ireland?	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3008/02 Slater	Using social networking media and community activism to engage young people as change agents to prevent the uptake of smoking in secondary schools and communities in deprived areas.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3008/04 Britton	A new approach to preventing uptake of smoking in school aged children	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3008/05 Marks	Efficacy and cost-effectiveness of a multi-component Healthy Schools Enhancement Model (HSEM) to prevent smoking uptake in school-aged children in Leicestershire County and Rutland	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
Project Reference	Researcher-led	Decision
10/3009/01 Crombie	Can ambient, stealth and viral advertising be used to reduce binge drinking among students?	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3009/02 Lindson	Development and initial testing of an internet-based smoking reduction intervention.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3009/06 Elliott	Manipulating the appearance of steps and stairs to make them safer for older people to negotiate	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.

10/3009/10 De Visser	Young people and alcohol refusal strategies	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3009/11 Pearson	Exploring the physical, psychological and social impact of participation in target golf on the health and wellbeing of older people in care facilities.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3009/13 Humm	This proposal seeks to find out whether the health and wellbeing of older people who experience health inequalities can be improved using community-based interventions which support outdoor experience.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3009/14 McKinley	An investigation of the individual and combined effects of parental feedback and pupil rewards, based around cashless canteen systems in schools, on children's food choices: a feasibility and pilot study.	The Board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it.
10/3009/17 Thomas	A Community Led Active Schools Programme (CLASP)	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it
10/3009/18 Bellis	A systematic review of the impact of green spaces on health and well being.	The Board discussed the proposal and rejected it