

Haemophilia Alliance

Membership

Co-chair from UKHCDO – Dr Jonathan Wilde, Director of the West Midlands Adult CCHC, University Hospital Birmingham

Co-chair from Haemophilia Society – Ms Liz Rizutto

UKHCDO representatives – Dr Pratima Chowdary, Royal Free Hospital, London, Dr Bella Madan, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, London, Dr Steve Austen, St Georges Hospital, London

UK Haemophilia Society – Mr Chris James, Mr Matt Gregory, Mr Dan Farthing, Mr Steve Wratten, Mr Mark Ward

The Haemophilia Nurses Association – CNS Colette McAfee, Belfast CCHC, CNS Anica Philpott, St Thomas' CCHC, CNS June Ward, Dundee HC, CNS Angela Westoby, Leeds CCHC

The Haemophilia Chartered Physiotherapists Association – Mr Steven Classey

The Haemophilia Social Workers Group – Mr Mark Simmons, West Midlands Adult CCHC, University Hospital Birmingham

The Clinical Scientists Group for Haemophilia – Dr Bimal Theophilus, West Midlands Children's CCHC, Birmingham Children's Hospital

The Biomedical Laboratory Scientists – Ms Jane Needham, North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke

Meetings

During the year the joint meetings of the Alliance and the DH Blood Policy Unit have taken place on 19th November 2012 and 3rd June 2013 at Wellington House in London. Mrs Rowena Jecock, Head of the Blood Policy England, continues to host the meetings and representatives from the Scotland and Wales health boards have been in attendance, either in person or by telephone link. Ms Alison Greenwood, Category Manager, Specialised Pharmaceuticals, for the DH Commercial Medicines Unit, has also been an attendee.

The main issues discussed during the last year have included the plans for the new national clotting factor concentrate procurement contract, national specialised commissioning arrangements and the sale of PRUK. At the November 2012 meeting Dr Hay presented an update on the hepatitis C look back exercise and at the June 2013 meeting Dr Katy Sinka, Public Health England, provided an update on the vCJD risk guidance.

The Alliance Industry Forum has met twice during the last year. BPL hosted the forum meeting at Dexter House, Tower Hill on 24th September 2012 and Grifols hosted the meeting held at Drummond Gate Pimlico on 18th March 2013. These meetings are well attended by industry representatives who continue to find them very useful.

Dr J T Wilde
11th September 2013