

QUARTERLY MEETING 1st March 2018

The UKOA held its first quarterly meeting of 2018 on 1st March, with around 30 members and stakeholders attending a smaller than usual number due to the difficult travelling conditions. We would like to especially thank all our speakers and delegates who battled through the snow to be there - your presence was very much appreciated!

The agenda was varied and included a number of presentations from UKOA members setting out their own areas of good practice, these presentations were very well received and generated lots of questions from other members and a number of follow up actions identified.

Special thanks to John Ashcroft, the new CEO for MREH & UDHM for opening the meeting and for his wholehearted support of the Alliance.

UKOA progress update: We heard from Melanie Hingorani, Allison Beal and Gill Salter about progress of the Alliance, including the establishment of a number of working groups, our collaboration with RNIB and IGA in developing standards, the development of a UKOA website (soon to be launched) as well as the plan for growth of the membership - through invitation of a further 20 organisations to join the Alliance and lots of other activity.

GIRFT ophthalmology: We also heard from Carrie MacEwen, Alison Davis and Lydia Chang who provided the latest updates on the review and recommendations from their final report. We held some initial group discussions about how to take forward the practicalities of the GIRFT implementation phase. However these were limited by the need to finish the meeting early for people to travel through the snow and a reduced number of attendees. It is crucial for providers to have input into how the implementation will occur and we will therefore set up some web conferences to have these discussions.

NHS Right Care: Matthew Cripps, National Director – NHS RightCare shared an overview of the role and purpose of the initiative, giving an insight into the right approach to improving our performance, service and outcomes to achieve best practice and patient satisfaction. This national initiative is now the main way in which CCGs and STPs or equivalent obtain funding and support for transformation of services. The lack of a right care ophthalmology pathway underlies why some providers have struggled to get commissioners to prioritise looking at transforming regional ophthalmic care. Right Care have just started work with ophthalmic stakeholders to begin this process and the UKOA will continue to provide ophthalmic input along with other eye care stakeholders.

Ophthalmology procurement: Kath Ibbotson, Clinical Procurement Director - North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative shared with us the work being undertaken with Alliance members' to improve procurement practices and find efficiencies. A workshop was conducted

with members reviewing various ophthalmology packs including their own packs to look to develop 'generic' packs to streamline procurement where possible – more to follow on this with invitations to join a working group to agree intravitreal pack contents.

Glaucoma: Allison Beal presented an updated provided by Karen Osborne (IGA) about existing materials which could be included in a joint glaucoma support package and patient standards. Sarah Thomas from Moorfields then provided a complimentary update on their 'Know Your Drops' initiative which is in pilot and receiving excellent patient feedback.

Finally, Melanie concluded the meeting and announced that we are looking to set up a UKOA Board who can join the existing team to contribute to its development. Anyone interested in this should contact us by email on uk.oa@nhs.net or contact Melanie or Allison Beal directly to discuss this further.

The next meeting of the Alliance is on the 13th June in London and invites have already been sent to all members – please can you accept or decline the invite if you haven't already done so. If you haven't received an invitation and wish to attend please email to let us know.

Also please send us the email addresses of any colleagues in your organisation who would like to be involved and to receive our event and email updates so we can add them to our distribution list.

We were very proud to share the abundance of great work already achieved in such a short time by our member organisations and look forward to seeing you at future events.

Actions from the meeting

- ✓ Set up GIRFT webinars to discuss implementation with the wider membership
- ✓ UKOA website launch – member access to be emailed once available
- ✓ Procurement – further session to develop ideal IVI pack to be arranged
- ✓ Glaucoma – follow up with members to set up a working group to develop standards
- ✓ UKOA Board – anyone interested in joining to contact us.

Dates for your diary

2018 Quarterly Meetings

- Wednesday 13th June – Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ
- Thursday 20th September – Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ
- Thursday 6th December – Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

Sharing Best Practice

- Wednesday 4th April - Friends House, 173 Euston Road. London NW1 2BJ

Coding Workshop

- Wednesday 9th May – Venue to be confirmed.