



External Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday 10th May 2023 10am – 12pm

Attendees: Holly Bain, Daniel Black, Julia Walton, David Williams, Jonathan Marsh, Nicola Kane, Abigail Stratford, Sian Peake-Jones.

Chair: Gabriel Scally

Apologies: Julia Goldsworthy, Rachel Aldred, Sarah Ayres, Dan Bristow, Halima Khan, Prasad Sunand, Matthew Hickman, Richard Meier, Victoria Ofovbe, Susan Murphy, Stephen Aldridge, Nancy Edwards, Richard Upton.

ACTIONS:

- DW to share National government intervention area policy briefing notes with EAB members.
- DW to share links to publications and TRUUD videos.

Agenda:

1. Minutes and actions (GS)

- DB to finalise comms plans and IA leads to co-design impact pathways; to discuss comms/impact pathways in more detail at next EAB. *(discussed in meeting)*
- DW to compile lists of networks/channels as part of comms strategy, including asking EAB for their suggestions, both national and international (e.g. NE suggestions: Canada NCCs, Australia Prevention, Global Alliance for Chronic Disease). *(ongoing)*
- NC/DB/JK to progress overarching conceptual framework and to support IA leads in producing their own for each IA. *(draft presented in meeting, ongoing)*
- DB to approach Chris Brown regarding EAB membership. *(Chris has shifted his focus to a new climate thinktank and has therefore declined)*
- LF to schedule EAB meetings quarterly for 2023. *(Meetings to be arranged for every 6 months, next meeting 1st November 2023)*

2. Progress Report (DB)

DB presented PowerPoint presentation – attached with minutes for referral.

DB gave a brief reminder of where the project was at the time of the last meeting and what was previously presented. He gave an overview of the emergence of the intervention areas based on the evidence that had come out of phase 1. Some of the interventions have been broken down slightly since, but there are six main areas. two in the private sector, one in National Government, one in Law, one in Greater Manchester and one in city property.

Geoff Bates and Pablo Newbury have developed a conceptual model, still in draft, which was presented within the PowerPoint slides. The model focuses on three main issues:

1. Problems
2. Outcomes
3. Mechanisms to enable change.

This model also allows us to think about evaluation. Daniel went over each individual intervention area in focus. See slides 5-8.

National Government/ Industry (land) – together make up the core of what TRUUD is about. Attitudes, beliefs, values, intentions. Focuses on land specifically as it came up as a critical area that needed to be addressed. In the process of engaging with different land agents etc.

Real estate Investment has been slightly delayed due to resource. However, the team are in the process of recruiting, and the new member should be joining shortly.

It was noted that the slides on City-Region transport and City Property/ planning need to be refined and will be updated before the next full consortium meeting.

Public engagement has been looking at digital platforms, and how to enable better use of those platforms to bring citizen's voice into key decision making.

Gabriel asked whether Legal issues related just to England. Daniel explained he needs to double check that but believes they are. Gabriel suggested the team build into their thinking, about different jurisdictions in the UK and wider international aspects.

This has been confirmed that the law team are just focusing on the English Legal System.

Jonathan stated that the slide on city region was helpful in health KPIs but there is a need to look at the wording on this, as stated above. Sian explained the team are refining the pathways to ensure there is more health embedded all the way through it. Health KPIs are being refined. Daniel explained he is hoping this concept model will help the team to understand how they will be doing the evaluation of impact. Proving direct cause and effect is very difficult, however, the team will be looking at credible pathways to impact. The funders want to see changes in policy and practice but knowing how these then link to reduction in non-communicable disease is required. The team are in the process of developing that process – WP3 is currently working on this. Each Intervention area will be doing its own evaluation, but Judi Kidger and Geoff Bates are looking at system wide evaluation.

a. Timeframe

b. Finances

Daniel highlighted there is significant underspend across the project, and in Bristol specifically. The red text on the slide represents overspend and black text in brackets shows underspend. Daniel confirms that the project needs the no-cost. It was explained that a no-cost extension is based on funders being unable to give more money but will allow the project to continue

beyond the end date. Discussion is ongoing within the project around whether a 6- or 12-month extension should be required. Based on finance, the project can afford for all staff to extend by 6 months, but not for 12 months. Headline: comfortable headroom but plenty of uncertainty still. There has been concerns from CO-I's on the project however, as the project cannot pay for their time. [Slide related to finance not shared].

c. Outputs – slide 13.

Links to publications that have been issued on the slide deck. Videos that have been produced. David to share after.

d. Material Changes

e. UKPRP SAB Feedback

David explained the annual report was submitted at the end of last year. Feedback provided by the UKPRP's Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) outlined the project is on amber as there were a few areas that needed clarifying and improving. For example, each intervention area needed to be defined with greater clarity – hopefully this year we can write something clearer on what each area is doing. Hoping this year, we will get much better feedback after addressing issues that were raised.

Nicola noted that we are still waiting for the Department of Transport to release new guidance, this may heavily influence long term plans for transport across regions. Nicola noted it might be worth thinking whether TRUUD wants to respond. They are issuing a draft for consultation so there should be an opportunity to comment.

3. Intervention Area update (DW) Slide 11&12

David presented slides 11 and 12 and explained what each intervention area has been working on in more detail. The National Government team (Geoff, Andrew and Sarah) have Policy briefing notes to be shared with EAB after the meeting. The Psychology/ Land Intervention area (Krista Bondy) have identified key influencers that they can put this package through, acknowledging what we can say and how it can be distributed. The Real Estate Investment Intervention Area (Kathy Pain) have had issues in terms of recruitment, as stated above, but will be resolved this month.

New recruits are outlined in the slide deck. In addition, Holly Bain has also joined TRUUD as programme administrator in the last month.

Risks were discussed and outlined on the PowerPoint slides. Matt Hickman has suggested the project is at a good amber. The project has made significant progress since the last annual report submission.

Impact – advice from EAB welcome. It was suggested that we should do a skills audit, and that each Intervention area should approach EAB members for specific advice and allow for a more detailed discussion.

Evaluation – again specific advice from EAB members welcome.

Researcher retention was mentioned. As we come to the end of the project, there is some concerns that researchers might be applying for other positions to get ahead. The need to pin down and confirm the no-cost extension is required as soon as possible to give certainty to researchers.

4. Communications and Impact (DB/JW)

Welcome to Julia Walton who has recently joined TRUUD as Senior Communications Officer. Daniel highlighted it was the right time to invest in this area as we start gearing up outputs across the project.

Julia introduced herself and gave an update on some of the work she has been doing since joining part-time. Julia went through emerging priorities, working on what is already on going and what needs focus going forward, and any opportunities that arise at this phase in the project. Julia will be moving from 1 day per week to 3 soon.

Abigail highlighted that the consultation on Frome gateway would be starting in the summer.

Nicola suggested institutions such as RTPI, CIHT, CILT, are all worth contacting, and asked if Julia is looking at events.

Julia noted the team are thinking about whether we piggyback on what's already out there, or whether to host our own i.e. podcasts, events etc.

Daniel mentioned speaking to someone at RTPI recently where they discussed land, but it hadn't occurred to him to go to them about transport. Nicola mentioned Victoria Hill at RTPI has a transport planning background and it would be worth having a chat with them.

Nicola also mentioned Urban Transport Group has a podcast series and sustainable transport schemes.

5. AOB

VOX training will be hosted for TRUUD academics in coming weeks, to provide training on talking in front of the media.

Gabriel noted that attendance hasn't been great at today's meeting, so the team needs to look at why that is, and that efforts should be made to get people to re-engage.

Another meeting will be scheduled for 6 months' time. David to put a date in the diary. Nicola highlighted to the team that it is worth using the EAB members to disseminate in the meantime.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1st November 10am – 12pm

External Advisory Board Membership:

Julia Goldsworthy (Chair)

Rachel Aldred: Professor of Transport and Director of the University of Westminster's Active Travel Academy.

Stephen Aldridge: Director for Analysis & Data, Ministry of Housing, Development & Local Government

Dan Bristow: Director of Policy & Practice, Wales Centre for Public Policy

Nancy Edwards: Professor Emeritus, School of Nursing, University of Ottawa

Nicola Kane: Head of Strategic Planning, Insight and Innovation at Transport for Greater Manchester

Halima Khan: Former Executive Director Communities & Skills, Mayor of London/London Assembly

Richard Meier: Co-Founder & CEO, Stories

Victoria Ofovbe: Public Contributor

Sunand Prasad: Principal, Penoyre & Prasad Architects London

Mark Sandford, Senior Researcher, House of Commons Library

Abigail Stratford: Head of Regeneration, Bristol City Council

Richard Upton: Chief Development Officer, U+I

Mark Sandford: Senior Researcher, House of Commons Library

TRUUD Management Team:

Matt Hickman: PI and Research Director, Professor in Public Health and Epidemiology, University of Bristol

Gabriel Scally: Research Director, Visiting Professor, University of Bristol

Daniel Black: Programme Director and WP3 Lead, Specialist in Urban Development for Planetary Health, University of Bristol

David Williams: Senior Project Manager, University of Bristol

Holly Bain: Programme Administrator, University of Bristol

TRUUD Consortium members Invited:

Krista Bondy: Senior Lecturer in Management, University of Bath (Intervention Area 1a, Property/Planning Lead) TRUUD EAB Agenda

Kathy Pain: Professor of Real Estate Development, University of Bath (Intervention Area 1b, Property/Planning Lead)

Sarah Ayres: Professor of Public Policy & Governance, University of Bristol (Intervention Area 2, National Government Lead)

Sian Peake Jones: Research Fellow, University of Manchester (Intervention Area 3, Manchester Lead)

Judi Kidger: Senior Research Fellow, University of Bristol (Intervention Area 4, Bristol Lead)

John Coggon: Professor of Law, University of Bristol (Law Intervention Lead)

Andy Gibson: Associate Professor in Patient and Public Involvement, University of the West of England (Public Engagement Lead)

Alistair Hunt: Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Bath (Economics Lead)

Neil Carhart: Lecturer in Infrastructure Systems, University of Bristol (Systems Lead)