



ADVOCACY WORKING GROUP

VILNIUS MEETING – MAY 2011

Chairperson : Alf Nicholson (Ireland)

Co-chair : David Neubauer (Slovenia)

Members present:

Armand Biver (Luxembourg)

Matthijs De Hoog (Netherlands)

Eleonore Landsmeer – Beker (Netherlands)

Liesbeth Siderius (Netherlands)

Alfred Tenore (Italy)

Bjorn Wettergren (Sweden)

Maximilian Zach (Austria)

Tamar Chigladze (Georgia)

(1) Alf Nicholson welcomed all members to the meeting and tabled two draft papers for discussion:

(a) the value of bone age estimation in asylum seekers for assessment of age

This paper generated considerable discussion and a note in support of the paper from Pieter Sauer was read out by David Neubauer. The conclusion of the discussion was that an opinion piece should be submitted with Alf Nicholson highlighting the negative aspects of using bone age Xrays to estimate age and Alfred Tenore offering a contrary view

Action – Alf Nicholson and Alfred Tenore to liaise and send for publication

(b)improving immunization uptake in EU children

A copy of this paper should be sent to all delegates for their comments and it should also be sent to the executive committee for comments/corrections . Only those who contribute to the paper should be included in the list of authors . Thereafter (following EC approval) the paper should be re-circulated to all members for final comment and then sent to Archives for consideration for publication . The views of the vaccination group will be particularly welcome . Peter Hoyer is a vital link in this regard

Action - Alf Nicholson and all members

(2) New papers for drafting

A number of new proposals were sought and received:

(a) Use of parent-held records in preventive paediatric care across EU

Proposed by Armand Biver and he will send work done + outline draft to Alf Nicholson and the group for consideration

Action - Armand Biver

(b) The dangers of internet exposure for young children

A very important issue proposed by Eleonore Landsmeer-Beker who will research the issue and present an outline draft at the next meeting in Brussels

(c) Creating a version of the ‘ medical home ’ for children with chronic conditions

Liesbeth Siderius has a passion for this topic and will set out a position paper for dissemination and feedback by delegates prior to the next meeting

(d) Patient safety – more than just blaming the doctor

A provocative piece to be considered by Max Zach and disseminated to all

A very lively and productive meeting concluded and it is highly desirable to have the ethics and advocacy meetings in tandem for future EAP meetings

Action – Alf Nicholson and David Neubauer

Alf Nicholson 21-5-11