

**Covid19 Moral and Ethical Advisory Group Wales
Thursday 30th July 2020 16:00-17:30**

Via Skype.

Action	Responsible
Chair to contact Alison Parken to thank her for the support provided to the group.	Heather Payne
Any further comments to be sent to Marc Davies on care settings	All
Any further comment to be sent to Dr Harley on the risk assessment tool	All
Group to provide feedback and reflections on CMEAG by 6 August to Holly/Kevin	All

Attendees

Heather Payne (Chair), Aled Roberts, Aled Edwards, Helena Herklots, Emma Bennett, Martin Jones, Lisa Gerson, Idris Baker, Rocio Cifuentes, Marc Davies, Viv Harpwood, Martyn Jones, Holly Williams.

Guest speakers

Dr Natasha Harley

Meeting note

No	Topic
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Apologies & Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chair made introductions and noted apologies. Apologies received from Chanal Patel, Baroness Finlay, Shavanah Taj, Sean O'Neill.</p> <p>Heather advised the group will meet via Teams Meeting going forward.</p>
2.	<p><u>Previous minutes</u></p> <p>Minutes agreed subject to members have any further edits to send them to Holly.</p> <p><u>Actions</u></p> <p>All agreed and completed</p> <p><u>Emerging from lockdown paper and Ethical prioritisation paper</u></p> <p>Chair advised the above papers were circulated to the group ahead of the meeting for group members records – the reports will be published on the website and have gone in to the planning process for colleagues planning the return to normal.</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>CMEAG and care setting risk assessments during recovery</u></p> <p>Dr Marc Davies (group member and Public Health Registrar) presented to the meeting to seek advice and an opinion on an issue that is emerging locally in public health around balancing the risks and rights of the individual versus risks to the population (public health risks), particularly in the context of opening up care homes to visitors and activities. Marc advised he felt the debate to date is focussed around legislation with a lack of exploration of the moral and ethical dimensions. Marc asked for the groups thoughts, opinions and also whether there are any tools already available to help take this work forward.</p> <p>Heather asked for the groups thoughts and advised this would be circulated to whole group for members who were not available at the meeting to feed in.</p> <p>The group provided feedback;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous experience has been evaluating the risks of doing the issue and not evaluating the risks of not doing the issue – consideration needs to be around the moral risks of not doing the issue - There has been a push on providing guidance on safe visiting inside care homes – the WG working group along with CIW are looking in to this – guidance has been provided for visiting outside of care homes https://gov.wales/visits-care-homes-guidance-providers-html - Need to consider Human rights and look at the risks of breaching older peoples human rights - Faith sector are feeling uncomfortable that they have yet to receive security on the guidance being provided - Welsh Language needs to be taken in to consideration – concerns around what plans are in place to ensure communication needs are being met - Need to consider the health outcomes if people are not able to have the usual family members there and how this is impacting their health needs - Extensive documentation is available around how to undertake human rights risk assessments <p>Marc thanked the group for their feedback and advised he has taken note of the points raised which highlights members all have similar views. Marc agreed to reflect on the comments received and provide a paper for the next meeting for next steps.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Workforce risk assessment tool - presentation and discussion - Dr Harley</u></p> <p>Chair invited Dr Harley to attend the meeting to provide an update on the Wales workforce risk assessment tool (WWRAT). This came from the First Minister's advisory group on the differential and worse outcomes for BAME communities from Covid. The WWRAT was set up to help people evaluate their own health risks of Covid to ensure the correct workforce adjustments are in place.</p> <p>Dr Harley was tasked with evaluating the tool ensuring it is being used and is doing what it was set up to do. Dr Harley advised she has been involved in making recommendations to improve the tool with any changing advice. A number</p>

	<p>of ways have been identified for implementation to be improved. Feedback has been collected from people who have used the tool, findings themed and collated. The feedback received to date is generally positive and people are glad to have a tool to refer to and make decisions around their own risks. A suggestion has been given around nominating diversity champions or leaders as a point of reference for further advice. The biggest change the group are looking at is to incorporate those who are currently shielding.</p> <p>The group provided Dr Harley with positive feedback. Comments were provided around people assuming the tool is only for BAME and it is unclear how much practical support is provided once people have accessed the tool and are identified as high risk.</p> <p>Chair asked the group for their comments and feedback around suggestions on what they feel can be the next steps. Chair thanked Dr Harley for an excellent report and presentation.</p>
5.	<p><u>Review of Wales CMEAG ToR and reflections on future direction</u></p> <p>Chair reminded members that when the group was first set up it was agreed that an evaluation of the group's outcomes and value would be needed to look back at what's been achieved and what the future should be. Chair asked group members to send their reflections on how they feel the group has gone to date – achievements, strengths, weaknesses and suggestions for the future.</p> <p>Chair asked for all comments to be sent back within a week to herself and Holly for discussion at the next meeting.</p>
6.	<p><u>AOB</u> There was no other business.</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u> In two weeks as planned (13th Aug).</p>