

DRAFT Minutes of U/LLPOT Meeting

OXFORD

Monday 9th October 2006

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Present

Sue Barlow	Birmingham
Fiona Carnegie	Roehampton (minutes)
Rebecca Beltran	Roehampton
Viv Ibbotson	Sheffield (UL)
Sarah Butler	Sheffield (LL)
Anna Carter	Portsmouth (LL)
Anne Marie van Es	Oxford
Karen Cook	Bristol
Kim Gaffney	Stanmore
Joy Rendell	Stanmore
Katja McIntrye	Luton (LL)
Sandy Hanney	Bournemouth
Lindsay Barker	Harold Wood
Claire Trethowan	Belfast
Gill West	Wirral
Ruth Hambrey	Manchester
Janet Kingston	Nottingham (UL)
Belinda Cole-Jones	Wrexham
Melissa Leong	Crystal Palace
Hazel Evans	Stafford (LL)
George Glew	Hedley Court, Epsom (HM Forces)

Apologies

Sue Purcell	Wirral
Anna Barratt	
Inan Gheewala	
Nadine Gisby	
Sue Hanksley	Wolverhampton
Helen Barwick	
Sara Crick	

Minutes of last meeting

Accepted as a true record of the meeting

Matters arising

4a Information Booklet This is now completed and the published booklet was distributed this meeting. Now referred to as College of Occupational Therapists (2006) *Upper limb prosthetic rehabilitation* (Guidance) London: COT. It will require review in 5 years along with the Guidelines.

- 4b Notes for Teachers** This is now ready for printing and is available through Reach. Lindsey was thanked for all her work as she was the prime mover.
- 4i Reach Web site** Viv has sent details to Sue Stokes re Upper limb OTs at centres.

Agenda

- 1 ULPOT – Claire Trethowan**
 Claire has distributed the address list electronically, discussion was had re having list on the OTTO web site, concern re Data protection as it is open to the public – no decision made
 Members were encouraged to consider using the OTTO forum, emails should be sent to Heather McDowell - **All**

 Janet Kingston requested people fill in a questionnaire re the prescription of electric prostheses over the past 5 years, she has been asked to gather this information by Steepers
- 2 LLPOT – Sandy Hanney**
 List had been distributed previously
 Names of non OTTO members to be removed
- 3 ‘OTTO’ – Anne Marie van Es**
 Everyone in POTs must be member of Specialist section.
 Change of name for specialist section – now: ‘COT Specialist Section – Trauma and Orthopaedics’
 There is ring-fenced money for research and development so applications can be made to COTss-TO.
 Conference on November 6th. 3 POT members presenting.
 Viv to received £500 bursary for travelling to ISPO Canada
 COTss – TO requesting more committee members – **Lindsey Barker** willing
 APLLG (Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group) have requested representation at their conference on December 6th **Kim Gaffney** to go, she will write report for OT News and Joint Knowledge
- 4 SEPOT (South East Prosthetic OTs)**
 Last met July 12 2006. Joy gave presentation of her visit to Bloorview and Lyndsey presented about audits she was involved with. Minutes to be put on SS-TO web site
- 5 PSSG (Prosthetic Strategic Supply Group) - Joy**
 Joy circulated a report and talked through it. Medical Devices Agency as now called Centre for Evidence Based Purchase (CEBP). Distribution of NHS equipment has been transferred to DHL. Commissioning has changed, has been larger groups, now will be Strategic Health Authorities i.e. smaller groups with less knowledge will be commissioning prosthetic services.

Prosthetic Currencies remain on the agenda. See Joy's report with this document and visit PASA web site
www.pasa.nhs.uk/rehabilitation/
And PSSG section on www.pasa.nhs.uk/prosthetics/pssg/

6 Reach - Viv

Video is now available, not all present had received one, contact Reach to enquire.

Jane Tarrant is new Within Reach editor

Teacher's leaflet ready for publication, will available from Reach office. Lindsey thanked for all her work

Reach are keen to have a updated Multiple Limb Deficiency Booklet (old ones available from Reach office) SEPOTs to start the process of writing booklet and circulate to Sue Barlow and others interested/ willing to assist.

7 Trial of Clinical Pathways

To be discussed next meeting, as Sue Hanksley was unable to be present

8 Info leaflet for children

Off agenda

9 Research Proposals

Lyndsey thinking of research into overuse of the remaining arm

Ruth has done something

Suggest that they speak to Shep in the afternoon

Fiona mentioned Bloorview international research – users fill in on line questionnaire, on www.prismlab.org/survey.htm, it says it takes 30 mins to complete (one patient of mine (Fiona) has completed it, a bilateral amputee and it took him 60 mins!)

10 Courses

Bradford University are running a post grad MSc in prosthetics

Manchester Upper Limb 4 day course will run May 2007

Roehampton 5 day course will be April 30 – May 4 2007

Anne Marie will run the Paediatric Element of your case load course again next year probably May/June

11 MLD (Multiple Limb Deficiency) register

Fiona collects this information for others to find suitable contacts for MLD patients. At present this is a paper based system. **Rebecca and Fiona** to create Data base making it easier to use. Anyone with patients with more than one limb arm affected or with bilateral lower limbs and an additional disability to contact Fiona with the following information:

Pt initials, gender, DOB, upper limb involvement, lower limb involvement, other, Area they live, cause (including date of amputations) and prosthetic Centre they attend. We will possibly add other sections when we have the data base up and running, (any thoughts gratefully received)

12 ISPO (International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics)

Next national meeting Stoke Nov 3-4th. They are keen for OT's to be more involved. Anne Marie has been our rep but is standing down for a period. **Rebecca** willing to take this on.

13 AOB

a) Dental Hygiene leaflet shown,

A dental hygienist student chose to do a study on dental hygiene for amputees as part of her studies has written some guidelines for good dental hygiene for arm amputees, a draft booklet was available to read. When finished this will be distributed by OTs from Roehampton

b) It was agreed that an OT working in private company can join SS-TO

c) Sky TV Sunday and Wed 8pm. Discovery Health rebuilding bodies

d) Prosthetic information project OT News July 06

e) TBPI group (Traumatic brachial plexus injury), an internet based support group for those with BPL

f) Cartoon on BBC has a character with LD

g) 11 yr old with motor cross any ideas.....NABD (National Association for Biker's with Disability)

14 Next meeting

There was much discussion about length of meeting as by having the meeting on only one day we miss out on some of the clinical reasoning that was able to occur when meeting for 2 days. However previously on the 2 day meeting each day had a business section resulting in a lot of repetition.

Therefore we will try a Monday late am and pm for clinical reasoning for one group, Tuesday am business meeting, Tuesday pm clinical reasoning for the other group. This to be tried

Date of meeting March 26-27 2007 in Sheffield

Rest of meeting

OTTO BOCK – John Mortimer and Shep

Available for advice with complex patients

Wrist flexion unit for myo hands

Variplus Grypher

Myo select

Trias foot, carbon fibre lot of functional movement, not for high activity user

RSL/Steeper - Bruce Ratray and Carl

New cable Operated hand for adults

Phantom limb pain, medi silicone liner and night time sock – has some very positive evidence of value – Journal of pain and symptom management. At present there are only socks for lower limb amputees, upper limb amputee could try the smaller leg ones, it was recommended that Medi are asked to consider producing a smaller one suitable for upper limb amputees

‘OTTO’ Report – Claire Ireson

OTTO name change was explained as we are now a branch of COT therefore will be known as ‘College of Occupational Therapists – Specialist Section – Trauma and Orthopaedics’ COT will support us in admin and other activities

Last year’s membership was 210 (previous year 264), we were encouraged to renew our memberships!

Newsletter will be known as ‘Joint Knowledge’ we were encouraged to submit articles and letters for the newsletter and the web site, especially case studies.

The conference is on November 6 and well subscribed, still time to apply, good representation for POTs, 3 POTs presenting

Writing Standards and Guidelines – Julia Roberts and Henny Pearmain

Presentation from Julia and Henny about producing practise guidelines. They emphasised the need to keep piece of work small, not trying to do all practise guidelines at once. COT are willing and able to be very supportive in the process. There was much discussion after the presentation about where to go next, all those present were willing to be involved in some capacity in the project, A meeting was planned at COT for 8 members of the group to discuss the formation of a Guideline development group and the scope of that group. This will take place at COT on Dec 6th. Some of those attending were provided with a Practice Guideline development manual.

Meeting: Claire Ireson, Claire Trethowan, Karen Cook, Fiona Carnegie, Sandy Hanney, George Glew, Lindsey Barker, Joy Rendell

Presentation from REMAP engineer (John) and client (Ian) who has benefited from their services

John Fax spoke about Remap and his involvement with the organisation. Remap is a charity producing equipment, which is not commercially available, to enable disabled people to achieve the tasks they wish to do. There is no cost to the client and the average cost of projects is £20, ranging from £0 - £370. There are 3 employees, 1500 volunteers, 6 regions and 107 panels. Each region is autonomous. Usually an OT or the client themselves presents the problem to a panel and an engineer is allocated to work with the OT and client to solve the problem.

Ian is a client John has worked with, a patient of Anne Marie’s. He is a quadruple amputee: bilateral transradial, left knee disarticulation, right transtibial amputee. His upper limb healed first and he was fitted with body powered prostheses. He was keen to work in the kitchen, John made him a jar opener and a knife holder on a chopping board. When his lower limb healed sufficiently for prosthetic provision he had difficulty putting on the liner required for his transtibial residual limb, John made a stand, it required a few prototypes until the answer was found.

Discussing Ian’s rehab and present level of function was very beneficial and he was an excellent person for us all to meet and hear his story.

Thanks to Ian, John and Anne Marie

Remap Contact web site - www.remap.org.uk It will give regional contacts

An excellent day. Thanks to Anne Marie for all the preparation and hard work on the day.