

NATIONAL JOINT REGISTRY STEERING COMMITTEE (NJRSC)
MINUTES

Meeting:	NJR Steering Committee		Date: Tuesday 24 th July 2012, 3 pm
Location:	Burroughs Room, Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE		
Members Present:	Laurel Powers-Freeling	LPF	Chair
	Prof Paul Gregg	PG	Vice Chair / Orthopaedic Surgeon
	Mick Borroff	MB	Orthopaedic Device Industry Representative
	Mary Cowern	MC	Patient Representative
	Prof Alex Macgregor	AM	Public Health & Epidemiology
	Martyn Porter	MPo	Orthopaedic Surgeon
	Sue Musson	SM	Patient Representative
	Carolyn Naisby	CNa	Practitioner with Special Interest in Orthopaedics
	Dean Sleigh	DS	Orthopaedic Device Industry Representative
	Keith Tucker	KT	Orthopaedic Surgeon
	Andrew Woodhead	AW	NHS Management Member
Attendees:	Richard Armstrong	RA	Programme Director, Northgate
	Rebecca Beaumont	RBe	NJR Communications Lead, Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)
	Robin Burgess	RBu	Chief Executive Officer, HQIP
	Dr Crina Cacou	CC	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
	Alex Henderson	AH	Committee Administrator, HQIP
	Peter Howard	PH	Chair, NJR Regional Clinical Co-ordinators' Network
	Robin Rice	RR	Welsh Government Representative
	Mike Robinson	MR	Research Officer (NJR), HQIP
	Peter Rottier	PR	Northgate
	Mike Swanson	MS	NJR Principal Consultant, Northgate
	Melissa Wright	MW	Development Officer (NJR), HQIP
	Elaine Young	EY	National Development Lead, HQIP
Apologies:	Ashley Blom	AB	Bristol
	Dr Jean-Jacques de Gorter	JG	Independent Healthcare Sector Representative
	Andy Smallwood	ASma	NHS Procurement Representative

REF	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies for Absence The meeting began at 3 pm following the NJR Structure and Governance Workshop held previously. Apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting held 17th April 2012 The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising It was noted that a report updating members on matters arising from the previous meeting had been previously circulated for information.</p>	
4.	<p>'Beyond Compliance' EY updated members on progress with the 'Beyond Compliance' initiative which was being led by the DH, MHRA and BOA. She reported that Northgate had been requested to produce a costed business case, as the data that would be used for this initiative would be captured as an extension to the NJR dataset/system. Options for funding this initiative, which would commence on a pilot basis, were still under consideration. Also membership of the Beyond Compliance assessment panel had not yet been agreed, but consideration was being given to extending the role of ODEP for this purpose. A further meeting to consider these issues was to be held on the 8th August 2012.</p> <p>Agreed that: The NJRSC were supportive of facilitating Beyond Compliance but requested that they be kept updated about funding and operational arrangements.</p>	KT
5.	<p>NJR Economic Model LPF reported that a teleconference had been held on 1st June 2012, between NJR, HQIP and Industry representatives, for an initial discussion about an alternative NJR economic model to include manufacturer financial contributions. A further meeting was being arranged and the NJRSC would be kept updated.</p>	LPF
6.	<p>Incorporation of Elbow and Shoulder Joints – Undertaking Shoulder PROMs It was noted that the British Elbow & Shoulder Society (BESS) had agreed in principle to contribute to the costs associated with developing the Shoulder PROMs pilot for a three year period (a decision to continue the pilot would be made after two years). The annual levy for shoulder replacements was estimated at £60,000 to £70,000.</p> <p>However an additional cost of £800 had recently been highlighted by ISIS Innovation, owned by the University of Oxford, for the use of the Oxford Shoulder score in the private and independent sector (where approximately 400 shoulder replacements were performed), which would incur a £2 cost per returned questionnaire. It was agreed that this should be explored further.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Shoulder PROMs would only be effective if there was full compliance by surgeons, and it was suggested that a research project into this area would be useful.</p> <p>It was agreed that during the on-going discussions into these matters, Northgate would continue with their work on this project.</p> <p>Agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LPF would write to ISIS regarding their proposed charge. • The Research Sub Committee would monitor the progress of the initial two-year shoulder PROMs pilot study, ensure projects linked to NJR data followed standard data access and reporting protocols, and would coordinate with those requiring access to the data. Depending on the results, a decision would then be taken about extending the pilot study for a further year. • LPF would write to Andy Carr, BESS President, to outline the Shoulder PROMs costs and what the contribution the NJR would expect from BESS. 	<p>LPF/HQIP AM/MR</p> <p>LPF/HQIP</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p>NJR Research Fellows Referring to previous NJRSC support for two NJR Research Fellows to be appointed through a fellowship scheme, AM reported that provisional agreement with Arthritis Research UK was not to be pursued as their appointment timescale of Autumn 2013 could not be altered. An alternative option was collaboration with The Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) whose fellowship scheme was equally prestigious, and offered flexibility on the timing of the appointments. It was noted however that the RCS fellowships were only available to surgeons and the NJRSC had previously agreed that they should be available to other related professional groups. It was accepted that other disciplines could be invited to apply for future fellowships but that the opportunity to recruit through the RCS should be pursued.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To liaise with the RCS about the appointment of two NJR research fellows to be appointed for a two year period [to be reviewed after one year]. • That non-surgical fellowship would be explored for future consideration of appointing one surgical fellowship and one open fellowship. 	<p>AM/HQIP AM</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>International Collaboration – Unique Device Identifier (UDI) KT reported that the International Consortium of Orthopaedic Registries (ICOR) had met in May, where the introduction of UDI’s was discussed. It was noted that regulations were being established for medical devices distributed in the United States to carry a UDI (a unique numeric/alphanumeric code, specific to a device model which would include serial number and expiration date). ICOR had convened a working group to consider this, which included Stephen Graves (SG), Director of the National Joint Replacement Registry in Australia.</p> <p>Although it had not been confirmed whether the NJR component database would link with the UDI system, one of the companies on the NJR database did already use GS1 bar-coding. In order to compare the NJR database to the Australian Registry’s database and the ICOR database, two options were considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the NJR database could be sent to Stephen Graves; or 2. The NJR could receive the databases and conduct the comparison. <p>The NJRSC supported Option 2.</p> <p>LPF felt that before committing the NJR to this area of work, DH approval should be sought, although KT’s request that a meeting be organised in September with SG and Roger Lamb (RL), Health Manager at GS1 UK, was supported.</p> <p>Agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NJRSC were supportive in principle of the UDI proposal, although further understanding was required. • KT would suggest to SG that the databases should be sent to the NJR for comparison. • Further discussions would be held following the outcome of the data comparison to agree next steps. • KT would liaise with SG/RL regarding a meeting. 	<p>KT LPF/HQIP KT</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
	<p>9.1. NJR 9th Annual Report Agreed by the NJRSC to formally approve the 9th NJR Annual Report.</p> <p>9.2. General Practice Research Database (GPRD) Study with NJR data Discussions were still underway regarding a planned study using NJR data linked to the GPRD.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Next meeting Tuesday 24th October, 10.30 am – 4 pm.</p>	