

13th Annual Conference of the
National HIV Nurses Association (NHVNA)



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Facilitating Nursing Research within an HIV Nursing Network

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HIV Nurses Network
(SSHNN)

Background



- Commissioning, service networks and levels of care
- Clinical training, experience and commitment
- Records and information sharing
- The patient pathway
- Implementation and audit

Background



- Constituent members
 - Brighton
 - Eastbourne
 - Hastings
 - Crawley
 - Redhill
 - Worthing
 - Chichester
 - Croydon
 - Chertsey

Background

- The Sussex/Surrey HIV Nurses Network (SSHNN) set up in November 2007
- Aim of the network is to provide
 - Education/training
 - Training in research methods
 - Networking/social opportunities
- To undertake a nurse led research project

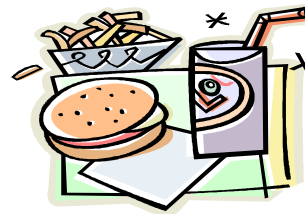
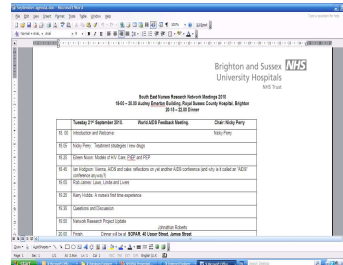
Setting up the Network

- Applied to pharmaceutical companies for financial support for the meetings
- Created database of nurses from across the network
- Quarterly meetings held at Brighton hospital education centre



Practicalities of Meetings

- Set dates and topic ideas in advance
- Send agenda as reminder 4-6 weeks in advance
- Provide refreshments at start (tea/coffee/biscuits)
- Followed by dinner supported by network



Topics

HIV related

- Conference feedbacks
- Understanding resistance
- Hepatitis
- ARV updates
- HIV and ageing

Research

- Developing a research question
- Understanding statistics
- Research methodologies
- Qualitative research

Professional development

- How to write abstract
- Running focus groups
- Presentation skills



Research Agenda-Developing a research project

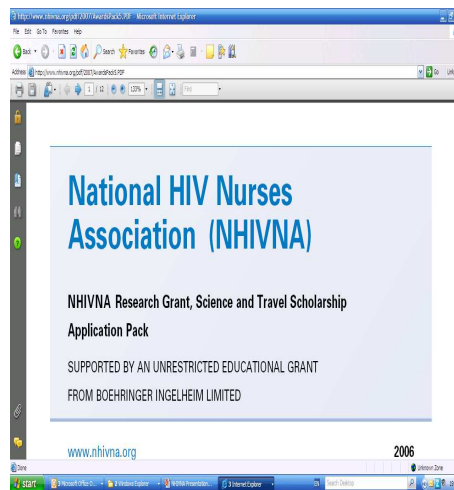
- “Dragon’s Den” style pitch in October 2009
- 2 research ideas were presented to the group
- Participants had opportunity to ask questions
- “Ready Steady Cook” style voting



“As HIV moves towards a chronic disease, how involved are patients in their own care”?

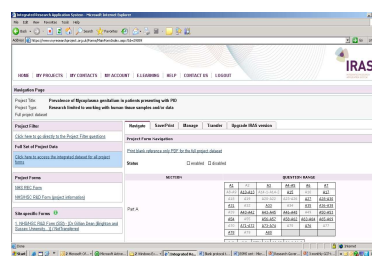
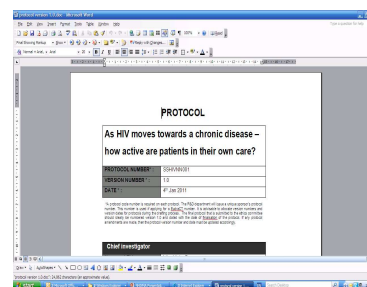
Moving Research Forward

- Set up a steering group
 - Includes patient involvement
 - Project manager
- Developed grant application
- Applied to NHIVNA for research grant



Taking Topic Forward

- Protocol
- Participant information
- Used network group for feedback on information/protocol review
- Asked for volunteers
- Ethics application



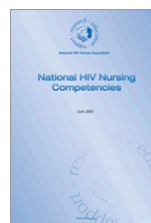
Way Forward for Research Project

- Submit to ethics committee July
- Commence data collection in September
- Present findings at NHIVNA conference 2012
- Publish in HIV Nursing Journal



Way forward for the Network

- Continue with meetings
- Funding opportunities
- Develop educational agenda
 - Professional development skills
 - Network wide audits



Lessons Learnt from the Network

- Takes time to establish
- Needs at least 2 people to drive the network forward and share the workload!
- Protected time – especially for research project
- Research experience of the group
- Assists with networking and working relationships
- Developing our own knowledge and skills



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