

**Covid19 Moral and Ethical Advisory Group Wales
Thursday 10th September 2020 16:00-17:30**

Via Skype.

Action	Responsible
Members to provide comments on the priorities of CMEAG for the coming months.	All
Alison to pull together draft paper around digital inclusion for discussion at the next meeting.	Alison

Attendees

Heather Payne (Chair), Aled Roberts, Aled Edwards, Carol Wardman, Kathy Riddick, Valerie Billingham, Patel, Martin Jones, Idris Baker, Martyn Jones, Alison Mawhinney, Helena Herklots, Holly Williams.

Meeting note

No	Topic
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Apologies & Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chair made introductions and noted apologies. Apologies received from Sean O'Neill, Viv Harpwood, Ilora Finlay, Liz Davies, Alison Parken, Uzo Iwobi, Emma Bennett and Joe Powell.</p>
2.	<p><u>Previous minutes</u></p> <p>Heather asked if group members had any comments/amendments on the note of the last meeting to send them to Holly as soon as possible. The notes will then be published.</p> <p><u>Actions</u></p> <p>All agreed and completed</p>
3.	<p><u>Review CMEAG TOR and reflection on future direction</u></p> <p>Heather advised the TOR included a section on the need to review the function and value of CMEAG and discuss what the medium to long term plan will be moving forward. Heather also highlighted the need to have everything in place and be ready to respond to any second peak of the virus which was included within the TOR.</p> <p>Heather asked for the groups thoughts on what areas should be prioritised over the coming months. The group discussed topics such as cancer, general support for older people, clear guidance on hospital appointments and treatment if local</p>

	<p>lockdowns are in place, residential care home visits and messaging on quarantine/self-isolation and entitlement to statutory sick pay.</p> <p>Heather thanked the group for their thoughts and asked if they had any further suggestions to contact Holly as soon as possible – these will then be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Developing Clinical Ethical support for healthcare decision making in Covid-19 Response and Recovery in NHS Wales</u></p> <p>Heather thanked the group for their contribution on suggested priorities and asked for further thoughts on how the group can influence and introduce changes on the ground. Heather advised as well as producing papers and feeding in to policy how do we embed these principles using local action to make sure each health board has a functioning ethical committee. Heather advised she has discussed the ideas which have previously been suggested within the meetings with medical directors and directors of nursing who have been fully supportive and content with the idea.</p> <p>Heather suggested we bring members together from existing ethical committees so we have an understanding of what each health board has in place. The group suggested a number of existing committees which all have members who will be able to provide expertise such as the equalities exchange WLGA and the centre for equality and human rights. Heather asked if group members all agree with the paper which has been pulled together we can begin to look in to arranging a group meeting.</p> <p>Heather asked for comments on the proforma which has been pulled together to be sent to Holly within the next week. The proforma has been created as an enabler for anyone who is facing an ethical issue to keep a record.</p>
5.	<p><u>Leave no-one behind</u></p> <p>Helena provided an overview on the ‘Leave no-one behind’ report which was prepared following engagement sessions with older people. The report sets out urgent short-term actions which need to be in place as soon as possible. Helena advised Margaret’s story at the beginning of the report brought together lots of older people’s experiences and the flow through the report is older people’s rights and the need for them to be better protected.</p> <p>Helena advised older people’s rights are the core of this work and how they have been ignored over recent months has been a big concern. The report lists a number of urgent actions to ensure their rights are reinstated.</p> <p>Helena spoke about the recent lockdown within Caerphilly and the messaging sent out regarding care home visiting being suspended. Helena advised this is not the case and visiting should go ahead in exceptional circumstances. There have also been a number of concerns around older people not having the confidence in accessing health services and mental health in older people has deteriorated significantly.</p>

	<p>Helena advised the office is doing work with organisations around how to reduce domestic abuse amongst older people as abuse is not recorded over the age of 74 and older people are reluctant to seek help and support.</p> <p>The group discussed in detail that currently 41% of people over the age of 75 are not online and are not confident to use the internet and with the internet being key over the pandemic for a variety of reasons such as videoconferencing and appointments the group agreed looking in to how to support older people accessing the internet is a key priority which needs to be taken forward. Alison agreed to look in to how the group can frame the digital work and how it can be taken forward – Alison will pull together a paper for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Heather thanked Helena for bringing the report to the meeting and asked whether there was anything CMEAG could do to highlight the report. Helena asked members to share the report with all networks and colleagues.</p> <p>The group also agreed the need to keep an eye on care homes and how we can add value. Heather thanked the group for their comments and contribution and agreed to add digital to the priorities – Heather advised this will also cover children.</p>
6.	<p><u>AOB</u> Heather advised the priorities agreed at the meeting today would be circulated to the group for thoughts from those who were unable to attend today’s meeting. Heather asked for the group to send any further thoughts to Holly for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u> In two weeks as planned (24th September).</p>