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QResearch Advisory Board

Minutes

(23.05.2024 10:00am – 11:00am, dial-in)

Attending: Paula Dhiman, Carol Coupland, Julia Hippisley-Cox, Ian Wood, Jonathan Ford, Patricia Wilkie, Emma Copland, Claire Meadows (minutes)

Apologies: Sharon Dixon, Jennifer Hirst, Antony Chuter, Rachael Lankshear

Chair: Caroline Mitchell

1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
	<p>Chair welcomed the group, apologies were noted. Ian Wood replaces Jonathan Meadows from EMIS, and Rachael Lankshear will represent the EMIS NUG</p>	
2	<p>Minutes, actions and matters arising from last meeting</p> <p>Jennifer Hirst and Antony Chuter have been appointed as deputy chairs to this board.</p> <p>All actions on the table from the last meeting have been actioned.</p>	
3	<p>Review of terms of references</p> <p>JHC took the group through the terms of reference on the QResearch website. These have largely stayed the same through the lifetime of the board. The ethics committee have given approval for the next five years, which means they are content that individuals can't be identified from the data. There is a national opt-out option, but employed on a large scale, this would compromise the delivery of the data.</p> <p>PW stated concerns that the public don't know enough about EMIS. JF said that there are posters in GP surgeries to enable public understanding. IW said that EMIS is only a data processor and it's usually up to universities and GP practices to educate staff/the public on EMIS's role, though IW is always keen to be involved in discussions about transparency.</p>	
4	<p>Presentation of recent research – Emma Copland</p> <p>EC presented on her childhood vaccine work. Chair acknowledged that the work is very relevant. EC will circulate the infographic from her presentation to</p>	EC

	the group.	
5	<p>Update from Scientific Committee</p> <p>PD confirmed that the committee is running well and she's happy with how it is operating.</p>	
6	<p>Update on PPI activity</p> <p>EC confirmed to the board that she is working on a set of resources with Sharon Dixon to better aid PPI understanding of the QResearch data and its processes. Sharon and Emma are working with the Centre for Ethnic Health Research in Leicester who are giving good input into the process. EC and SD are holding a research showcase in Leicester on 16th July. IW suggested that we have resources in other languages EC confirmed that this is something she's already working on.</p>	
7	<p>Update on data linkages and plans for enhancements</p> <p>JHC reported that QResearch now has linked access to data on prescriptions for chemotherapy and radiotherapy for the last 10 years, to look at the risks and benefits of cancer treatments in general projects.</p> <p>JHC would like to QResearch to access three new data sets following her meeting with EMIS this week – pharmacy data, community health data and patient access data from the EMIS EXA platform (subject to the usual governance/ethics). The board agreed that these linkages would be of benefit to researchers using QResearch. Chair suggested that JHC link up with Prof Mahendra Patel because he is very involved in research equity. JHC confirmed she would do this.</p> <p>There's a UKRI call that Oxford and EMIS would like to apply for that involves data linkage. JHC will update the board on this in due course.</p>	
8	<p>Newsletter & comms</p> <p>CM confirmed that the latest QResearch newsletter has gone out and asked the board to share with their networks if they haven't already.</p>	
9	<p>AOB & date of next meeting</p> <p>CM will poll for a hybrid meeting around Christmas time.</p>	CM