



## **Briefing from Council Meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2020**

The meeting was chaired by Dr Steve Boorman CBE and the following items discussed:

### **National Work and Health Strategic agenda**

It was reported that the Chair would be participating in a teleconference shortly to discuss occupational health data.

The Joint Work and Health Unit (WHU) planned to respond to the 'Health is everyone's business' consultation in April 2020. We continue to engage with PHE and the WHU. WHU and NHSI&E are taking forward quality standards of the wider OH market. There is also a data discovery project being taken forward by PHE.

### **Workplace health interventions and HMRC position update**

Council were reminded that this issue had been raised by ACPOHE (Mark Armour and Miles Atkinson) at an earlier meeting. It was noted that lobbying was taking place across WHU, and other organisations. It was noted that the chair had engaged with the John Lewis group, Working Well Coalition, and had attended a meeting. A letter will be sent to Treasury, signed by the chair on behalf of the Council.

### **Joint Council for Work and Health and BACP Mental Health project**

The Council was informed that a joint project with BACP on Mental Health had been set up. It would be a significant project and could generate some additional income for the Council.

The aim was to develop a model of supervision for mental first aiders. The BACP board had approved the project and they were now working with the

Council for Work and Health on this project. There would be two groups – a steering group and a practitioner group. The next stage would be:

- Council member to be identified to join the Steering Group
- CWH to inform Council members of developments
- Delphi style workshop to be arranged to test ideas and explore issues

### **Mental Health First Aid Sub-group**

Nicola Neath had been appointed to chair the sub-group and they had held their first meeting on 13 February 2020. It was noted that this was a huge and contentious area and the group would be working to identify the principles in the area, including terms, language and standards, identifying barriers and identifying who holds appropriate standards.

### **Marketing Sub-Group**

Council received a report from the chair of the Marketing sub-group. It was noted that the group had held two meetings since the last Council meeting in September 2019.

The sub-group is now mapping out the marketing needs against the strategic objectives in the business plan. More work is required to identify the different approaches required for each objective. Another important piece of work is to identify stakeholders and what power / influence and interest they have in the work of the Council.

It was noted that the sub-group chair was taking a brief career break and social media would need to be covered in her absence.

### **Governance Sub-Group**

Draft terms of reference (TOR) had been produced and reviewed by the Board. It was noted that this document cross referenced the 2013 constitution. The Board agreed that this was a very useful document to share with funders and it added an additional level of robustness, subject to minor revisions. The TOR, Ethics and Conflict of Interest appendices would be revised in the light of comments received and finalised at the May Board meeting. The documents would subsequently be submitted to the full Council for approval and adoption.

It was noted that feedback and assessment of Board members would now take place. This is scheduled to take place during March / April 2020 (prior to the AGM) and results would be shared at the AGM in May.

## **Health and Wellbeing @ Work Conference (10-11 March 2020)**

The chair informed Council that he would be chairing the Policy stream at the conference and asked all those who were speaking at this (or other events) to attach the Council logo to their title slide. It was noted that the Council would not have an exhibition stand this year, however it was hoped that other Council members would publicise the Council wherever possible.

### **Consultations:**

There were no new consultations

### **Website analytics**

The deputy chair gave a presentation showing the website traffic figures for the past year. The new website had been launched in December 2018 and the Talking Work Resource launched in March 2019. Both increased our website traffic for a period but this remained stable at 750 visits per month from around 660 users.

**The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 19 May 2020.**

**However, due to the Coronavirus situation this meeting has been cancelled.**

**It is hoped that the AGM, also scheduled for Tuesday 19 May 2020, may take place virtually.**