**Transcultural Psychiatry Special Interest Group executive meeting 11th June 2020**

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Attendants:

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| ITEM | DISCUSSIONS | **ACTION** |
| **Introduction** | Everyone introduced themselves; then it was pointed out the TSIG conference was a success, despite early stages of COVID-19. |  |
| **Local academic events** | Organising local academic events (webinars) under the RCPsych/TSIG/local Trusts umbrellas, focused on culture and mental health. Ideally organised two or three events over the next 6 months.  People can choose dates and their preferred topics, as long as they are focused on culture and mental health. Presentations should not last more than 90 minutes.  Groups  London: Ayesha, Saadia  London: Donna, Emmeline and Sarwat;  NHFT/LPT: Shahid, Suraju, Bhanu, Fabida, Rahat.  Grimsby: Aamer Malik  Develop themes that cover issues from different faculties (eg Forensic with a Transcultural approach). We can invite other professionals to present at the webinars or the organising execs may present. | Set topics and potential dates  Shahid will find out how to set up the webinars (proposal form) |
| **Newsletter** | Newsletter from the past 18 months need to be updated. Requested all executive members to inform the team of any activities they have been involved in which they would like added into the newsletter. | Fabida agreed to formulate a newsletter. Shahid will forward the template to Fabida. |
| **TSIG videos** | Shahid praised everyone for their efforts to record the videos, and highlighted the many conversations these have produced. The videos were noticed and seen by various Trusts.  BBC Radio Leicester contacted Fabida for an interview to establish how we were able to collate videos in some languages by professionals.  Many have requested that more videos of a similar nature are made and uploaded in other languages. It was however agreed during the meeting that we would need to move on to other projects related to mental health and COVID19. It is highly likely that with the evolving scenario, we may need to record other videos with a different theme. We could incorporate other languages at that stage | Revisit at next meeting  Identify potential topics |
| **BAME related work. COVID 19 and MH** | It was agreed that as the college has taken a stance on this issue, whether the SIG should develop their own theme in relation to culture and mental health related to the contemporary challenges (racism, black lives matter etc).  We discussed developing a survey (with an academic approach) to assess the impact of COVID-19 on HCPs’ mental health/racism and discrimination, but to first check what the college is doing to avoid duplicate work (potentially liaise with Ananta Dave).  It was mentioned that the RCPsych’s workforce committee related to the impact of COVID19 on BAME HCPs might be dissolved. It was suggested and felt that it would be important to involve the TSIG in the next step. A suggestion was made to invite Adrian James (President Elect) to one of our meetings to discuss the role of TSIG  It was also mentioned that there are not many guidelines regarding management of patients (COVID19 related). Someone asked if BAME is the right term/word we should use, but still it was mentioned that COVID19 has highlighted differences in BAME communities.  It was agreed to widen the group and involve others from various cultural backgrounds. It would also be important to include professionals from the indigenous population.  AA mentioned the importance of developing a conceptual framework for the group, this will help with our goal of representing everyone. | Identify if the college is currently conducting surveys regarding COVID19 and mental health  Liaise with the next workforce committee.  Invite Adrian James to an executive meeting  Develop a conceptual framework |
| **SIG vs Faculty** | We discussed developing the SIG into a faculty.  We might have some financial challenges and other SIGs may also want a similar status. It was however discussed that the TSIG does overarch into many areas. There is also a large membership following of TSIG which may also support the discussion related to becoming a faculty.  It was discussed that TSIG could/should have representation in most faculties and special interest groups. | Develop a plan/proposal to transition from SIG into a faculty |
| **Date/time of next meeting: TBC**  **Venue: Wherever you have internet connection ☺** |  |  |