

BRUNEL PARTNERS ACADEMIC CENTRE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES DIRECTORS REPORT

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Paper Summary:	Directors report on progress for Jul-Sept 22

Progress over last period

This status report updates on activities across the partnership with the following progress made:

Strategy and Governance

I. Governance

- a. MoU refresh underway, to be discussed at next Execs meeting
- b. Discussions underway with North West London ICS. Brunel already aligned and engaged with Workforce Academy. Closer links in research and innovation to be developed.

II. Recruitment

- a. Innovation post recruitment – Thanks to additional funding secured through the university, we have been able to make two appointments to the Innovation role. These appointments bring skills to the partnership across the whole of the innovation spectrum, from design through prototype to commercialisation. Each of the two positions will be working 0.4 FTE.
- b. Development of JD for workforce replacement being developed. Post will be part time. The post will be focussed on developing opportunities for additional employment routes into the NHS, and skills improvement for workforce, including a regular CPD programme.

Workstream – Education and Employability

- a. Health recruitment fair being held at Brunel on 9th July. All partners represented with a stand at the event.
- b. North West London Health Academy launch event and careers festival taking place on 16th July. This will include NHS organisations in NWL and Training providers to showcase opportunities available as part of the academy. MH supporting.
- c. JR continues to input into the NWL ICS Academy Steering group, helping to shape the direction of the Academy and ensure that partners are able to benefit from the academy developments.
- d. NA apprenticeships – 33 apprentices shortlisted to start in September 2022, pending final checks.
- e. Cardiac Physiology – BUL continues to progress development of a course for Cardiac Physiology. Discussions now underway with the accrediting body and NHS trusts to begin to shape a course

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- f. CPD opportunities being developed. After surveying partners, 6 areas of interest have been identified: Staff Wellbeing, Mental Health, Diabetes, Stroke, Neurology and Primary Care. Work has begun with relevant clinical and academic experts to work up programmes.
- g. MH Assisting THH to deliver the next Stroke forum planned for 21st September 2022.
- h. MH supporting CNWL to organise the 2022 annual Therapies Conference. CK invited as keynote speaker to celebrate research and joint working across the partnership.
- i. Supported the Stroke Forum to take place in September with THH, which brought together patients, clinicians and families to understand the experience of stroke survivors and share new research and treatments

Workstream – Research

- I. Provide NHS staff with access to university-based people who can support research, development and change in practice**
 - a. CNWL Mental Health VR project - £15k allocated to FRED to carry out work on this in collaboration with Brunel. Project is in the planning phase and the group is engaging with different VR providers. CK invited specialist OT from Brunel (Dr Andrew Sui) to join the team as has mental health experience and is also an experienced researcher.
 - b. Second VR project with CNWL/FRED/BUL in development (renamed HardWear). This will run alongside the Mental Health project with another £15k funding secured. Exploring alternative options for VR equipment as previous headset could be claustrophobic for some.
 - c. CK met with Prof Chris Nester last week about being Chair of a grant panel (Great Foundations - funds all matters related to Foot Health) hosted by CNWL. To be further discussed with a decision June/July as to the best way forward. CK awaiting update.
 - d. CNWL research network continuing successfully – 1st meeting with over 30 people in attendance. CK met this month with professional heads to review the group. Overwhelming support to continue. Terms of Reference have been developed.
 - e. New joint research project with CNWL, this time with staff well-being and the occupational health department awarded 15k in funding. Report written (full paper for publication in progress). NHS England XR have requested a report.
 - f. Continuing with journal club with Neuro team at THH
 - g. Linking in physio service lead for home O2 services with Claire Nolan (Brunel) and Will Mann (Harefield) to develop local links and research.
 - h. Continuing with data sharing and data protection workstream, very helpful meeting had with RBHH with an action plan. Circulated to all partners and awaiting feedback.
 - i. Work has begun to look at the feasibility of undertaking some scoping work to provide a baseline of research interest/activity before revamping the research and innovation strategy. Extended secondment with THH physio staff member for one day a week to help deliver this project.
 - j. CK is a supervisor for a PhD student in the Arts Therapy faculty. Project is focusing on stroke survivors and project design is progressing well with THH. This has also helped to build stronger links with CNWL Art Therapy department.

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II. Enable staff to access to training and development opportunities

- a. An application was successful for project seed funding of circa 6K. Thank you to colleagues from THH and NWL for supporting the bid. This has been used to support a THH physio staff member to continue a secondment at Brunel for a further day per week. They will be learning systematic review methodology which is an excellent skill to take back to the NHS.
- b. £6000 funding secured to extend Victoria Stewart secondment from THH to help with evaluation of THH research survey.
- c. One year licence for Covidence programme purchased by BPACHS to support the undertaking of systematic reviews.

Workstream – Innovation

I. Design4Health

- a. The Pharmacy Trolley project is now complete, write up being published.

II. Innovation links

- a. 12k funding secured for RBH to continue work on the “Ortus” innovation project. This project aims to improve safety, patient satisfaction and organisational performance in relation to patients on waiting list for elective cardiac surgery through the use of a monitoring app (Ortus).