UKMi Executive Business Meeting

Thursday 16th October
9.00am to 2.30pm
Holiday Inn, Glasgow

Chair: David Erskine

Note taker: Katie Smith

Attendees:

Trevor Beswick, Peter Golightly, Paula King, Christine Proudlove, Ben Rehman, Craig Rore, Paula Russell, Janice Watt, Fiona Woods

Minutes

08/38B Apologies for Absence

Sue Brent, Graham Cox, Claudine Hughes, Simon Wills

08/39B Minutes of previous meeting held on the 6th June 2008

Accepted as an accurate record

08/40B Matters arising and action points not on agenda

08/24B – OVID resources

There is not one resource (database, journal, book) that every RMIC wants. It would be difficult to set up a package for UKMI that everyone would want to purchase. KS to reply to Robert Kimberley with this info.

08/28B – NMEC

SW not present to report on any developments.

08/29B – Public Health Commissioning network

DE reported that the Public Health Commissioning network had not progressed as envisaged so no further action is currently required.

08/33B – Pilot outcome surveys

Work ongoing, particularly in London

08/41B NeLM update – future in light of NHS Evidence

DE spoke about NeLM.

Keep promoting NeLM locally, feedback from online questionnaire very positive.

Action Items - NIL	Person responsible	Deadline

08/42B MiDatabank

SW not present – report on progress acknowledged

Some confusion over acronyms used in the document – VTM, VMP, AMP, AMPP; what do they stand for, what do they mean

Discussion about thesaurus on Pharmline and how it doesn't cover new drugs, herbal & homeopathic medicines.

New version which will include the clinical pharmacy function should be available for pilot in December.

There is an MIDatabank user group meeting in November.

Action Items - NIL	Person responsible	Deadline

08/43B Medstream – Steve Mott to attend at 9.30am

The Medstream project has been developed by Steve Mott with Steve Moss at CoAcS.

Steve presented his ideas and thoughts on the project to those present.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
UKMI exec to decide whether they want to work with Medstream – feedback to Steve Mott	DE	ASAP

08/44B Injectable Medicines Guide (IMG)

CP presented an update on the progress of the IV monograph QA project.

Aim to QA a monograph within 1 month preferably a shorter time period (2 weeks) if possible.

System is chaotic but appreciated by the monograph authors.

Sue Keeling would like UKMI exec to speak personally to the authors to discuss the changes to ensure the reasons for them are understood and hopefully followed through.

UKMI are still doing this work for no remuneration and this creates another step. Agreed to make sure that emails sent with comments highlight that the authors can ring to discuss if they want to.

Will start to see monographs for IM psychiatric products.

When monographs updated or new ones become available, this will be highlighted on NeLM.

Pass info about the IMG on to LMICs – particularly the flyer produced for conference.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Email flyer produced for conference to RMICs for circulation to LMICs	CP	ASAP
Let CP know when monographs have been checked	All	Ongoing
Consider rearranging a meeting of the IMG strategic group	PG	Dec 2008

08/45B NPC/Deloitte work on managed entry of new drugs

DE had attended one of a series of ongoing workshops to work through 10 high level principles about how entry of drugs should be managed

Patients have rights to know why they have been refused a treatment

DE concerned that there was no input from secondary care in this process, lead by primary care/commissioning

Draft handbook available in November

Action Items - NIL	Person responsible	Deadline

08/46B Datapharm / UKMI user group

KS, DE, FW & PG had been contacted by Jayne Packham of Datapharm about setting up a UKMI EMC user group.

This was agreed to be a good idea.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Email RMICs info from Jayne Packham to pass on to LMICs	KS	ASAP
RMICs to let KS know names from the regions to put forward for the group	All	14 Nov 08

08/47B Goldshield MI service & Minimum information standards for medical info depts during procurement

Mtg on 14 Nov with Goldshield to discuss issues
DE invited procurement/PASA colleagues to meeting as well
Need to get examples from LMICs about poor experience with Goldshield in last year
SW had produced a proposed standard for pharmaceutical MICs.
The standard does not quite agree with some of the PIPA standards, PR offered to amend.
CP asked that we add that companies should be accessible by free or UK standard telephone line.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Ask LMICs for specific examples of problems with Goldshield – email to DE	All	10 Nov 08
Amend Pharmaceutical Industry MIC standard	PR	10 Nov 08

08/48B DoH/ABPI long term leadership strategy gp on horizon scanning

CP presented a report on the DoH/ABPI long term leadership strategy group on horizon scanning.

A specification for an horizon scanning database is being developed.

The database will be populated with info from the pharmaceutical companies.

Darzi stated that such a database needs to be in place by Jan 2010.

Still lots of questions to answer.

This may have an impact on New Drugs Online in the future.

Action Items - NIL	Person responsible	Deadline

08/49B Invite to UKMI exec reps to attend PIPA committee meeting – Dec 2008

John Barber, Chair of PIPA had emailed SW and asked if 2 UKMI reps wished to attend the December PIPA committee meeting in Central London. Originally the invitation had been for the October meeting but this was not possible as not enough notice had been given.

There was some discussion about whether it would be useful to attend if we had nothing to discuss. It was also felt that UKMI would not feel it necessary to reciprocate the arrangement.

Currently UKMI raises and discusses MI related concerns through the joint UKMI / PIPA standards working group e.g. like the draft minimum standard for pharmaceutical companies MICs.

It would be more helpful to set up a 'PILG' type meeting which used to take place with 2 UKMI exec reps and 2 pharma industry reps to discuss common issues, and then feedback to our respective groups

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Reply to SW & John Barber to set up a small focussed meeting between UKMI & PIPA	KS	Dec 2008

08/50B CGWG meeting report & annual report

FW presented the CGWG annual report, want to agree the priorities for 2008/09

TB asked for clarification on minimum resources particularly with respect to Micromedex

Can't make external audit mandatory/compulsory but need to try and recognize centres that are meeting the required UKMI minimum standards – use as a carrot rather than a stick. Basically looking to "accredit" centres.

Need to give those centres who currently don't meet the standard an explicit action plan to achieve accreditation.

Try and reaudit an LMIC within 6 months of a new manager starting.

UKMI exec have no statuatory powers, we can only recommend changes and reaudit more frequently.

If become accredited could extend to a 4 year cycle as long as the LMIC agreed to participate in mystery shopper and/or peer review.

The above points will be discussed by the CGWG at their next meeting.

New CGWG standards will be discussed in full at the Dec exec meeting.

Model MIC – PG asked if this work would never happen or if it is on hold again for another year. This was something the Trent SPMs had asked for and if the CGWG do not do the work, PG may still have to do it.

DE asked if another activity survey will be carried out in 2009 – it was agreed that it should.

CGWG has asked if there is an annual UKMI report – agreed that this should happen. Set objectives in March, produce report in June, use as basis for Chairman session at PDS. Well received previously.

Meeting report not covered – FW will email points for info

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Accrediting MI centres – to be discussed by CGWG	FW	Dec 2008
Points of information from recent CGWG to be emailed to UKMI exec	FW	ASAP

08/51B IRMIS reports for discussion

FW presented IRMIS annual report for information

FW presented the IRMIS 3 month report (April – September 2008) and highlighted a few incidents.

Discussion around checking written answers (fax, letter & email) particularly where quoting facts & figures or providing an opinion or interpretation.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Email IRMIS annual and 3 month reports to LMICs	All	ASAP

08/52B ETWG meeting report / MI competencies

Next NMITC in Jan 2009 – request for attendees out at the moment

Small minor issues with Leicester but nothing insurmountable

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Reply with names to Sandra Wharton by deadline	All	10 Nov 08

08/53B NPWG annual report

CP presented annual report for the NPWG, want to agree the priorities for 2008/09

NDO needs to be demonstrated on the NMITC to raise its awareness.

NPWG producing a powerpoint presentation on NDO for use at regional meetings

Want to promote NDO at other conferences.

New medicines profiles – looking at how products for review are selected

Work in progress database – link difficult to find on NeLM but it is there

Priorities agreed

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
NPWG to progress priorities for 2008-09	NPWG	Ongoing

08/54B UKMi Practice Development Seminar (PDS) 2008 review

~80 replies, need to chase up people who didn't give feedback

Brief overview of forms indicates a positive response

114 full NHS delegates & 23 day NHS delegates

Need to address geographical areas which were poorly represented at conference – directors need to push locally the benefits of attending the PDS. Would be good to find out why people didn't attend.

Titles of sessions need to be clear so that people can choose appropriately – objectives should ideally be available when sessions are advertised

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Circulate written report to RMICs for dissemination when available	PG	Dec 2008

08/55B Developing a strategy for the future of the UKMI Practice Development Seminar

A 2 day event seemed to work very well, makes social programme very easy to organize.

Is it viable to keep at one venue? Warwick University prepared to do favourable rates if we book consistently with them. Need to focus on particular key tasks.

Have a one off meeting to draw up a plan for PDS organisation - CP, FW & PG volunteered, others welcome to attend.

Have something in place for March 2009

17-18 Sept 2009

Herriott Watt University, Edinburgh

10 mins from the airport

PG to meet with JW to assess venue suitability

Start programme organization before Xmas

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Set up meeting to draw up plan for PDS organization	PG	Dec 2008
Brainstorming session on programme ideas (plenary sessions/workshops) at Dec 2008 meeting	All	Dec 2008

08/56B Dates for UKMi exec meetings in 2009

4-5 March, London

11-12 June, Belfast, Ireland

14-15 October, Derby

2-3 December, Derby

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Note dates, book venues	All	Ongoing

08/57B UKMI expenditure for 09/10

Agreed to levy regional centres again

Potential for expenditure -

Development of MI competencies

Advanced MI training course – probably not

Pharmline subsidy – probably not needed

Technician development – usually self funding

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Keep potential expenditure under review	All	Ongoing

08/58B Communication slot

KS

- Been contacted by Ryan McColgan from Natural Standard in the US as an alternative to the Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database. Although detailed, decided not to take out subscription as costs 10 times more than NMCD.

DE

- Hospital Pharmacy Europe – writing an article on MI
- Writing an article on ADR with Steve Mott
- Pharmacists in Kuwait interested in closer working
- NHS Choices – medicines guides will be linked to this website now rather than NHS Direct
- Huge increase in exceptional drug funding requests – court case in West Sussex about decision on use of lenalidomide based around work DE had done
- Dynamed free on CKS, better than Lexicomp – try and promote nationally

TB - Nothing to report

JW

- National advisory board for MI in Scotland agreed that MIDatabank would be taken up by all MI centres in Scotland
- Couple of dosing errors around use of IV paracetamol in low body weight patients, as dose should be lower – is everyone aware of this?

CR - Nothing to report

PK - Nothing to report

CP

- NWMIC has produced a bulletin on pharmacotherapeutic issues raised in NICE clinical guidelines &

technology appraisals – this info was requested by local PCTs and chief pharmacists for use in formularies – has anyone done this already? Would anyone like to help review the backlog of NICE publications?
- NWMIC has produced bulletins around antimicrobial prescribing and C diff infection for primary care – put on NeLM
- CoAcS has invited CP to attend a conference in Abu Dhabi to talk about the UKMI network

FW
- A local MI pharmacist has raised a concern that specialist liquid manufacturers are suggesting to clinicians that crushing tablets is unlicensed and other products should be used instead – what is accepted practice? Trusts have issues around cost pressures? patient safety? Is there anything we can do about this?

BR - Nothing to report

PG
- Medicines Complete for dispensaries – conflict over user licence, waiting for clarification and will then advertise to LMICs
- Meeting minutes – what is development, what is business, need to think about what is recorded, action points etc..

PR - Nothing to report

Next meeting: 4th – 5th December, Midland Hotel, Derby