**Minutes of a Business meeting of the SIG in Neurodevelopmental Psychiatry**

held on   
Monday 20th November 2017  
at the  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

**Present**

Prof. Adamou

Dr Akther

Dr Barclay

Dr. Barrett

Dr. Beeson

Dr Berney

Prof. Brugha

Dr Butler

Dr. Carpenter

Dr Chan

Dr Crocombe

Dr. Curran

Dr Daoud

Dr Daudjee

Dr C. Davidson

Dr I. Davidson

Dr De Silva S Baduge

Dr Ewart

Dr Fealey

Dr Gordon

Dr Hinder

Dr. Horne

Dr. Jones

Dr Kannabiran

Dr Kestelman

Dr. Kilshaw

Dr. Kirolous

Dr Kurinjinathan

Dr. Matthews

Dr. Mercer

Dr Mohamed Ahmed

Dr. Morgan

Dr. Mukherjee

Dr Owino

Dr Parsonage

Dr Patel

Dr Patil

Dr. Piggot

Dr. Ratnam

Dr. Rawstorne

Dr. Robinson

Dr Saha

Dr Sahni

Dr Selmes

Dr Shaker Naeeni

Dr. Sivagamasundari

Dr Sohota

Dr. Stansfield

Dr. Walker

Dr. Xenitidis

1. **The development of the SIG**

Dr Berney outlined the development of the SIG which had come out of a CPD group established by the Faculty of ID Psychiatry which was focused on Asperger Syndrome in adults. It had become clear that the neurodevelopmental field needed to be promoted and established within the college across the whole range of age and ability. The SIG had been established by the Council and, at the inaugural meeting on 17 February, had elected a Chair (Dr Berney) and a Finance Officer (Dr Carpenter). Today was the first of its formal conferences

* 1. The executive committee  
     Dr Tom Berney (Chairman), Dr Peter Carpenter ( Finance Officer), Prof Marios Adamou, Prof Philip Asherson, Prof Traolach Brugha, Dr Ian Davidson (Autism Champion), Dr Huw Dunstall (Trainee Representative).
  2. A coordinating group has been established for the Autism Champion Programme

Prof Traolach Brugha (Chair), Dr Tom Berney, Dr Peter Carpenter, Dr Ian Hall (CALC), Dr Ashok Roy, Mr Damian Milton (NAS), Mr Noel McKenna (Service User Group)

1. **Current activity**
   1. The Autism Champion: Dr. Ian Davidson had given an account of this in a presentation to today’s conference
   2. The SIG has its own pages on the College website (which includes the provision for online membership application) as well as a discussion forum based on Freedcamp.
   3. The College Interview Guide for the Diagnosis of Able Adults had been revised to bring it into line with DSM5. The accompanying on-line tutorial has also been revised with an extended range of video illustrations funded by the DH.
   4. The CPD group for Asperger Syndrome consists of about 40 members whose clinical/academic posts include a significant amount of work with that population. Started in 2008, it has quarterly meetings attended by about 10-20 people out of its membership of 44. Previously it fell under the aegis of the ID Faculty, but is now to lie within the SIG.
   5. Conferences.

Today’s conference has been successful and complements a similar conference held last week by the South West Division. The size of a conference has been determined by the College funding protocol which becomes substantially more expensive once it exceeds fifty attendees. It was proposed that bids should be made for the International Meeting in 2019 (the deadline for 2018 has passed) and that a meeting might be held in the North of England subject to an appropriate host being found.

* 1. The development of online CPD modules

Several modules are being developed across the College among which are the recognition of autistic adults and the management of coexistent conditions. The CPD online department would seem very open to suggestions and offers for developing modules in other areas of Neurodevelopmental psychiatry.

1. **Future developments for the SIG**
   1. Enlargement of Exec committee, the meeting supported the appointment of:

* Dr Adamou as Secretary
* Dr Helen Matthews (with Dr Raja Mukherjee supporting) as Academic Secretaries
* Dr Stephen Chan – Website lead
* Dr Prajakta Patil - Freedcamp lead
  1. Sponsorship at conferences

Today’s conference had been offered sponsorship by two pharmaceutical companies. This had had to be declined as there was insufficient space to accommodate them. However, this gave the opportunity to gather the opinion of the membership and the meeting accepted   
the use of sponsorship/grants by outside agencies provided it fitted in with college policy.

* 1. The formation of an ADHD(ID) CPD group

Drs Perera and McCarthy had proposed the development of an ADHD (ID) CPD group within the SIG. This was supported by the meeting and it was suggested they should liaise with Profs. Asherson and Mariou.

1. **AOB**

There was no other business.