

# MINUTES

## BHRS Council – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 @ 10:00

Held via Zoom

**PRESIDENT:** Alistair Slade (AKBS)

**PRESIDENT ELECT/SECRETARY:** Eleri Gregory (EG)

**TREASURER:** Steve Murray (SM)

**DOCTOR REP:** Joseph De Bono (JDB), Paul Foley (PF), John Paisey (JP), Ross Hunter (RH)

**PHYSIOLOGIST REP:** Phil Durkin (PD), Chloe Howard (CH), Amy Dutton (AD)

**NURSE REP:** Catherine Laventure (CL), Bridgette Smith (BS), Anya Murray (AM)

**OTHER REPS:** Stuart Allen (SA) – Chair of BHRS Accreditation

Simon Holmes (SH) – MHRA

Francis Murgatroyd (FM) - BHRS Audit /NICOR

James Cranley (JC) – BJCA Rep

Derek Connelly (DC) – Scottish Representative

Dewi Thomas (DT) – Welsh Representative

**ADMIN:** Steve Sadler (SS), Pauline Heery (PH) – (TWeb)

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### 1. Apologies for absence [AKBS]

Mark Dayer, Ashley Nisbet, Cristiana Monteiro. Vivienne Ezzat.

### 2. Agree minutes of previous Council meeting [AKBS] *Already complete*

### 3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

#### a. GIRFT Cardiology Report (AKBS)

AKBS has drafted a statement ready for the BHRS website and will circulate this prior to the weekend for comments.

**ACTION:** AKBS – circulate statement for comments

#### b. Bullying survey (CM/VE)

No update.

#### c. Guidance for pregnant women in labour with ICDs

JDB reported that initial guidelines is ready.

#### d. Electronic cars

Little progress as unable to find the correct contact. It was decided having an industry rep on council would be beneficial to help with items such as this. AKBS to contact ABHI regarding gaining a rep.

**ACTION:**        **AKBS – contact ABHI regarding a potential rep for council**

**e.        Arrhythmia guidelines for NHS paramedics**

SM reported Prof Tom Quinn has been in touch as he is a member of the Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee and is looking for BHRS to assist with expert advice regarding the updating of arrhythmia guidelines for NHS paramedics. SM is due to meet as currently partaking in similar study. JDB agreed to attend and assist.

**f.        Management of FSNs**

A query had come in asking for guidance of FSN management due to the recent inundation of notices. EG reported a BHRS forum was opened as well as social media posts to discuss best practice. Little input was received but it was noted there was a real need for hospitals to have databases in place to identify affected patients promptly. It was decided a simple guidance document was needed which recommended investments made for this system if not already in place. EG to draft and circulate amongst the physiologist reps for comments.

**ACTION:**        **EG – compose simple guidance and forward to Physiologist reps**

SH asked if BHRS could assist with identifying possible methods for departments to rapidly report safety concerns with MHRA. There is potential for BHRS to host a direct link on the website and app. Informal chat to take place offline.

**ACTION:**        **SH/AKBS – discuss offline**

SH to look at a patient leaflet to help reduce anxiety to patients regarding FSN.

**ACTION:**        **SH – patient leaflet**

**g.        HRC & A-A**

The announcement was made at the AGM that the BHRS will be disengaging from HRC after 2022 to focus on BHRS led educational events. An explainer document has been prepared and circulated just prior to HRC.

## **4.        President's Report**

**a.        Radcliffe**

Several reps from Radcliffe attended and made a short presentation. Radcliffe are a specialist publisher and media company focusing exclusively on cardiovascular medicine. BHRS partnered with Radcliffe in 2018. Education is free to the end user. Funds are gained from engaging industry for support. Fees are waived for official BHRS publications. There is a 30% waiver for BHRS members for non-official BHRS papers.

Radcliffe are looking for BHRS to: submit any relevant guidelines and consensus statements, publicise the journal and related articles to membership and encourage submissions to the journal. Also looking for permission to tag council on social media and highlighted the partnership on the website, via newsletters, footers on emails etc.

BHRS to discuss offline. Calum to send presentation to Admin for circulation to council.

**ACTION: TWeb/ALL – circulate slides and discuss offline**

**b. PLG: Replacement for FDM**

Formal thanks was given to Francis Murgatroyd for many years of hard work as the National Audit Lead for Cardiac Rhythm Management. The process to appoint his successor has begun and interviews will take place in November.

**c. Financial Queries to A-A**

It was confirmed 2022 will be last year that BHRS will support HRC due to the time needed to support BHRS education events. SM to attempt a further engagement regarding historical funds.

**d. Positions Vacant**

As EG has been elected President-Elect the position of Secretary is now vacant. Expressions of interest and questions to be sent to EG.

**ACTION: ALL – expressions of interest for secretary**

Due to Jason Collinson coming end of term the admin team are looking for a social media and website advisor to assist with what external news should be shared with members.

**ACTION: ALL – volunteers to TWeb**

**5. Current External Groups with BHRS Representation**

**a. IQIPS Advisory Board**

EG reported IW has now come end of term with BHRS. He has been unable to attend external groups recently. IQIPS require a replacement.

**ACTION: ALL – expressions of interest to attend to be sent to EG**

**b. Academy of Healthcare Science**

Holly Daw has come end of term with BHRS so no report received. AKBS to touch based to see if rep needed.

**ACTION: AKBS – touch base with HD|**

**c. RCCP**

EG to reach out to Ian Wright to see if a BHRS rep is needed. AD explained this is potentially covered by her place on the Academy of Healthcare Science.

**ACTION: EG – contact IW to see if there is need for a replacement**

**d. Resuscitation Council UK**

JDB reported the council had recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of council. Council are particularly working through how to download public access to defibrillators and how this gets to A&E.

**e. Other documents**

AKBS reported the MRI CIED document is now out and a radiotherapy and pacing guideline currently in draft. This will be circulated to Council in due course.

## 6. Education Committee

John Paisey (JP) reported that the Education Committee have now met twice and comprises of a great team from all professions, across many locations and levels of seniorities. The committee are working towards several events.

The committee has decided to start with smaller events and build up to a flagship event in 2024. The first BHRS symposium will be held 28th March 2023 at the Royal College of Physicians and will be aimed at all three professions. Early autumn will see a more trainee focused event.

Education committee will be discussing with the accreditation committee regarding making this programme more physician led and to align the process with the new curriculum and making use of the existing EHRA and IBHRE evidence.

## 7. Training Update

### a. Curriculum

As above.

### b. BCS 2022

BHRS will continue to support sessions and work in partnership. AKBS and JP have feedback suggestions for improvement from the 2022 sessions and speaker invitation system.

## 8. Nursing Update

Welcome to our 2 new nurse reps who will organise a separate catch up session. SM said that the nurse bursary has been approved previously and if nurse reps can discuss how this would work and how much funds would be needed.

**ACTION: CL/BS/AM – arrange meet up, discuss bursaries**

## 9. Accreditation Update

SA reported the following update:

- Small Devices Exam review and composition meeting was held in York (13/14th Sept).
- Added a full syllabus function to the exam database ensuring exam is evenly distributed across syllabus
- Submitted November exam to Pearson Vue
- Training course released for £50 fee
- Complimentary webinar exam training session set for 14th October
- Currently looking at alternative ways to hold the exam

SA asked the nurses for ideas on how to reach more potential candidates for the clinical exam.

**ACTION: CL/BS/AM – ideas for clinical exam promotion**

SA asked TWeb to open up the exam training webinar to all BHRS members. Social media funding has also been granted to advertise the exam and membership.

**ACTION: TWeb – open webinar to all BHRS members and advertise, begin social media boosting**

## 10. NICOR/Audit Report

FM reported NICOR is being transferred to a new authority, away from HQIP, early next year. This change means that annual reports are likely to become shorter, but more regular, which will mean data will be required quicker. This should result in more relevant and live data.

FM reported he will stay in the domain expert group for a period of time to ensure continuity while his replacement is appointed.

The 2021/22 annual report is due to be submitted in March 2023. Validation reports will be out in the next couple of weeks. Hospitals are asked to check they are correct. Extraction of data will take place at the end of the year.

## 11. Research

RH reported that PL has had a big step forward on the CRAFT HF ablation trial in heart failure that BHF may fund. Zach Whinnett has had success for his left bundle pacing trial.

PL has arranged a small board to review studies for the multi-centre trial group. Another meeting is planned soon.

RH suggested BHRS consider a young research workers prize/award. RH to forward outline for consideration to JP and AKBS in first instance.

**ACTION: RH – outline for a young research award**

## 12. BJCA/Trainee Update

JC gave thanks to JP who allayed fears of trainees regarding the new syllabus in relation to GIM. JC struggled to contact EP trainees and would like ideas of how to contact them directly. TWeb to look at building a list. JC was also looking at surveying trainees on current issues and would be grateful for assistance on this to.

**ACTION: TWeb – look at EP trainee data.**

## 13. Admin Update

SS reported the following:

- 96 tickets dealt with (34 exam, 17 logbook, 24 membership, 21 general)
- 8 newsletters sent out
- 29 social media posts
- Organised and attended Devices exam review meeting in York (Sept 22)
- Submitted exam to Pearson Vue

- Education committee attendance
- Election and voting process
- Table top stand ready for HRC (banners, table cloth, pens, flyers etc) + virtual stand
- Continued membership tidy up

## 14. Website Update

Highlights since last meeting:

- Exam registration opened
- Exam training course released
- LIVE Exam training webinar booked for Oct 14th
- Elections successfully held via website
- 1 x ECG/EGM Challenge released
- Remote Monitoring Explainer video advertised
- Field Safety Notices Discussion Forum opened

## 15. BHRS App

SS reported that version 1 of the app has been built and tested with some minor changes it is good to go out. Feedback from everyone involved in testing has been very positive. Cost to date is around £12,000 +VAT. Any new members who wish to be added to the app group please email admin.

## 16. Treasurer's Report

Balance is very healthy at £229,582 after a sizeable donation. Outgoings due include payment for the BHRS App which is close to launch, Education Committee plans, an advertising budget and putting in place bursaries. Any ideas of spending of funds that will benefit members please send them to SM.

## 17. Secretaries Report

### a. Membership report

EG reported 49 new members since last meeting: 38 - Level 1 (£60), 11 - Level 2 (£40)

### b. Elections 2022

EG welcomed new council members. BHRS are now looking for a new Secretary to be appointed. EG will draft a description of the role and welcomes anyone wanting to ask questions.

**ACTION: EG/ALL – EG draft description, expressions of interest to EG.**

## 18. AOB

**a. Council**

TWeb to circulate council list and constitution to council to establish if a refresh is needed particularly around representation and time of tenure. AKBS to also look at pursuing a patient rep.

**ACTION:**        **TWeb – circulate council list and constitution**  
                         **AKBS – patient rep on council**

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

10am Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022