



## QRESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

University of Nottingham, London Office  
Room 1302, 13<sup>th</sup> floor, Tower Building, University Park  
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Tuesday 11 March 2008

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Dai Evans, Jon Ford, John Fox, Julia Hippisley-Cox,

**Apologies:** Azeem Majeed, Patricia Wilkie, Jonathan Meadows, Richard Logan, Laurence Buckman.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted
2. **Advisory board TOR:** JHC update website Terms of Reference for advisory board to include overseeing communication and back to practices
3. **NUG representation.** NUG Chair agreed it was appropriate for NUG to be represented on the Advisory Board rather than the Management Board.
4. **RCGP & GPC representative:** John Williams has now stepped down from the board and we are asking the RCGP for a new representative but without success. Peter Holden will now represent GPC. The Advisory Board commented on the need for members to actively feedback and discuss issues with the organisations they represent.(action all)
5. **Feedback to practices:** We won a grant for £93,000 from DH to develop the practice feedback system during 2008 and development has now begun.
6. **QRisk.** There was a discussion about the progress of QRisk which has been provisionally recommended by NICE for use for identifying patients at high risk of cardiovascular disease. The final recommendation is awaited.
7. **Industry access to QResearch** – Qresearch has re-consented practices so that studies initiated by Industry can be undertaken so long as they meet the governance and publication requirement for all Qresearch studies.
8. **Wellcome Trust** proposal for support funding. This has been submitted and is under consideration by the Trust

9. **Data linkage studies:** JHC has fed back requirement to researchers that a formal application needs to be made to the QR advisory board and to NUG should any researchers wish to link data to EMIS practices to be extracted onto the Qresearch database.
10. **Measuring data quality in GP databases** – JHC met with Dai Evans to discuss standards for measuring data quality in GP database and Primis+ is now considering a meeting.
11. **Database request from a university:** NUG's response was that practices should also contribute to the Qresearch database and comply with QResearch governance procedures including notifying Qresearch of the specific research studies to be undertaken and obtaining peer review. The university concerned replied initially but not to two emails asking about specific research studies.