

**Unconfirmed MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE OF THE BRITISH  
PAIN SOCIETY'S PAIN EDUCATION SIG**

**Thursday 14 May 2009 5-6pm**

**Attendance**

Eloise Carr (Chair), Emma Briggs, Zena Desbottes, Marcia Schofield, Maggie Whittaker, Paul Wilkinson

**Apologies**

Ann Taylor

**AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.	Confirmation of the Minutes from the 26 February 2009  (i) Re Item 4: Jenny Moon for December Seminar Day	Agreed  <b>EC:</b> confirmed finalised with JM
2	<b>ASM follow-up of Workshops and AGM</b>  Workshops evaluations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited number of evaluations completed</li> </ul> AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential new SIG members. 15-20 completed application forms.</li> <li>• Speed of action on updating website</li> <li>• Communicating with SIG members – development &amp; building of webpages</li> </ul>	<b>MW</b> feedback next meeting. Get evaluations from Ken.  <b>EC</b> follow-up  <b>EC</b> with Jenny Nicholas  <b>EC</b> with Ken
3	<b>Planning Study Day 12/09</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical thinking workshop EC confirmed Jenny Moon booked</li> <li>• Managing pain in primary care Pick up on Olly Hart's work in Sheffield on implementing low back pain guidelines online for GPs</li> <li>• Creating simple learning resources via Web</li> </ul>	<b>AT</b> to discuss possibility with OH

	<p>Carl Luke, learning technologist, suggested speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education – learning &amp; teaching strategies ( 1hr maximum)</li> </ul> <p>Initial thoughts discussed  PW – raised some potential dilemmas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- primary care vs academe vs secondary care</li> <li>- learning and teaching styles</li> <li>- facilitating small group work</li> <li>- reaching primary care teams</li> <li>- focus on educational methods</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation and communication skills in UG training. DVD/Video with potential to develop further (Peter McKenzie). Virtual pain environment (Grunenthal).</li> </ul>	<p><b>AT</b> to discuss with CL</p> <p>No action came from this</p> <p><b>EC</b> explore with PMcK  <b>MS</b> explore with Grunenthal</p>
4	<p><b>Update UK Survey (communication strategy NAPP doc, proposal for a publication BMJ)</b></p> <p>Linking with Rachel Cummings (Policy &amp; Health Adv. Org. NAPP) and communication strategy for launch in September or October '09.</p> <p>Engage early with stakeholders  BMJ date of launch  Clive and Rachel ? paper into EFIC</p> <p>Arrange web symposium for next year's ASM</p> <p>Did we discuss about the need to put a 'Publication Proposal' to the Communications Committee? (EC)</p>	<p><b>MW, EC and EB</b> think about strategies</p> <p><b>EB</b> – strategy for BMJ and 4 dates review</p>
5	<p><b>Feedback from 'All Parliamentary Group in Chronic Pain'</b></p> <p>EB and MW attended – please check for accuracy!</p> <p>Launch to raise awareness among parliamentarians.  Impressive gathering that included mention of the Pain Education Survey.  Benjamin Ellis (CMO office) speaker – CMO's Report included some of the following:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of specialists in pain medicine</li> <li>• Lack of pain monitoring by GPs</li> <li>• Better access to pain clinics</li> <li>• Improved pain education</li> <li>• From a patient group: need for better PG training of pain specialists</li> <li>• Next steps? – not outlined, other than mention of a Lead Clinician (Scotland) for Pain - Peter McKenzie)</li> </ul>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The BPS CMO taskforce update</b></p> <p>Paul Watson leading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential leads from EB's and MW's attendance at the parliamentary group meeting and pass these onto Paul Watson</li> <li>• Priority of education? 1<sup>st</sup> on CMO list of recommendations</li> <li>• Where are the Skills gaps? Extent of problem</li> </ul>	<p><b>EC</b> to follow up with Paul Watson and BPS CMO taskforce</p> <p><b>EB</b> to follow up Baroness Thornton</p> <p><b>AT</b> to follow up Baroness Llandough</p> <p><b>ALL</b> – to follow up potential for skills gaps in own areas</p>
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW BPS document</b></p> <p>From EC: Nick Allcock's proposal for a lead working party group for competencies for pain services in primary care and link with Gpsi document. Joan leading this working party? Nick happy to co-ordinate a paper to Council</p> <p>Discussion included the development of this document which is at a stage of incorporating all healthcare practitioners working in primary care. Pain services boundaries can be blurred and group queried the feasibility of 1 document fitting all.</p> <p>PW provided political background to this initiative and group discussed levels of pain management competency with high outcomes relevant to all disciplines, e.g. GP, Physio, Psychologist and improving knowledge of approaches in chronic pain.</p>	<p><b>EC</b> will feedback to Nick Allcock</p>

8	<b>Any other business</b> MS raised that the American Pain Society were just forming an education SIG	
	<b>Next meeting: Thursday 25 June</b> <b>Telephone conference 5-6pm</b>	