IndieSAGE Behavioural Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Time/Date/Location: 5.30pm-6.45pm BST - 30/06/2020 via Zoom

Agenda
1. Welcome to new attendees
2. Action points and matters arising
3. Report from Independent SAGE
4. Relationship to Independent SAGE
5. Local lockdowns
6. AOB

1. Welcome new attendees
Welcomed Anthony Costello, Professor of Global Health at UCL and Deenan Pillay, Professor of Virology at UCL, both part of from Independent SAGE main group. Introduced guest attendee Clifford Scott, Professor of Social Psychology.

2. Action points and matters arising
No corrections on previous minutes.
Agreed mechanism to get material from Behavioural Advisory Group to Independent SAGE main group – via Anthony and Deenan.

3. Report from Independent SAGE
Steve and Susan had a meeting with Independent SAGE main group. Discussed issues of priority, process and terms of reference were discussed.
Other points of note:
- BAME report will be ready for submission tonight
- Overall strategy statement is in development
- Crowdfunding statement- asking for some funding to support things
- Shielding statement to be released
- Statement of what is going on in Leicester - draft will be circulated

4. Relationship to Independent SAGE
Behavioural Advisory Group contribution will take one of two forms:
1- Contribute to papers of Independent SAGE papers with behavioural insights
2- Develop our own papers and statements, which have the imprint of and be released under Independent SAGE
Process: one lead person from behavioural group- Steve to liaise directly with main group. Steve will pair with Deenan or Anthony who will have the authority to sign off from main group. Paper will then be sent to main group in case they want to raise an issue (24h period to do this) after which it will be signed off.

Behavioural group will have access to website and ensure reports are uploaded: Savannah to be contact person/liaison between behavioural group and the website person.

5. Local Lockdowns

Summarised key issues with local lockdowns. Localised lockdown will exacerbate existing inequalities. Discussed consequences and implications of the current policy decisions especially relating to increased risk of widespread urban disorder. Discussion around community tensions, BLM, far right and emerging discourse as well as likely future spikes in Nottingham and Derby. Concerns around social distancing in places of worship were also considered. Spoke about problems with the lack of data being shared with localities and the need for local public health structures to be provided data and given the ability to act on it.

Decision made to write a brief statement about Leicester lockdown, agreed to outline:

1- Why we shouldn’t be in current situation and what needs to be done in order to avoid a similar situation moving forward / lessons learned (overall system of not opening up too early/ talks of national and local issues)

2- What should happen instead (short term and long term).

3- Make clear and public appeal which stresses:
   A- Working with local government and health structures
   B- Support for people to lockdown
   C- Avoiding a repressive policing strategy

6. AOB

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