**Independent SAGE Behavioural Advisory Group**

**Team Meeting Minutes**

**Time/Date/Location:** 5pm-6pm BST - 16/06/2020 via Zoom

**Attendees:** Val Curtis, John Drury, Susan Michie, Ann Phoenix, Steve Reicher, Liz Stokoe, Robert West, Laura Bear, Imran Awan.

**Agenda**

1. Welcome to new members

2. Minutes

3. Action points and matters arising

4. Communications and documentation

5. Distancing and vulnerable people

6. Equalities

7. AOB +

1. **Introductions**

Introductions from Imran and new member Laura Bear.

**Imran Awan**: Professor of Criminology at Birmingham City University, research looks at policing, BAME communities and Hate Crime.

**Laura Bear**: Professor of Anthropology and LSE and Head of Department. Currently leading a group of researchers looking at multiple vulnerabilities in the COVID-19 pandemic using ethnographic methods. Looking in particular at relationship between formally provided care through the State and informal networks of care and how those come together to affect vulnerability.

1. **Minutes**

No issues, happy with the minutes provided.

1. **Action points and matters arising**

* Find, Track, Trace, Isolate report: BAG comments included and report to be published later this week.
* Polling: Savannah has been cataloguing what’s out there so that we have a data bank of useful information in one place.
* Zoom meetings: weekly invitations sent by Liz
* WhatsApp group: up and running, Imran and Laura to provide phone numbers to be added.

1. **Communications and Documentation**

We will use WhatsApp for general chat. Christina has set up main iSAGE Dropbox, Susan will introduce her to Savannah so that we can explore potential of setting up our own folder within it and sharing resources.

1. **Distancing and Vulnerable People**

There was a general discussion of the proposal to reduce distancing from 2m to 1m. It was agreed that we should oppose such a move and that, in addition to the evidence of increased transmission risks, there were a range of behavioural reasons to oppose relaxation at the present time. Susan Michie agreed to revise the Independent SAGE document on distancing accordingly and all comments should be sent to her by Wednesday 17th.

There was also discussion of a suggestion from Barry Katzen of the WHO that vulnerable people should have a symbol to wear in order to encourage people to behave responsibly around them. It was agreed that Susan Michie should reply to Barry suggesting that the WHO consult and consider introducing an internationally recognised symbol.

1. **Equalities**

Following a general discussion of the various issues of equalities raised by the pandemic, it was agreed that three key dimensions need to be considered as they affect different vulnerable groups. These are:

1. the impact of the disease itself,
2. the impact of measures taken to tackle disease in the short to medium term,
3. longer term impacts beyond this pandemic and in future pandemics

It was agreed that Val Curtis – with the help of Laura Bear and Robert West - will draw up a matrix which addresses how the different groups are impacted along these different dimensions. This will be discussed at the meeting of 23rd June.

1. **AOB**

* Test, Track and Trace report to be released tomorrow (17th June).
* Zack Kind to add everyone to the Independent SAGE circulation list – Savannah to send Zack email list of Behavioural Advisory Group members
* Meetings to now start at 5.30

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| **Action points** | **Person** | **Deadline** |
| Send comments to Susan for report | Whole team | 17/06/2020 |
| Connect Christina – Savannah re-Dropbox | Susan | 22/06/2020 |
| Pull out useful information from PHE Kevin Fenton report | Savannah | 22/06/2020 |
| Sub-sub group to share conceptual map | Val | 21/06/2020 |
| Get full group added to email list – send emails to Zack | Savannah | 18/06/2020 |
| Changing Zoom time and sending out invitations | Liz | 22/06/2020 |