

Public Health Research Programme (PHR)

Minutes of the Research Funding Board (RFB) Meeting

Date	Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 February 2017	
Venue	Danubius Hotel, Regents Park, London, NW8 7JT	
Present members	<p><i>Members:</i> Professor Martin White, Professor Frank Kee, Professor Peymane Adab Dr Adrian Barker Professor Linda Bauld Dr Adam Fletcher Dr Felix Greaves Professor Kate Hunt, Professor Russ Jago Professor Andy Jones Dr Vittal Katikireddi Professor Emma McIntosh Dr Graham Moore Professor Stephen Morris Professor Christopher Owen Professor Toby Prevost Professor Sarah Salway Professor Amanda Sowden Professor Robert West Professor Lucy Yardley</p>	<p>PHR Programme Director Research Funding Board (RFB)Chair</p> <p>Public Contributor</p> <p>RFB Deputy Chair</p>
Apologies	<p>Professor Linda Bauld (15th) Professor Chris Bonell Professor Rona Campbell (Sabbatical) Dr Charlotte Clark Mr Ian Copley Professor David French Professor Matthew Hickman Professor Martin White (15th)</p>	
Secretariat	<p>Dr Cristina Barroso, Research Manager (15th) Dr Andrew Cook, Consultant Advisor, PHR Mrs Rebecca Croucher, Research Manager (14th) Mrs Gemma House, Senior Research Manager, PHR Mrs Louise Higgs, Research Manager, PHR (14th) Miss Katherine Paes, Assistant Research Manager, PHR (15th) Ms Pamela Young, Head of PHR</p>	
Observers	<p>Day 1 – Dr Lorna Aucott, prospective RFB member Dr Suzanne Audrey, prospective RFB member Dr Bernadette Egan, RDS South East Dr Gemma Morgan, prospective RFB member Mr Adam Lockwood, Research Manager, NETSCC Dr Helen Walters, Consultant Advisor, NETSCC Day 2 - Ms Lisa McDaid, RDS East of England Dr Rachel Walker, MRC</p>	

BOARD COMMENTS

DAY 1

Commissioned Full proposals

**15/192/13 Reduced noise Impacts on Short-Term Aircraft Noise and Cardiovascular Outcomes
(Dr Anna Hansell, Imperial College London)**

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: *none*

Decision: Fund with changes

**16/07/07 Altering green-blue space exposure and impact on individual-level wellbeing and mental health: a population-wide record-linked cohort
(Professor Sarah Rodgers, Swansea University)**

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: *Adam Fletcher, Russ Jago, Graham Moore, Gemma Morgan and Suzanne Audrey*

Decision: Fund with changes

**16/07/28 Walking in Nature (WIN): Evaluating the effectiveness of Outdoor Health Walks on mental health – A natural experiment
(Dr Katherine Irvine, The James Hutton Institute)**

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: *Lorna Aucott*

Decision: Reject

**16/07/29 A walk in the park: a factorial trial to evaluate the impact of community co-designed changes to urban green spaces, and behaviour change interventions to increase use of green spaces, on mental wellbeing amongst multi-ethnic, deprived women
(Dr Rosemary McEachan, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)**

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: *Peymane Adab, Amanda Sowden, Robert West*

Decision: Reject

	16/08/11 CoHESION: ReduCing Social IsOlation and dEpression in motHers of young children (Dr Heather O'Mahen, University of Exeter)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>none</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/08/14 Assessing unwanted social isolation and loneliness, and health and well-being among care home residents with dementia: an evaluation of HenPower, a relationship centred care intervention, based on hen keeping (Dr Andrea Wigfield, The University of Sheffield)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Sarah Salway</i>
Decision: Fund with changes - Prioritisation Group subsequently declined the proposal	
	16/08/41 The Project About Loneliness and Social networks (PALS) study (Professor Anne Rogers, University of Southampton)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts; <i>Lucy Yardley, Russ Jago, Suzanne Audrey and Gemma Morgan.</i>
Decision: Re-submit October 2017	
	16/08/44 Reducing loneliness and unwanted social isolation among migrant and minority ethnic people: systematic, participatory review of programme theories, system processes and outcomes (Professor Sarah Salway, The University of Sheffield)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Sarah Salway, Martin White</i> <i>Left meeting: Felix Greaves</i>
Decision: Fund	
	16/09/13 What are the health and health inequalities impacts of the Big Local community empowerment initiative in England? (Professor Jennie Popay, Lancaster University)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Sarah Salway, Vittal Katikireddi, Amanda Sowden, Martin White</i>
Decision: Fund	

Researcher-led full proposals

16/37/15 A Feasibility Study to Evaluate the Workplace Wellbeing Award Charter (Dr Wendy Robertson, University of Warwick)

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: none

Left meeting: Felix Greaves

Decision: Reject

16/37/16 An exploratory study to test Mellow Eating and Lifestyle (MEaLs), an attachment -based parenting intervention to improve health outcomes in preschool children and their parents within early years settings (Professor Sharon Simpson, University of Glasgow)

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: Emma McIntosh, Linda Bauld, Kate Hunt, Russ Jago, Vittal Katikireddi, Graham Moore

Left meeting: Felix Greaves

Decision: Reject

16/37/33 A network meta-analysis and qualitative synthesis of complex interventions to prevent obesity in children and young people: evaluation of effective components, implementation and economic modelling (Dr James White, Cardiff University)

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: Adam Fletcher, Russ Jago, Graham Moore, Suzanne Audrey

Decision: Reject

16/130/01 Evaluation of the health impacts of the UK Treasury Soft Drinks Industry Levy (SDIL) (Professor Martin White, University of Cambridge)

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: Martin White, Felix Greaves, Andy Jones, Amanda Sowden

Decision: Fund with changes

Researcher-Led Outline proposals (16/105)	
	16/105/14 An independent evaluation of the UK's sugar reduction programme (Professor Graham MacGregor, Queen Mary University of London)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Martin White</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/105/23 Evaluation of the sugar-tax on the caries experience of a longitudinal cohort of five year old children (Professor Iain Pretty, The University of Manchester)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Martin White</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/105/01 Age 5-6 years follow up of the Baby Milk Trial: RCT of an intervention to reduce formula-milk intake and prevent obesity (Dr Rajalakshmi Lakshman, University of Cambridge)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Andy Jones, Martin White</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/105/19 A feasibility study of primary school mindfulness intervention and its evaluations with focus on pupil mental health and experience of transition to secondary school (Dr Dusana Dorjee, Bangor University)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Adam Fletcher, Graham Moore, Russ Jago, Suzanne Audrey</i> <i>Left meeting: Martin White</i>
Decision: Reject	

DAY 2	
Researcher-Led Outline proposals (16/105)	
	16/105/21 Long-term health and wellbeing impact of a population-level urban green space intervention: A natural experiment (Dr Isabelle Bray, University of the West of England)
	Chair: Kate Hunt Conflicts: <i>Russ Jago, Frank Kee</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/105/26 Integrated evidence synthesis for joint appraisal of tobacco and alcohol tax interventions for harm reduction in the UK (Professor Alan Brennan, The University of Sheffield)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Sarah Salway</i>
Decision: Invite for Full Application	
Commissioned outline proposals – 15/189	
	15/189/22 Feasibility study of A VOIUnteeR-led home visiting support service for families with young children to promote resilience: The FAVOURITE Study (Professor Michael Robling, Cardiff University)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Adam Fletcher, Graham Moore</i>
Decision: Reject	
	15/189/32 Play on Prescription: A feasibility study of a play intervention to prevent and address behavioural problems in children (Dr Melissa Cortina, Anna Freud Centre)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Stephen Morris</i>
Decision: Reject	

Commissioned outline proposals – 16/39

16/39/09 Fit To Tackle. The biopsychosocial implications of connecting mid-life participants to a structured weight management and lifestyle programme embedded within Warrington Wolves Rugby League Club (Professor Alan Finnegan, University of Chester)

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: *None*

Decision: Reject

16/39/12 (Sturt) SuPporting And ReKindLing midlife women to increase physical Exercise (SPARKLE study) (Professor Jackie Sturt, King's College London)

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: *None*

Decision: Reject

Commissioned outline proposals – 16/40

16/40/06 Can cycling infrastructure and other aspects of the route environment reduce the risk and public health impact of cycling injury? A case-crossover study of injured cyclists in three English urban areas, with twelve-month quantitative and qualitative follow-up. (Dr Rachel Aldred, University of Westminster)

Chair: Frank Kee

Conflicts: *None*

Arrived meeting: Rachel Walker

Decision: Reject

Commissioned outline proposals – 16/41

16/41/02 Impact of sit-stand desks at work on energy expenditure and sitting time: a mixed methods study (Dr Eleni Mantzari, University of Cambridge)

Chair: Kate Hunt

Conflicts: *Andy Jones*

Decision: Reject

	16/41/03 Feasibility cluster randomised controlled trial to assess the Kids FIRST intervention to reduce sedentary screen use behaviour among 9–11 year olds (Dr Emma Haycraft, Loughborough University)
	Chair: Kate Hunt Conflicts: <i>Russ Jago</i> <i>Left meeting: Felix Greaves, Sarah Salway (phone call)</i>
Decision: Invite for Full Application	
	16/41/04 A three arm cluster randomised controlled trial to test the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the SMArT Work & Life intervention for reducing daily sitting time in office workers (Dr Charlotte Edwardson, University of Leicester)
	Chair: Kate Hunt Conflicts: <i>Amanda Sowden</i>
Decision: Invite for Full Application	
	16/41/05 Cluster randomized controlled trial of a theory-based worksite sedentary behaviour reduction intervention suitable for widescale adoption: The REducing Slitting Time Study (ReSiT Study) (Dr Benjamin Gardner, King's College London)
	Chair: Kate Hunt Conflicts: <i>None</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/41/06 A behavioural and economic evaluation of introducing active lessons in secondary schools: the Creating Active School Environments (CASE) project (Dr Esther Van Sluijs, University of Cambridge)
	Chair: Kate Hunt Conflicts: <i>Andy Jones</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/41/12 Evaluation of a very brief workplace intervention for reducing sedentary behaviour (Professor Stephen Sutton, University of Cambridge)
	Chair: Kate Hunt Conflicts: <i>Andy Jones, Toby Prevost</i>
Decision: Reject	

	16/41/14 A cultural adaptation and feasibility study of a sedentary behaviour-reduction intervention, combining physical activity, healthy eating and behavioural change support for an ethnically- diverse group (CRISE) (Dr Markos Klonizakis, Sheffield Hallam University)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>None</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/41/20 Feasibility of adaptation, recruitment, effectiveness and implementation of a study comparing a theoretically driven sedentary behaviour (SB) intervention with a co-created SB intervention for older adults, with a particular focus on involving ethnic minority elders (Professor Dawn Skelton, Glasgow Caledonian University)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>Peymane Adab, Russ Jago</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/41/27 The effectiveness of a time-efficient workplace-based interval training intervention; a randomised controlled trial (Dr Niels Vollaard, University of Stirling)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>None</i>
Decision: Reject	
Commissioned outline proposals – 16/50	
	16/50/01 Adaptation of a scalable, technology-assisted, sun exposure intervention for outdoor workers (3 S's- Stay Sun Safe) and feasibility testing, pilot cluster RCT with process and economic evaluations (Dr Vera Araujo-Soares, University of Newcastle upon Tyne)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>None</i>
Decision: Reject	
	16/50/06 Evaluation of an intervention in primary schools aiming to educate children on the importance of sun safety to reduce future risks of skin cancer (Ms Hilary Cowie, Institute of Occupational Medicine)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>None</i>
Decision: Reject	

	16/50/08 Evaluation of the clinical- and cost-effectiveness of a brief school-based intervention to reduce sunburn in adolescence: A cluster randomized controlled trial (Professor Gill Hubbard, University of Stirling)
	Chair: Frank Kee Conflicts: <i>None</i>
Decision: Invite for Full Application	

SUMMARY

- 2 FULL proposals were recommended for funding
- 4 FULL proposals were recommended for funding subject to certain conditions, one of these was subsequently rejected at the PHR Prioritisation Group on 21/02/2017
- 1 FULL proposal was invited to re-submit
- 4 OUTLINE proposals were discussed and shortlisted