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**Minutes of the Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse (APoSM) Enhanced
Harm Reduction Centres (EHRCs) Sub-Group Meeting
Wednesday 10th November 2017 (14:00– 16.00pm)
Tregaron Room, Cathays Park, Cardiff**

Attendees

Members

Dr Julia Lewis (JL) (Acting Chair for this meeting)
Professor Simon Moore (SM)
Dr Tom May (TM)

Observer

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Secretariat

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Apologies

Members

Andrew Wilson (AW)
Professor Katy Holloway (KH)
Richard Ives (RI)

Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

1. JL welcomed members to the meeting and noted apologies. It was advised that there was no formal agenda for this meeting and the purpose was to discuss the 'Executive Summary' for the report and also agree possible recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services.
2. REDACTED advised members that WG staff are receiving a number of correspondence queries from other Ministers and also the wider public in relation to EHRCs and reiterated that it is vital that there is a report submitted to the Cabinet Secretary in December 2017.

Needs Data (Wales) to Support EHRC Report

3. The panel discussed the needs analysis completed by Rob Barker in October 2017. SM raised concerns over the evaluations undertaken outside of the UK and how we are comparing that to areas of Wales, taking into the difference in population.
4. The panel discussed the findings from the Survey and it was agreed that the survey of 28 questionnaires was not enough robust evidence to input in to the report and make recommendations to the Cab Sec on behalf of Wales. There is additional work to be undertaken to explore more issues around what could work for Wales.

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5. SM raised concerns in relation to the EHRC Steering Group and explained that there are conflicts of interest with some members who have recently joined the panel and are influencing the direction of the steering group. It was explained that the Cabinet Secretary would not accept a report that has conflicts of interest.
6. Due to timescales and the deadline fast approaching, it was agreed that the content of the report would be to explain the evidence from other countries and state the benefits it has brought to date, and make a recommendation to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services asking him to task the APoSM EHRC Sub-group with looking at evidence in more detail that specifically relating to Wales which will eliminate the concern of conflicts of interest.
7. JL explained that there is enough evidence available to input into the report for the Cabinet Secretary from the initial research Rob Barker undertook of America, and also Dr Tom May's paper 'review of the effectiveness of EHRCs'. It was suggested that the report reference Josie Smiths Drug Related Death report, the Naloxone report and also access data from the Harm Reduction Database to highlight the need and requirement for a feasibility study on Wales before making any further recommendations to the developments of EHRCs.
8. JL agreed to draft a narrative of the report and circulate to members early next week for comments (w/c 13/11/2017).

Action Point Summary

No	Action Point	Responsible individual/s
1	REDACTED to send Naloxone report to Julia	REDACTED
2	REDACTED to contact Gareth Morgan PHW for statistics and figures from Harm Reduction Database	REDACTED
3	JL to circulate draft of the report to members	Dr Julia Lewis