



ECMC network meeting

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 10.30am-5.30pm

Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, 45 Prescott Street, London, E1 8GP

Agenda

09.30 – 10.30	Registration and Refreshments
10.30 – 12.40	Morning Plenary Session Chair: Dr Catherine Elliott, Cancer Research UK
10.35 – 10.45	ECMC network: aims & achievements Dr Sheona Scales, ECMC Programme Office
10.45 – 11.00	The role of the ECMC network in the UK clinical trials landscape Lord James O'Shaughnessy
11.00 – 11.20	Trial case study: Inobrodib trial Karen Clegg, CellCentric
11.20 – 12.15	Panel Discussion- innovation in clinical trial delivery Chair: Lord O'Shaughnessy. Panel members: Elspeth Banks, Patient representative; Professor Sarah Blagden, Oxford ECMC; Sir Martin Landray, Oxford University & Angela Topping, UK R&D
12.15 – 12.35	Trial case study: DETERMINE Dr Natalie Cook, Manchester ECMC & Ravindhi Murphy, Cancer Research UK
12.35 – 12.40	Close of morning session & intro to afternoon sessions
12.40 – 14.00	Networking Lunch (including poster session)
14.00 – 15.30	Afternoon Parallel Sessions
14.00 – 15.30	Session 1: Translational research: network approaches to sample collection, resource sharing and data integration
14.00 – 15.30	Session 2: Working Together: Optimising National Systems to Accelerate Study Set Up Across the ECMC Network
14.00 – 15.30	Session 3: Finding innovative ways to improve clinical research capacity
15.30 – 15.50	Refreshment break
15.50 – 16.30	Closing session: Increasing representation in clinical trials Dr Peter Hall, Barts ECMC; Dr Patricia Roxburgh, Glasgow ECMC; Mary Van Zyl, ICR ECMC and Dr Esther Moss, Leicester ECMC
16.30 – 17.30	Meeting close and drinks reception



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Parallel session 1

Translational research: network approaches to sample collection, resource sharing and data integration'

This session will consider network approaches to facilitating translational research and discuss the question 'Where can the network add most value?' The initial focus of the session will be on sample collection and data integration approaches to enable translational research

14:00 – 14:05	Introduction to session
14:05 – 14:20	Data integration and the Childhood Cancer Databank Darren Hargrave, GOSH/UCL ECMC
14:20 – 14:30	Oxford's Translational Data Platform Andrew Blake, Oxford ECMC
14:30 – 14:45	Target National Natalie Cook, Manchester ECMC
14:45 – 14:55	Facilitating Translational Research through Data Integration Liz Merrifield, Cardiff ECMC
14:55 – 15:30	Discussion: Challenges and opportunities for network facilitation of translational research via sample collection and data integration

Parallel session 2

Working together: Optimising national systems to accelerate study set-up across the ECMC network

This session will include an update on the ECMC project to improve the setup of early phase oncology trials across the network. The focus will be on how we can advance the interactive Costing Tool (iCT) and National Contract Value Review (NCVR)

14:00 – 14:05	Introduction to session Amanda Rees, Manchester ECMC
14:05 – 14:20	An ECMC project on improving the efficiency & set-up of early phase trials Sharan Sandhu, ECMC PO and Luke Brewer, WFC
14:20 – 14:40	Standardising the costing element of contracting for early phase trials Ali Austin, NHS England and Laura Bousfield, NIHR
14:40 – 15:00	A minimum costing standard and the current interactive Costing Tool (iCT) Chris Barron and Helen Porteous, Newcastle ECMC
15:00 – 15:25	Panel discussion: How can the ECMC network operate and shape the use of national tools like iCT and the NCVR process to effectively cost research whilst also accelerating study set-up?
15:25 – 15:30	Summary and close of session Amanda Rees, Manchester ECMC



Parallel session 3

Finding innovative ways to improve clinical research capacity

This session will look at the current clinical workforce pressures, hear examples of what sites are doing to address them and allow for discussion on other potential solutions. This session will be led by the Policy team at Cancer Research UK to help to translate what we know into policy asks. It will also inform what work the ECMC Programme Office could do in this area and how we should work with others.

14:00 – 14:15	Purpose of the session Sheona Scales, ECMC PO and Zoe Martin, Cancer Research UK
14:15 – 14:30	Defining the problem
14:30 – 14:50	How have sites addressed clinical research workforce pressures
14:50 – 15:25	Discussion: developing national policy solutions to overcome the workforce barriers out of sites' control
15:25 – 15:30	Summary and close of session



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Delegate List

Name	Job title	Organisation	Session choice
Abbie Fearon	Cancer Portfolio Lead	NIHR	Session 3
Adam Coleman	Senior Research Fellow	Southampton ECMC	Session 1
Adam Sharp	Hon. Consultant Medical Oncologist, Team Leader	ICR ECMC	Session 1
Adoracion Laiche	Deputy Lead Nurse	NIHR UCLH Clinical Research Facility	
Ajit Mukhopadhyay		Newcastle ECMC	Session 2
Alex Hammond	Business Development Manager	NIHR	Session 3
Alison Austin	Deputy Director of Research	NHS England	
Alkesh Patel	Medical Affairs Manager - Oncology Pipeline	Pfizer	Session 3
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Amy King	Operational Director	Leicester ECMC	Session 3
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Andrew Beggs	Deputy Director of Birmingham ECMC	Birmingham ECMC	Session 1
Andrew Blake	Strategic Data Platform Development Lead	Oxford ECMC	Session 1
Angela Topping	Head of Newcastle JRO	UK R&D	
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Darren Hargrave	Professor of Paediatric Neuro-oncology	GOSH/UCL ECMC	Session 3
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Morning plenary session speakers



Catherine Elliott, Cancer Research UK

Dr Catherine Elliott is Director of Research & Partnerships at Cancer Research UK, a post she took up in August 2021, leading on discovery, training and clinical research. Prior to this role, Catherine spent six years at the University of Edinburgh as College Registrar for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, overseeing strategic delivery across a College of 3,000 staff and income of c£300m pa.

Catherine is clinically qualified having completed clinical academic training, and is an Honorary Consultant Obstetrician, with a Masters in Medical Law and Ethics. After completion of her specialist training she worked at the Medical Research Council for ten years, in a range of posts including Director of Clinical Research Interests, Head of Neurosciences and Mental Health and policy lead for research regulation and governance.

Catherine's expertise is:

- Medical research funding;
- Clinical research environment;
- Medical research law, ethics and governance;
- University management.
- Antenatal care of high risk pregnancies



Sheona Scales, ECMC Programme Office

Sheona is Head of the ECMC Programme Office, the team that supports the ECMC Network in their network level activity to improve the early phase oncology clinical trial environment. Sheona received her PhD from Kings College London before working at the National Institute for Medical Research and the Francis Crick Institute, developing new tools to study human disorders. She joined the ECMC Programme Office in 2017 to work with the ECMC Paediatric network. Sheona then moved on to developing the CRUK's paediatric research strategy and associated work and has since enjoyed a stint as Head of Research for the Cancer Grand Challenge Initiative. Sheona moved back to the ECMC in February as Head of the Programme Office.



James O'Shaughnessy

James is one of the UK's leading policy advisors. He has operated at the highest levels of government, including as a Minister at the Department for Health & Social Care, as Director of the No.10 Policy Unit, and as an advisor to DHSC Ministers during the COVID-19 crisis. James is driven by the twin goals of bringing life-changing health innovations to patients and growing the UK's life science & healthtech industries. As Minister his responsibilities included implementing the Life Science Industrial Strategy, delivering a new pricing scheme with the pharmaceutical industry, chairing the National Genomics Board, and driving the digital transformation of the NHS. He was also responsible for preparing the health and social care sectors for Brexit and helping to design the post-Brexit regulatory regime.

In 2021 James became co-founder and Senior Partner of Newmarket Strategy, a consultancy dedicated to improving access to health innovation by providing strategic advice and technical support to the healthcare, life sciences and health tech sectors. At Newmarket, James provides senior counsel to multinationals, SMEs, investors, universities, hospitals and charities, with a particular focus on technology, digital and data. He is a Visiting Professor at the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College, where he chairs the Data, Health & Wealth programme, and a non-executive director of both Health Data Research UK and the Albion Development VCT plc. Outside of health, James chairs the Repairing our Social Fabric programme at the think tank Onward and has a keen interest in education reform.



Karen Clegg, CellCentric

Karen joined CellCentric in October 2017 where she is the Clinical Operations Director.

Karen gained her PhD in Biochemistry in 1999 at King's College London. Following clinical operational roles at Parexel International and Napp Pharmaceuticals, Karen joined AstraZeneca where she was Associate Director of Study Management and Global Clinical Trial Leader for a number of first time in man and early phase studies.

More recently Karen was the Clinical Operations Director at Kesios Therapeutics, a biotech company spun-out of Imperial College London focused on multiple myeloma, where she was responsible for all aspects of clinical planning and delivery.



Martin Landray, Oxford University

Sir Martin Landray is Professor of Medicine & Epidemiology in Oxford Population Health at the University of Oxford, and Chief Executive of Protas, a not-for-profit company focused on the design and delivery of highly efficient randomized trials of treatments for major public health conditions. He has over 20 years' experience of leading trials of treatments for cardiovascular and kidney disease. Since March 2020, he has co-led the RECOVERY trial, enrolling over 48,000 patients with COVID-19 and publishing definitive results for 10 treatments which have changed clinical practice worldwide. He leads the Good Clinical Trials Collaborative that is developing and promoting the implementation of better guidelines and regulations for randomized trials. He was a lead contributor to the G7 Clinical Trials Charter and the 100 Days Mission for Pandemic Preparedness. In June 2021, he was knighted for services to public health and science.



Angela Topping, UK R&D

Angela was appointed in 2020 an Executive Member of the NHS R&D Forum (Forum). The Forum connects, supports and represents those in R&D roles who are working to benefit patients and the public by enabling healthcare research and innovation to happen in the UK. The Forum strives to see improvement in health and care through inclusive impactful quality research that is rooted in health and care organisations and systems, enabled by an effective and valued R&D professional workforce. Working to advance practice, the Forum shares and develop resources, creates standards, supports colleagues, and provides a learning and development programme that includes conferences, training symposia, networking opportunities, events, and roundtable discussions. In her full-time role, Angela is Head of the Newcastle Joint Research Office, which is a team of professional colleagues, working across the academic/NHS interface, who support researchers in the design, development and implementation of clinical, translational and healthcare research. Angela is a Listening Volunteer and Outreach Officer for Samaritans, Volunteer Coach, final year MSc Coaching and Mentoring Student and an advocate for Systems Leadership and Working to tackle some of the wicked challenges we face around inequality. Angela loves nothing more than being outdoors, wither on her own or with others, to support her own health and wellbeing.



Elspeth Banks

Elspeth was a secondary school headteacher in Scotland. First diagnosed with Malignant Melanoma in 1996 followed by several recurrences, Elspeth herself lives with the long term consequences of cancer treatment and has been involved in cancer research since her retirement in 2011.

Her interests include membership of various research groups at the Glasgow CRUK Clinical Trials Unit where she chairs the Clinical Trials PPI Oversight Group. She was a member of NCRI'S former Psychosocial Oncology and Survivorship Clinical Studies Group and is now a consumer member on the Acute Care and Toxicities workstream and NCRI's Consumer Forum.

Elspeth is a co-applicant in respect of many clinical trials and is active in organizing and encouraging patient and public involvement in research activity. Her other interests include the ECMC Network Steering Committee and PPI Group, and Independent Cancer Patients' Voice, of which she is a Trustee.



Sarah Blagden, Oxford ECMC

Sarah Blagden is Professor of Experimental Cancer Therapeutics at Oxford University where she leads the Oxford ECMC and their cancer trials unit OCTO. Her interests are in Early Phase and Precision-Prevention trials. She runs a lab exploring the dysregulation of mRNA translation in tumorigenesis. She is a member of the CRUK Prevention and Population Research Committee and New Agents Committee and is a faculty member of JING.



Natalie Cook, Manchester ECMC

Dr Natalie Cook is a Senior Clinical Lecturer in Experimental Cancer Medicine at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust/Institute of Cancer Sciences, University of Manchester. She is also the clinical lead for Manchester Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre. She previously trained in Medical Oncology in Cambridge, UK, where she completed a PhD, funded by a CRUK Clinical Training fellowship. In 2012, she was awarded the Rothwell Jackson Postgraduate Travelling Fellowship and travelled to Canada to undertake a 2 year drug development research fellowship, based at the University of Toronto and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. In her current position she is co-investigator on a portfolio of over 60 early phase clinical trials and is a Chief/Principal Investigator on over 20 trials. She has research interests in precision medicine, GI cancers and carcinoma of unknown primary (CUP).



Ravindhi Murphy, Cancer Research UK

Dr Ravindhi Murphy is a medical advisor at the Centre for Drug Development (CDD), Cancer Research UK. She works on a number of early phase trials within the CDD portfolio including the DETERMINE trial. She has an interest in initiatives to support equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in clinical trials and is part of the EDI working group at CDD. She is a consultant medical oncologist based at Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust, specialising in colorectal cancers. She completed her clinical training at Imperial College, London and completed her PhD at the Institute of Cancer Research, London, funded by a Wellcome Trust Drug Discovery fellowship.