

# British Association for Paediatric Nephrology

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## BAPN Executive Meeting

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009*  
RCPCH London

Present: Mark Taylor (President)  
Moin Saleem  
Carol Inward  
Dick Trompeter  
Mordi Muorah  
Eric Finlay (first part of meeting only)  
Sally Hulton  
Peter Houtman  
Jane Tizard

Apologies: Lesley Rees  
Kay Tyerman  
Nadeem Moghal  
Chris Reid

1. Minutes of the last Exec meeting October 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 were agreed as a true record of the meeting following amendment of 5 a iii to read "KKR providing £100,000 for 1 more year..."
2. Matters arising .MT had communicated with R Kleta re link with Nephron. No formal link made but R Kleta keen to support paediatric nephrology input.
3. Communication Officer
  - a. Branding-job too small. Wait to see if link with RA and then ask MCI to take over.
  - b. Patient information
    - i. EJT to send EF pdf of leaflets (38 possible). Probably accept most of text. EF will try one and show at Liverpool AGM.  
**(Action EF)**

- c. Workforce survey(via monkey survey)-did not achieve all information required. Should do annual survey for 1st April each year. (**Action EF/EJT/SH**)
- d. EF due to end term of office in October 09. Need to ask for nominations for successor. (**Action JT**)
- e. Renal association –no response from RA re website link if BAPN links with RA
- f. Rare diseases web site should be linked to both RA and BAPN

#### 4. RA /RCPCH and BAPN link

- a. MT reported on the meeting held with Peter Mathieson and JT. Agreements made:

BAPN aims unchanged, no impact on RA.

BAPN membership criteria as for RA but trainee membership to include training in paediatrics or paediatric nephrology.

BAPN officers largely unchanged. Peter Mathieson supportive of BAPN retaining its Hon Treasurer. How will moneys formerly under jurisdiction of BAPN be managed?

1. Separate accounting line for BAPN

How is BAPN related to communications initiative of RA, RA web site?

2. Awaiting reply from Mark McGregor from RA

##### Officers

3. President BAPN a trustee of RA
4. Hon Secretary of BAPN an Executive member of RA.
5. Agreed plus junior doctor on the executive committee

##### Representation of BAPN within RA sub-committees

6. RA clinical services: ex officio chair of BAPN clinical services
7. RA standards and guidelines; ex officio BAPN standards and guidelines
8. RA Research Committee: ex officio chair of MCRN paed nephrology CSG
9. RA Clinical trials Committee: ex officio chair of MCRN paed nephrology CSG
10. UKRR unchanged
11. E& T committee-paed STA is member

##### Servicing of BAPN meetings

Annual AGM (could be linked to major RA conference to reduce costs)

Annual business meeting

BAPN Executive meetings 3 per year

BAPN clinical standards and guidelines committee 4 per year

BAPN clinical services committee 1 per year

MCRN CSG (funding needs clarification) 3 per year.

Agreed-need to clarify travel for all but AGM will be financed

JSC BAPN attendance by BAPN president continues, observer status.

Terminology: BAPN a *Division* of the RA.

- b. There was some concern re the management of funds specifically donated for paediatric research. Would need to be managed as a restricted fund. This point needs confirmation. **(Action DT)**
- c. JT had written to Pat Hamilton regarding this in Dec 08. Her reply was that further work would be done on this possibility. This led to a questionnaire being sent to all specialty groups regarding the relationship with the RCPCH. JT reported on discussions at the specialty forum at RCPCH. RCPCH currently do house two specialty groups –BACCH and BAPM but they have sufficient funds to have own secretariat. Other groups may also be interested in sharing secretariat resources. The RCPCH have asked that the specialty groups would send Len Tyler the needs of each group and the RCPCH would assess the possibility of sharing resources.
- d. It was agreed that the options should be put to the BAPN at the general meeting in Liverpool. JT to draft letter to the RCPCH with request for answer by 15<sup>th</sup> April. There would then need to be a postal ballot of members to choose option.**(Action JT)**

#### 5. EWTD

- a. There is concern about the affect of the EWTD of 48 hr week on consultants work and need for expansion of consultant workforce. Need information on both junior and consultant workforce and PAs. NTN posts submitted to RCPCH do not reflect numbers needed. Also need to define role of SPIN. There is now a curriculum for SPIN developed by PH and subgroup. It was agreed that there should be service document developed led by SH. This needs to address 48 hr week and be presented to AGM in December. Initially JT/SH will try and collect data from all tertiary consultants re job plans /PAs etc.**(Action SH/JT)**

#### 6. Treasurer

- a. ESPN-£10,000 has been offered to ESPN registry (donation from KKR). It requires the ESPN to have a separate account for the registry. No invoice received. This will be discussed at Council meeting in Amsterdam.
- b. N/S study funding-Approval to send extended Business case to HTA Therefore, chances of funding are good. Currently no trial co-ordinator but it was agreed that previously agreed interim funding to complete the pilot data would be provided when required.
- c. CSG-still no information from MCRN as to funding for committee.
- d. DT is now stepping down from his position as treasurer. It was agreed that whatever the direction of the BAPN a new treasurer would be required. Nominations will be requested ASAP. **(Action JT)**
- e. There was discussion about the very successful link of the BAPN with KKR. DT is currently Chair of the Trustees. MT to write to DT re continuing link.**(Action MT)**
- f. The committee thanked DT for his success as treasurer over his term of office.

## 7. Registry

- a. Data protection-confirmation that consent being obtained is still required from some centres. Once electronic returns in place there will need to be posters displayed to give families the option to opt out.
- b. May 09-registry returns will be mandatory unless patient opt out. Census date is 31<sup>st</sup> December 08. Deadline for info is 30.06.09 and 23rd May if paper returns via Manchester.
- c. Standards have been requested from the CGC-response was to use paediatric modification of RA standards.
- d. Adults are aiming for monthly reporting. Aim of BAPN once all electronic.
- e. Proton electronic screen are almost completed-ready for trial in Birmingham, Nottingham, Leeds, Cardiff and Bristol

## 8. Audit

- a. National Health Care commission has now been replaced by HQIP. HQIP recognise the need for multi site audit. Bids will need to be made in the future.
- b. BAPN BP audit in Tx patients-Manish Sinha has requested that further analyses can be done on data collected-this was supported.
- c. Anaemia in ERF and Tx is the next planned BAPN audit –proposal to be circulated soon.
- d. Recommendations from audits: it was agreed that BAPN should produce recommendations from results of audits. BP and renal biopsy audit should be revisited to do this. **(Action CI)**.
- e. Audit/registry CPD day. It was agreed that there should be a separate forum to discuss audit and registry. Possibility of using York meeting was discussed but doesn't fit the current format. For further consideration **(Action CI)**.
- f. National audits-Transport and dialysis access in progress.
- g. CKD (stage 3,4,5)audits on growth and anaemia should be considered in the future.

## 9. Research

- a. CSG meeting 6/12ly next in April/May.
- b. York meeting planned –concerns re attendance.
- c. UK genetics-has recently been a stakeholder meeting /strategy meeting re better infrastructure of renal genetics which MS attended. Information will be disseminated via RA website.
- d. Rare diseases registry is progressing. J Feehally has led a workshop on Inherited and metabolic renal disease. The aim is to develop clinical guidelines, research protocols etc. There is strong support from the adult nephrologists.
- e. EU commissioner representation may attend the ESPN- ?good opportunity to discuss funding opportunities.
- f. Research secretary position-it was agreed that this post should coincide with the term of office of the MCRN CSG Chair. The BAPN would then support the RS's application for MCRN chair. However it is not guaranteed that the secretary will be appointed as this is an MCRN appointment.

10. Clinical services committee (NM unable to attend-notes for meeting)
  - i. Benchmarking spreadsheet-still in progress
  - ii. PbR re dialysis-draft report in progress Guys data awaited
  - iii. BRS workforce –next meeting 23/03/09
  - iv. Quality indicators –
    1. draft list submitted to RCPCH
    2. RCPCH willing to host MDT meeting re quality indicators for nephrology. To discuss further (**Action NM**)
  
11. Clinical Standards and Guidelines committee
  - a. Minutes of the last meeting (Feb 09) were accepted. No specific discussion in the absence of LR.
  
12. Secretary
  - a. Membership of the executive –should consider lay person-this is to be deferred until decision over link with RA/RCPCH.
  - b. Honorary membership –agreed for Malcolm Coulthard, Bob Postlethwaite, Sue Rigden, Dick Trompeter, Kate Verrier-Jones
  - c. SSNDS
    - i. Final amendments to be made by JT
  
13. Paediatricians with an interest
  - a. SPIN-definition is needed of service provided by SPIN.
  - b. Survey of centres re networks and names of involved paediatricians. (**Action PH**)
  - c. Consider developing SPIN group to meet at York 2010(**Action PH**)
  
14. World Kidney Day
  - a. MT to write and thank KT for her input
  
15. ESPN Birmingham
  - a. Progressing, sufficient sponsorship now available.
  
16. AOB
  - a. Transition document –waiting to be signed off will be circulated to BAPN before Business meeting in Liverpool
  - b. KPAG-minutes to be made available on the website
  - c. Trainees a/c-still a problem-liaise with RT-(**Action MM**)
  - d. MT was thanked by all of the BAPN executive members for his extremely productive term of office which has significantly promoted the work of the BAPN.
  
17. Dates of next meetings
  - a. RCPCH York march 30<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. RA April 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> Liverpool
  - c. BAPN Business meeting wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April Liverpool
  - d. AGM Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 Birmingham

- e. BRS June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Birmingham
- f. BAPN Executive Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> RCPCH London
- g. ESPN Birmingham September 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- h. BAPN Executive Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> RCPCH