

BACCN Representative on Project Group/Advisory Board/Collaborative Work

Work Title representative : UK Health Alliance for Climate Change (UKHACC)

Representative: Patricia McCready

Scope of Work : BACCN joined the group recently and this was the first meeting we have attended.

Date of meeting : 23/3/2022 14:00 to 16:00

Feedback

Introduction from UKHACC Chair, Richard Smith. The UKHACC is made up of 32 organisations with a total of 960,000 members who are all health care professionals. The BDA are due to join soon which will push the total above 1 million.

Hugh Montgomery (ICS/Prof. UCL) gave a really good presentation giving the facts and figures regarding increasing temperatures, ice melting, ocean levels increasing and Australian wild fires realising significant amounts of CO₂. I have asked if this presentation can be made available perhaps with a recording of Hugh.

The group will concentrate on direct emissions and indirect emissions.

The UKHACC is part of the BMJ but will be applying for charity status.

Nick Watts (Chief Sustainability for NHSE) was final speaker and made the following points, ½ billion invested, new hospital standard to be published, '0' emissions ambulance, sustainability will have a 10% waiting on procurement. 92% of the NHS workforce love climate change 😊. Nick said that NHSE are happy for alliances such as the UKHACC to take the lead in sustainability.

Next meeting: September 2022