ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL

HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGIES STRATEGIC ADVISORY TEAM

Notes of Healthcare Technologies SAT meeting held on 28th September 2015 at Polaris House, Swindon

Meeting summary note

Present:
Richard Bibb, Loughborough University
Ian Craddock, University of Bristol
Kevin Dhaliwal, University of Edinburgh
Rod Hose, University of Sheffield
Alison Noble, University of Oxford
Kevin Shakesheff, University of Nottingham
Chris Taylor, University of Manchester (Chair)
Mark Tooley, RUH Bath
Guang-Zhong Yang, Imperial College London

EPSRC Staff:
Sarah Ashwood
Annette Bramley
Nick Cook
Katie Daniel
Anne Farrow
Sian Giles
Sarah Hobbs
Vicky Marlow
Linda Norris

Apologies:
Sue Dunkerton, KTN
Adrien Evans, ABM University Health Board
Neil Morgan, Innovate UK
Rachel Williams, University of Liverpool
Ijeoma Uchegbu, University College London

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the SAT members with a particular welcome to Kevin Dhaliwal who was attending for the first time.

2. Introduction to the Delivery Plan and the Comprehensive Spending Review Timescales

Annette Bramley gave a broad overview of the progress with the new EPSRC Delivery Plan and the implications of the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. She explained that the new delivery plan was based around the excellent science that would be delivered against four outcomes to ensure the UK was placed to continue to be a prosperous nation. The SAT discussed this strategy and their views were noted and fed back into the overall EPSRC strategy.


Katie Daniel led this session. The SAT were informed on the progress of the implementation of the Healthcare Technologies Strategy which had taken into account feedback from the academic and user community since the launch of the strategy in April. The SAT were asked to advise EPSRC on the draft plans especially on the emerging research themes identified under each of the four challenges.
4. Four Outcomes of the EPSRC Delivery Plan

The SAT were reminded of their input since 2014 to the new EPSRC Delivery Plan which would be used to present EPSRC’ contribution to UK success and prosperity. The SAT was then invited to advise EPSRC through a facilitated session as:

- to how the HT theme can contribute to each ‘Outcome’.
- To how HT investments align to the priorities and identifying any gaps
- To which partner organisations EPSRC needs to work with to deliver the Outcomes

4. Introduction to Balancing Capability Exercise

Vicky Marlow then outlined to the SAT the plans and timelines for the EPSRC Balancing Capability refresh.

5. Any other Business

There were no items under this agenda item.

Date of next meeting: 19th and 20th November 2015