

Healthspan North – Nutrition Research Collaborative Discussion

Monday 25th April 2022, 4.00pm

(Zoom Meeting)

Meeting Notes and Actions

In Attendance:

Chair: Bernard Corfe (BC), Professor of Human Nutrition and Health, Newcastle University

Co-Chair: Dr Séamus O’Neill (SO’N), Chief Executive, Northern Health Science Alliance (NHSA)

Amelia Lake (AL), Professor of Public Health Nutrition, Teeside University

Ilaria Bellantuono (IB), Professor of Musculoskeletal Ageing, University of Sheffield

Jenny Paxman (JP), Senior Lecturer in Nutrition, Sheffield Hallam University

Liz Williams (LW), Senior Lecturer in Human Nutrition, University of Sheffield

Frances Hillier-Brown (FHB), Lecturer Public Health Nutrition, Health Nutrition Research Centre, Newcastle University

Paul Gately (PG), Professor of Exercise and Obesity, Leeds Beckett University

Mandy Dixon (MD), Head of Corporate Engagement, NHSA

Sarah Hill (SH), Project Support Officer, NHSA

Apologies:

Bernadette Moore (BM), Associate Professor of Obesity, University of Leeds

John McLaughlin (JM), Professor of Gastroenterology and Nutrition, University of Manchester

(Prof McLaughlin may join later in the meeting)

Ashley Adamson (AA), Professor of Public Health Nutrition, FUSE - Newcastle University

Charlotte Evans (CE), Associate Professor of Nutritional Epidemiology & Public Health Nutrition, University of Leeds

Meeting Notes

Nutrition North Zoom Meeting 25-04-2022
BC started the meeting and thanked everyone for coming
AL Introduced FUSE
SON Introduced the NHSA
BC described the excellence of nutrition and food science research across the North of England and how it maps onto most headline research areas.
<p>The group discussed the possibility of forming a partnership with institutions and industry across the North that would then be a position of strength to bid for government funding.</p> <p>AL commented that FUSE does not have a nutrition component and that a Nutrition Collaboration would be an excellent idea.</p>
BC summarized that Nutrition North would be a network for nutrition across the whole of the North that would showcase the nutrition community to industry; maintain the visibility of nutrition science as a component of all areas of health; a single point of contact for organisations wanting to do nutrition research; funding call ready.
<p>The first steps towards starting “Nutrition North” and how to sustain it were considered by the group including discussions on asset mapping, meeting industry needs and inviting more institutions and colleagues to take part.</p> <p>SON advised on the importance of industry partnerships for securing future government funding and suggested that as a focus for asset mapping.</p>
<p>The group agreed that the next steps for the partnership would be to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and contact further members 2. Map the existing multi-partite relationships and topic areas 3. Identify key industry partnerships 4. Have a second zoom meeting to include the wider nutrition community (May 2022) 5. Have a face to face meeting with all the confirmed partnership members (potentially to coincide with the Nutrition conference in Sheffield in July 2022)
BC concluded the meeting and thanked everybody for their involvement

Actions	Due	By
Email SH (sarah.hill@thenhsa.co.uk) with recommendations and contact details for further Nutrition North members	10-05-2022	ALL
Make enquiries about the “Northwest Research Consortium for Nutrition” – an existing nutrition network involving Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool Hope University, University of Chester and MMU	10-05-2022	JP
Design a database of interested individuals	May 2022	SH
Contact the database members and invite them to a second zoom meeting for the wider network to be held at the end of May (Date tbc) Request that all invitees include with their response some preliminary information on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Their current multi partner collaborations and relationships 2) Their industry connections 	May 2022	BC/SON/SH
Design a form that would collect this information in a simple way, to be distributed with the Zoom meeting invitations.	May 2022	BC/SH