

# Minutes of the 2017 BCS PHCSG 37<sup>TH</sup> AGM

Held on Thursday 16th October	At 4pm	Coombe Abbey, Coventry
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Minute taker	Grizelda Moules
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## 1. Welcome and introductions

Chair	Dr John Robinson
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### Present:

Dr John Robinson  
 Dr Geoff Schrecker  
 Miriam Lemar  
 Dr Beverley Ellis  
 Dr Nilesh Jain,  
 Dr Mary Hawking  
 Roz Foad  
 Grizelda Moules  
 Ian Herbert  
 Dr Ian McNicoll  
 Hildegard Franke  
 Alison Bourke  
 Dr Neill Jones  
 Dr Colin Brown  
 Paul Miller  
 James Sudbury  
 Julian Costello  
 Dai Evans  
 Paul Maddy  
 Total 19

## 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies received to date	Apologies have been received from <i>Julia Hippisley Cox, Glyn Hayes, Paul Singer, Robert Treharne Jones, Nick Booth, Rob and Jody Morrow.</i>
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## 3. Minutes of 2015 PHCSG AGM, previously circulated

Secretary	Miriam Lemar
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Minutes of the 2016 AGM are available online. *Accepted as a true record.*

Action Items	Person	Deadline
Acceptance of Minutes <i>Carried unanimously</i> Proposed by Dr Beverley Ellis Seconded by Ian Herbert		

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

*There were no matters arising from the Minutes.*

Action Items	Person	Deadline

## 5. Chairman's Report

[Chair, Dr John Robinson]
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The report is available online, and was projected. Dr John Robinson gave his report

Today's meeting- the Education Day was a success, despite more people registering than attending.

During the past year Roz had held a meeting in St Albans on preserving patient confidentiality.

The CLICSIG meeting last month at Darley looking at what would follow MIQUEST. We have sent a report out of the recent CLICSIG

At the beginning of each meeting we usually discuss a National topic.

De-identification date – have responded.

We have liaised with Arjun particularly regarding Information government and consent

The “Well connected” campaign was launched eHealth week event to encourage the development of a professional community in informatics.

If people wish to sign up to FED-IP, you can register with Well Connected – mainly for non-clinicians.

BSC was host for Medical MIE in this country this year which was well attended and was an interesting conference.

Website had been moved into the BCS and has now been considerably updated; however, we are restricted to the software that BCS use.

Apologies to those who have had problems registering for this conference, we had hoped this would have worked more smoothly this year.

Thanks particularly to Roz, Miriam, Grizelda and Geoff in helping to organize this year's conference.

Action items	Vote
Proposed by Roz Foad	<i>Carried unanimously</i>
Seconded by Mary Hawking	
<b>6. Treasurer's Report,</b>	
	[Treasurer, Dr Nilesh Jain]

This report was available on the web and displayed during the meeting. Nilesch reported that The BCS had have charged a couple of thousand pounds to our account, in error, but have now apologised for the mistake and reimbursed us.

Last year we spent around £5.5K of the £7K allocated.  
The AGM last year had a deficit of around £810??

This year we put in a bid for education day, for conference and for general running costs. They have only just got back to us having agreed that we would have an allowance in line with last year and have only given us £4K, but we are checking what is happening. For example, with regard to the Education Day, they like us to apply for supplementary funding a couple of months prior to the event.

BCS perhaps have less income from not running European Driving License any longer. There was a question asking how many members we had, but that is less easy to quantify as people join the BCS then add a tick for those groups which are of interest to them. No specific info available to us regarding numbers who have selected interest in PHCSG.

ACTION – try to find out how many members and asking if they are willing to provide their email addresses.

First time we are not paying the venue for things we have not used. We have our own speakers, amplifier and microphones.

Action Items	Vote
Proposed: Ian Herbert	<i>Carried unanimously.</i>
Seconded: Hildegard Franke	

## 7. Other Officer's Reports

a) Vice-Chair's Report	[Vice-Chair, Geoff Schrecker]
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*This report is available on the web and Geoff gave his presentation.*

Geoff has been sorting out some systems and has attended the BCS 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have had problems with accessing GSuite, but had success following discussion of the problem at the anniversary meeting.

Action Items	Vote
Proposed: Hildegard Franke	<i>Carried unanimously.</i>
Seconded: Ian Herbert	

b) Secretary's Report,	[Secretary, Miriam Lemar]
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This report is available on the website, and was projected. Miriam thanked John, Beverley, Roz and Geoff for support and guidance during her first year in this post.

Action Items	Vote
Proposed: John Robinson	<i>Carried unanimously.</i>
Seconded: Beverley Ellis	

## 8. Report from CLICSIG

[CLICSIG, Ian Herbert]

### CLICSIG MEETINGS

Ian Herbert gave his report on the CLICSIG meeting which has been held over the past year.

A meeting was held on 15 – 16 October 2017 at The Wellington Inn, Darley near Harrogate. The major topic was how to ensure that an updated MIQUEST (or an equivalent) is available to handle GP data queries after April 2018, when Snomed CT becomes the standard terminology for recording data in general practice. It was well attended with 13 delegates present.

The meeting started with Mike Bainbridge and Associate Professor Chris Pearce giving a live web presentation from Australia on how to get data out of GP records that don't use coding systems (such as Read or Snomed CT) - the POLAR program. The exemplar used was an examination of prescribing (& record keeping) for back pain. The POLAR program now includes 6 million records belonging to about 3 million patients

This was followed by the main topic. All agreed that a replacement for MIQUEST, or an augmented version of it, that permitted the analysis of GP records using Snomed CT was essential, ideally by April 2018 when SnCT becomes the standard coding system for GP systems. Andrew Perry said that upgrading MIQUEST to use SnomedCT was not a major problem. David Stables suggested that we join up with Discovery East London project, which was developing a comprehensive repository of all the data. It is ultimately intended to collect text as well as coded data. The data would be controlled by the contributor care providing organisations, who would decide who could use it, in what form and for what purpose. It is intended that the MIQUEST Health Query Language (HQL) would be an important tool for extracting data from the Discovery database: it may well require some extensions to handle data from providers of non-primary care. It is intended that an augmented MIQUEST would be compatible with the current version, thus allowing most - hopefully all- existing HQL queries to also be run on the repository.

Control of the repository by its contributors is very likely to be seen as a plus by the contributors, and highly preferable to data lakes of identifiable data that NHS England and NHS Digital are proposing (and would control).

Re data warehousing, it was noted that CEGs who don't have experience outside London have approached Primis to help. There will need to be some kind of oversight board, involving e.g. the RCGP, and an IG board with extensive patient and clinician representatives to ensure greater and ethical sharing of the repository data. In this context, further involvement of the PHCSG may be needed. There do not seem to be significant economic barriers, but interim financial models will need to be developed to take the project forward. To be representative of UK general practice, the repository(s) need to collect data from about 6K practices. Bulk extractions will need to be daily, which can be time consuming, possibly overly so with current techniques.

*A summary presentation of the Discovery project prepared after the meeting will also be*

Action Items

Vote

Proposed: Beverley Ellis	<i>Carried unanimously.</i>
Seconded: Hildegard Franke	

### 9. Election of Chair

[Secretary, Miriam Lemar]

John Robinson had agreed to continue to stand in this post.

Action Items

Vote

Proposed: Roz Foad

*Carried unanimously.*

Seconded: Mary Hawking

### 10. Election of Committee Member posts

[Secretary, Miriam Lemar]

The following applications had been received for these Committee posts:

Publicity - Robert Treharne Jones  
National issues - Mary Hawking  
AGM Secretary - Grizelda Moules  
CLICSIG Convenor - Ian Herbert  
Events - Roz Foad and Paul Singer  
Professionalisation - Neill Jones

Action Items

Vote

Proposed: Hildegard Franke

Seconded: Ian Herbert

### 11 Date of Next Committee Meeting

[Chair, Dr John Robinson]

#### Next committee meetings:

After this meeting at 5.10 pm today and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Action Items

Vote

Proposed:

### 12 Date of Next AGM

[Chair, Dr John Robinson]

The venue and date to be confirmed and circulated, but would be around October 2018.  
The meeting closed at 5 pm.