Living Evidence Network activities in 2018

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Update on our activities

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Membership

- 228 members at Sept 2018 (160 members in Sept 2017)
- Continues to be an international mix of Cochrane contributors and non-Cochrane researchers, with some guideline developers and health agencies
- Increasingly, new and existing members are doing/planning LSRs
- Growing practical expertise now within membership about LSR approaches
- Anecdotally, members seem very happy with direction of LE Network, learning opportunities and opportunities to contribute
Commenting on papers and other documents (73%)

Lead or make an active contribution (46%)

From LSR SuggestFest, Feb 2018, 26 respondents
Members’ priority areas for LE Network

- Search methods & publishing models top priorities
- But fairly even spread overall

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Name and governance changes

- March 2018
  - Proposals originally discussed in LSR Network meeting

- May 2018
  - Draft governance document circulated to Network for consultation

- June 2018
  - Poll on name change (LSR Network to Living Evidence Network) – 51 votes – 96% yes
  - Poll on new governance arrangement – 49 votes – 100% yes
  - Call for nominations for interest group leads and steering group leads

- August 2018
  - Steering group members and interest group leads announced

- October 2018
  - Planned first steering group meeting
Summary of new governance arrangement

• Steering group
  – Approximately 12 members drawn from membership
  – Responsible for developing and agreeing on strategic and operational agenda

• Interest groups
  – Bring together members with similar interests, to share information and activities
  – Each coordinated by an interest group (co-)lead

• Working groups
  – Formed as needed to deliver specific programs of work; open to all members

• Members (includes all LE Network members)

• Secretariat (includes the Cochrane Australia LSR team)
Steering Group members

- **Thomas Agoritsas**, MAGIC Foundation, Norway
- **Elie Akl**, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- **Julian Elliott**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **Jonathan Kay**, Education Endowment Foundation, UK
- **Rebecca Hodder**, University of Newcastle and Hunter New England Population Health, Australia
- **Hector Pardo Hernandez**, Guidelines International Network Updating Working Group, Spain
- **Steve McDonald**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **Mark Simmonds**, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, UK
- **Nicole Skoetz**, University Hospital of Cologne, Germany
- **Anneliese Synnot**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **James Thomas**, University College London, UK
- **Tari Turner**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **Laura Weeks**, Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health, Canada
- **Harriet MacLehose**, Cochrane, UK
Interest group leads

- **Search**
  - Steve McDonald and Justin Clark (Bond University, Australia)
- **Methods**
  - Mark Simmonds and Tari Turner
- **Technology**
  - James Thomas and Anna Noel-Storr (University of Oxford, UK)
- **Publication**
  - Harriet MacLehose and Michaela Torkar (F1000, UK)
- **KT and Stakeholder Engagement**
  - Nicole Skoetz and Annie Synnot

- LSR team priority to connect interest groups post-Colloquium
State-of-the-Science webinars

• Topics selected per member priorities in SuggestFest (Feb 2018)
• Webinars delivered (speakers drawn from LE Network members)
  – Living guideline recommendations: key challenges, questions and progress (April)
  – Practical experiences of piloting an LSR (May)
  – Getting better all the time: Considerations and approaches for LSR searching (June)
• Good attendance (15 – 30 members), excellent informal feedback

• Planned webinars for 2018
  – Publishing
  – Technological enablers
Cochrane LSR pilots

- Supporting the Cochrane LSR pilots, and undertaking the evaluation have been the main focus of LSR team’s activities in 2018
- Currently 5 LSRs on Cochrane Library
- 2 more protocols nearing publication (Cochrane Musculoskeletal)
- Discussions with other author teams/Review Groups ongoing
Papers, resources and other activities

• Intention to publish papers on the following topics (early discussions only)
  – Search methods
  – Knowledge translation
  – Publishing
  – Consumer engagement

• Update planned for ‘Interim guidance’ document (in light of evaluation results)

• Working through authorship implications and potential guidance