

## Annual General Meeting of the

# Design in Mental Health Network Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 12:30 hrs

Virtual meeting by Microsoft Teams

## **AGENDA**

| 1. | Apologies for | absence  |
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- 2. Declaration of interests
- 3. Notes from last meeting
- 4. Chair's report
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. Reports from work streams:
  - a) Community engagement
  - b) Testing and Innovation
  - c) Conferences
  - d) Lived Experience Advisory Panel (LEAP)
  - e) Research and Education
  - f) Marketing and Editorial
  - g) Memberships / Partnerships
- 7. Election results Board of Directors for 2022/23
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Date of next meeting: TBA



| Name                        | Occupation  | Company                                    | Other Charity Trusteeships |
|-----------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|
| Joseph Forster              | Consultant  | Skayfield                                  | None                       |
| Jennifer Andrea Gill        | Healthcare Planner  |  | None                       |
| Philip Ross                 | Company Director  | Safehinge Primera                          | None                       |
| Jonathan Andrew<br>Campbell | Director of Estates & Facilities                              | Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust | None                       |
| Alex Caruso                 | Director ACA+I Ltd, and Architect                             | ACA+I Ltd                                  | None                       |
| Phil Barsby                 | Director of Business<br>Development                           | Intastop                                   | None                       |
| Cath Lake                   | Director P+HS Architects, and Architect                       | P+HS Architects                            | None                       |
| Paula Reavey                | Professor of<br>Psychology                                    | London South Bank<br>University            | None                       |
| Trudi Beswick               | CEO   | Caudwell Children                          | None                       |
| Katharine Lazenby           | Senior People Participation Lead, People Participation Worker | East London NHS<br>Foundation Trust        | None                       |
| Steve Brown                 | Professor of Health<br>and Organisational<br>Psychology       | Nottingham Trent<br>University             | None                       |
| Garry Charlton              | Managing Director   | CAD 21 Ltd                                 | None                       |



## Minutes of the Design in Mental Health Network Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 10:00am

Virtual meeting by Microsoft Teams because of the lockdown.

Present:

Philip Ross (Chair) (PR); Jonathan Campbell (Vice Chair) (JC); Phil Barsby (PB); Paula Reavey (PRe); Cath Lake (CL); Alessandro Caruso (AC); Trudi Beswick (TB); Katharine Lazenby (KL); Steve Brown (SB); Garry Charlton (GC); Jenny Gill (Chair Emeritus) (JG); Lianne Knotts (LK); Jen Aspinall (JA); Frank Pitts (Architecture +) (FP); Adrian Maddock (Altro) (AM); Dan Vesty (Tough Furniture) (DV); David Sanderson (Leeds & York Partnership NHS Trust) (DS)

Meeting commenced at 10:05am

## Agenda

#### Item

- 1 Apologies were received from: Joe Forster (Chair Emeritus); Karen Flatt (IBI Group).
- 2 Declaration of interests was presented.
- The notes of the last AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Accepted as a true record.

#### 4 To receive the Chair's report

PR read the report circulated with the agenda papers.

PR invited comments. None received.

PR proposed acceptance of the report.

Report accepted

### 5 To receive the Treasurer's report.

PB presented the draft accounts which were agreed and signed off by the Board. Final accounts can be provided on request.

Due to Covid, the conference was moved from June to August, so there has been no income received from that this year with the Network's year end being in July. An income of £16,625 has been generated from membership, £5819.50 from the Network magazine but unfortunately £0 from the exhibition and conference with it being moved from June to August due to Covid. (August is the start of the next financial year) Total income was £22,444.50

Expenses/running costs this year have totalled £39,596.48 This is an increase on 2019/20 (£16586.70) due to the brand new website, increased marketing with our new agency, and the new Borders and Boundaries Publication.



As a result, our Net loss for the year is to be circa £17,151.98 which was expected and planned for.

The main Work Stream costing was for the Research developments and printing for the Borders and Boundaries Publication. Circumstances like Covid 19 have prevented some of the other work streams from being completed during 2020/21. From the budget set, all work streams are well funded for 2021/22 and delivery of various projects will continue

All statutory obligations are up to date with Companies House, The Charities Commission and HMRC.

Report accepted

## 6 To receive the reports from the Work Streams

All work stream reports were circulated with the agenda for the meeting to all members. No questions or comments had been received from members unable to attend the AGM. *The Chair proposed all reports be accepted in turn.* 

#### 6a Community Engagement

TB, the lead for Community Engagement, previously known as Stakeholder Engagement, gave her report.

The website, volunteer policy and the expenses policy are among the key developments which will ensure stakeholder engagement can be progressed further during 2022. The action plan discussed consists of a hybrid model. There will be digital, face to face gatherings, email and social media campaigns.

The pandemic delayed many things but hopefully Community engagement can help to ensure support and growth for the community we serve as an organisation. Feedback from members about want they would like from DIMHN, to discuss with a wider audience of stakeholder's questions such as, what are the key priorities in design that need highlighting would shape support into the sector.

TB thanked PRe, SB and their team for her involvement in the research workstream to produce the Borders and Boundaries project. TB has also delivered a number of webinars talking about 'Build back Better' and the impact the design environment has on health care and education. This has also raised DIMHN's profile.

TB looks forward to hosting the Strategy Day on 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Caudwell International Children Centre, and thanked Chair Philip Ross and all the Board members for their support during 2021.

No comments were received.

Report accepted



### 6b Testing and innovation

PR, lead of the Testing and Innovation workstream, presented his report.

Another busy year for the testing and innovation workstream, the sub-committee was joined by a number of our new Associates. The team consisted of Richard Brown (Leicestershire NHS), Jen Aspinall (Vinci Construction), Garry Charlton (CAD21), Phil Barsby (Intastop), Kevin Gorman (Britplas) and Cath Lake (P+HS) and PR (Safehinge Primera) – providing a wide range of views and expertise.

Covid has slowed progress down, with provisional testing starting in May. Areas were identified for improving the testing both in the time it was taking and considering how performance would be reported. A mini-review of the testing guidance has been created to highlight the gaps and simplify the procedure so it can be more widely approved. The revisions were signed off by the working group testing was started at the beginning of November, a week later than expected. Six manufacturers have already signed up to test their products and a lot more discussing this.

Also met with several NHS Trusts and main contractors this year to discuss how they can incorporate the testing into their projects by having the new testing layered on top of existing tests. NHS teams who generally make the final decision on product selection will be able to show the full scope of evidence for an informed choice.

The biggest task over the next few months will be adoption and continuing the adoption. Will be reaching out to a number of NHS Trusts, designers and main contractors.

Report accepted

## **6c** Conference and Exhibition

JG presented the Conference and Exhibition Workstream report circulated with the agenda papers.

The Conference and Exhibition was held on 24 and 25 August at the Coventry Building Society Arena in Coventry. 442 people registered to visit the exhibition prior to the event with several 'walk-ins' on the day. 47 organisations exhibited in the hall, of these 22 were members of the DiMHN. A total of 92 delegates and 30 speakers attended the Conference. Keynote speakers included

- Jane Ray, Head of Hospital Inspections, CQC.
- Kenita Watson, Experience of detention under the Mental Health Act.



The programme covered many topics including health and wellbeing, dementia, lived experience, art, design and mental health, clinical design, and many other topics.

The quality and number of entries for the awards this year were extremely high. Our winners were:

Product Innovation of the Year Wallgate Dementia e-Suite

Estates & Facilities Team GMMH Capital, Estates and Facilities

Team

Concept Product Innovation VISTAMATIC

Service User Engagement Camden and Islington NHS Foundation

Trust

Project of the Year, Refurbishment Kantor Centre of Excellence: The Anna

Freud Centre and The Pears Family School

Project of the Year New Build Inspire, CAMHS Unit – UK
Orygen Clinic – International

Art Installation Oh My Gosh, You're Wellcome... Kitten

Clinical Team Inspire, CAMHS Unit Low Cost – High Impact IKON Architects

Congratulations to all our winners.

JG also received a Recognition Award since retiring as Conference Chair.

The conference remains at the Coventry Building Society Arena (CBS Arena), for the next few years but the date will move to the second week in June. For 2022 the conference will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June and is advertised on the website. The first Advisory Group call was held yesterday with new members as well. Anyone wanting to nominate speakers please contact JC.

Opened up for comments. JG asked is the conference section will be in separate rooms next year. JC said hopefully will be and back to normal, but depends where up to with Covid at that time.

Report accepted

## International

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AC presented the International Workstream report circulated with the agenda papers.

The key achievements for this year are:

 The collaboration with Salus has been strengthen by a new MoU agreement signed earlier this year. DIMHN will be featured as Event Partner for the European Healthcare Design Conference in 2021. Attendance has been provided for members of the team to the Healthy City Design International Congress.



- AC represented the Board for the virtual European Healthcare Design Congress in June 2021 chairing the session: Designing for custodial and mental health with contributions from Denmark, the UK and the USA.
- The collaboration with the Academy of Design and Health continues to be under development with a MoU agreement in similar format to the one in place with Salus.
- Design in Mental Health Network Conference, Session 8: Designed in the USA was hosted by the International workstream to learn best working practice from USA with Frank Pitts and Tim Rommel.
- For the fifth year in a row we have seen an upward trend in the number of International memberships (from 15 in 2017 to 38 in 2021). It is a testament to the engagement work undertaken by the Board and Stepex to expand DIMHN membership globally which acknowledges the value of the content shared on DIMHN platforms.

AC added that there will be a Study Tour being organised for 2022 in California, to being best practice. If anyone is interested, to contact <a href="mailto:admin@dimhn.org">admin@dimhn.org</a> or AC directly. Details will be sent out in March.

Report accepted

#### **Research and Education**

SB presented PRe's report on this year's projects.

The R&E workstream has been successfully working on three projects this year; two books (one on border and boundaries and the International evidence gathering book) and negotiating an empirical project looking at transitioning from an older hospital site to a new facility, in Greater Manchester. We have secured PhD funding for five years, to be able to deliver on the latter project, which will be based at London South Bank University.

The book on border and boundaries which was delivered at the conference was completed on time, as was a follow up questionnaire aimed at feedback on the entire Design with People in Mind book series. A paper was also presented at the DIMH conference, outlining the book series' mission.

SB will liaise on behalf of the Research & Education workstream with the International workstream (led by AC) in producing a rapid evidence report on international design standards, as well as a book to be included in the existing series to be published for the 2022 Conference.

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External activities have also included Prof. Reavey's invitation to sit on the NHS-E committee for improving secure environments, wherein she was asked to contribute and comment on the next report to be submitted to government. Prof. Brown & Reavey have also contributed to a number of roundtable discussions on urban design and mental health.

Report accepted

#### **Editorial**

6f CL presented the Editorial report.

Revenue from the Network publication has remained steady despite the continued Covid pandemic, and in fact shows a recovery to "pre-pandemic" level of income. Income being £5,819.50. Thanks go to the StepComms team, including Jonathan Baillie, Trevor Moon and Nick Carpenter for their continued hard work through challenging times.

Looking forwards, through discussion and collaboration with StepComms, from January 2022 issues of the Network will be focused on a digital publication with content enhanced from that achievable in the hard-copy issue. The only hard copy issue will be for the conference. Good to take our own steps in supporting the limitation of climate change.

In addition, the editorial workstream will aim ensure the Network magazine delivers more focused articles on subject of therapeutic design and the experience of those that use mental health settings; engaging with experts by experience, academic research and clinical teams. The vision is to close circle and fully reflect the link between the day-to-day work of DIMHN, our website /social media interactions, and the Network publication.

Any members involved in the design, construction, operation or use of any mental health settings are welcome to contact the team with ideas for future articles.

Report accepted

### Marketing

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PR presented the marketing report.

The Design in Mental Health Network's new website was launched in April with a new members log in, allowing individuals to all sign up and take part in design discussions in the forums and access our growing portfolio of research and evidence captured in the Design With People in Mind book series (all available for free in our members-only resource section). The sub-committee with Cath Lake (P+HS), Lianne Knotts (Medical Architecture) worked with the appointed graphic design agency to give the charity a fresh and cohesive look and feel across all our platforms, with environmental inspirational and aspirational



imagery. The aim was for the website to reflect the good design principles we push for in architecture, which has also increased growth on LinkedIn.

Registration numbers are growing every month and is free for all individuals. The administration of our commercial members with the annual membership has been streamlined so is now being transacted online with a fully automated portal. Commercial organisations can also make a donation online to help fund the charities research and work to improve mental health environments.

Report accepted

## 6h Memberships / Partnerships

GC presented the Memberships / Partnerships report.

- Memberships improvement plan has been set with key primary targets for 2021 as follows:-
  - Improve memberships revenue
  - Retain existing corporate membership volume
  - Consider increase of Corporate membership subscription
  - Improve private sector corporate membership volume
  - Attract income support from NHS Trusts
  - Retain free membership access for individuals
- Achievements to date
  - Existing corporate memberships have been retained
  - Corporate Membership subscription increased by 25%, to £500/annum
  - Questionnaire prepared for consultation with existing corporate members
  - Action plan set to attract new private and NHS corporate membership support

Report accepted

## 7 Election results and Board of Directors for 2020-2021

Three directors retired by rotation this year, Jonathan Campbell, Phil Barsby and Cath Lake. The Board added an additional step in the voting process this year for Directors to be re-



elected. All 3 were voted to stand for another 3 years and they accepted. Will be recruiting new associates after the Board meeting in December.

#### 8 Any other business

JG congratulated everyone for their work this year and said that the Network is going from strength to strength.

PR thanked JC for his support, and the Board and Associates to drive forward the mission. PR also thanked JF and JG for their championing and representation of the Network, and JG will be missed as Conference Chair after retiring since the last conference in August.

PR thanked StepEx, and farewell to James Lee who has left to focus on Education. JC, the new Conference Chair, is working with a new team at StepEx on next year's conference. Also thanks to Jonathan Baillie and the team at StepComms.

PR also thanked Richard Hardy and his team at BRE as the testing goes into the next phase.

Thank you to all who attended the AGM and our members for all that is done day to day.

Will organise a follow up questionnaire to see if holding the AGM virtually is the best option going forward.

The meeting closed at 10:55am.

9 Date and time of next meeting: To be advised



| Report             | Chair's Report |
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| Report prepared by | Philip Ross    |
| Date               | September 2022 |

2022 witnessed our first full conference and exhibition since Covid, not just returning to pre-pandemic levels, but setting new records for attendance. Our conference program has grown, delivering more case studies of best practice in mental health design and hearing from people with lived experience – and a great example of empathetic design considerations by Nick Smith who talked about his own experience of being in a Section 136 suite and how this encouraged him to think about the need for space where police can decompress afterwards.

We hosted our first round-table discussion, led by the Stakeholder Engagement team, discussing the design challenges of Seclusion, all part of our ongoing research into the use/need of seclusion and how design can play a role in reducing the need for such spaces.

We launched the latest in the Design with People in Mind (DWPIM) booklet series, exploring the international approaches to mental health care environments. Available from our website at: https://dimhn.org/resources/

One of our long-standing challenges as a charity is the limited time our volunteers have, all whom have busy day-jobs. With the growth in our revenue and a healthy cash position, the board signed off on recruiting our first employee – a CEO to lead the growth of the charity's reach and give full time capacity to increase our output. We'll be posting the role on specialist charity job boards and our social media platforms in the coming weeks. Alongside this, the board have approved part-funding for our first research lead, partnering with LSBU – something we'll use to look at the psychology safety of various aspects of design considerations within mental health hospitals.

#### The Board

After creating our new volunteer role, we welcomed two new Associates – Karen Howell and Dan Vesty.

Our Associates have been involved in several sub-committees and making a big impact with their collective experience in the design and construction of mental health environments.

You can see details of all our Directors and Associates here: <a href="https://dimhn.org/board-and-associates/">https://dimhn.org/board-and-associates/</a>

We'll be inviting new Associates applications in the coming few weeks, so if you're interested in getting involved and have time and capacity, then get in touch.



#### Workstreams

The key workstreams this year were:

Conference and Exhibitions: Jonathan Campbell

Marketing/Editorial: Cath Lake

Research: Paula Reavey

■ Community Engagement: Trudi Beswick

Memberships / Partnerships: Garry Charlton

■ **Testing and Innovation:** Philip Ross

Lived Experience Advisory Panel (L.E.A.P): Alex Caruso

## **Board appointments**

There were three board Directors coming who retired by rotation; Trudi Beswick, Paula Reavey and myself (Philip Ross). All three stated wish to re-stand and the board cast votes in secret and decided to reappoint all three for another three-year term. Whilst we will not be seeking new Directors to join the board, we will be reaching out to our membership to find more Associates to join our mission.



|   | Report             | Treasurer's Report |
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| Ī | Report prepared by | Phil Barsby        |
| Ī | Date               | September 2022     |

At time of writing our accounts show that we generated £17,212 income from membership, £8297 from the Network magazine and £53,238 from the exhibition and conference plus £15,000 from the 2021 exhibition with it being moved from June to August due to Covid. (August is the start of the next financial year) Total income was £93,748

Expenses/running costs this year have totalled £29,850 with the costs mainly spent on website / marketing, and the new International Publication.

As a result, our Net gain for the year is to be circa £63,898 which was above forecast due to the excellent financial return from the exhibition and conference

The main Work Stream costing was for the Research developments and printing for the International Publication. Some of the other work streams for example Testing and Innovation are being continued into 2022/23.

From the budget set, all work streams are well funded for 2022/23 and delivery of various projects will continue

All statutory obligations are up to date with Companies House, The Charities Commission and HMRC.

Full (draft) accounts should be available at the AGM. With the AGM being virtual, they will be available electronically and if members are interested in a copy, to email Chloe.



| Workstream         | Community Engagement |
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| Report prepared by | Trudi Beswick        |
| Date               | September 2022       |

It has been a privilege to serve another year as a Trustee and lead on the Stakeholder Engagement work stream, which I'm delighted remains a priority for the Board and our members. The relevance and importance to our members was highlighted at the successful conference workshops where diverse groups of stakeholders were invited to take part in structured consultations under the theme of 'seclusion rooms'.

With thanks to several DIMH Board Members, our experts by experience, David Parkin and Nick Smith, and my colleagues from Caudwell Children, Ben Sutcliffe and Louise Joy-Johnson, for their guidance, input and support in facilitating the well-attended focus groups.

Such was the success of the first two events, we are now planning a minimum of four more throughout 2023 in our continued efforts to promote stakeholder engagement best practice while also discussing the most important topics affecting our members.

It was once again an honour to be one of the Judges for the Design in Mental Health Awards, which received numerous outstanding applications in each category.

I am confident that with the ever-increasing interaction we are now able to enjoy, in 2023 we will further our efforts to actively engage with our members and the wider design in mental health community and continue to serve as an accessible and indispensable industry resource.



| Workstream         | Testing and Innovation |
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| Report prepared by | Philip Ross            |
| Date               | September 2022         |

In 2022 we continued our progress with our joint testing collaboration with Building Research Establishment (BRE). We've been working through the final details of the testing and certification scheme with BRE, signing off templates for the certificates in a recent sub-team meeting and agreed that BRE website will host these, and we'll mirror the tested products list on the DIMHN website too.

Several manufacturers have now completed testing of their products and working through the certification steps which includes a Factory Production Control (FPC) audit. We're hopeful you'll start seeing certificated products online by the end of 2022, informing you of the ligature and robustness performance and enabling more informed choices are made on new build and refurbishment projects.

We also reached out to our network to ask some of the leading voices in specification if they would help encourage manufacturers to invest in product testing, ensuring they take the responsible action to evidence their safety claims.

### We've taken the pledge























#### Pledge #1

We will ask suppliers to provide DIMHN/BRE Informed Choices product performance assessment going forward. Initially this will be encouraged with preferential consideration given for products backed by independent performance assessment.

No minimum performance will be required, but performance of different products will be compared.

In addition, we're currently working on a user-friendly guide as to how to use the Informed Choices scheme, covering off the main benefits of independently tested/verified performance claims and how to use the results when specifying products and designing mental health environments. Our aim is to launch this by the end of 2022.



| Report             | Conferences       |
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| Report prepared by | Jonathan Campbell |
| Date               | September 2022    |

The 2022 Conference and Exhibition was held in Hall on 8-9 June at the Coventry Building Society Arena in Coventry.

#### **Exhibition**

Excluding exhibitor staff, 675 people registered to visit the exhibition, with several 'walk-ins' on the day. The exhibition totalled 51 stands, comprised of 47 commercial organisations (of which 15 were members of the DiMHN), plus 4 supporting stands (including the DiMHN stand).

#### Conference

Of the 675 attendees, a total of 291 delegates and 89 speakers attended the Conference, this is nearly 3 times as many of each that attended 2021 in the wake of the pandemic. Keynote speakers included

- Sarah Hughes, CEO, Centre for Mental Health
- Nick Smith, Expert by Experience, Missing Peace Wellness and Support

The programme covered many topics including health and wellbeing, dementia, lived experience, art, design and mental health, clinical design, and many other topics.

#### **Awards Ceremony & Networking Drinks**

Over 200 people attended the Awards Ceremony and the quality and number of entries for the awards this year were extremely high. Andy Powell presented 12 Awards on site in a separate room upstairs for the Ceremony, which was complimented by a musician, magician and games. The winners were:

Outside Space of the Year - Rowan View

Research and Education – Mental Health, Design and Wellbeing: A Co-design Workshop

Concept Product Innovation - Safehinge Primera Older people's door with full-door ligature alarm

Service User Engagement - Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Trust New Park House

Development

Clinical Team of the Year - Rowan View

Product Innovation of the Year - Pineapple Contracts Seal seating

Art Installation - Rowan View

Estates and Facilities Team of the Year - Rowan View

Low Cost - High Impact - Olliefullness CIC

Project of the Year – Refurbishment - Wesham Rehabilitation Centre

Project of the Year – New Build UK – Red Kite View

Project of the Year – New Build International - Skejby Psychiatric Centre

Congratulations to all our winners.



## **Next year**

2023 is the 10<sup>th</sup> live Edition of Design in Mental Health!

The event remains at the Coventry Building Society Arena (CBS Arena), but excitingly and due to stands selling out, the exhibition has been moved to Hall 1 (next door to Hall 2) and the exhibition floor space has been increased by 25%. In turn, this should attract additional attendees with more suppliers to see. For 2023 the conference will be held on

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of June.



| Report             | Lived Experience Advisory Panel (L.E.A.P.) |  |
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| Report prepared by | Alex Caruso                                |  |
| Date               | September 2022                             |  |

Through workshops the DIMHN subgroup has supported the new initiative to improve mental health spaces with the help of people who have experienced these environments.

The aim is to form a group of people with lived experience who will act as facilitators and trainers to work with architects, designers, commissioners, and estate teams to improve the quality of mental health environments.

The initiative will help to address the distance and perceived difference between 'providers' and 'service users'.

Early engagements with NHS, Private and Charitable Healthcare providers have confirmed a key interest in the initiative.



| Report             | Research and Education                            |
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| Report prepared by | Paula Reavey (PRe), supported by Steve Brown (SB) |
| Date               | September 2022                                    |

It's been another busy year with a number of projects developed and some delivered, with additional funding secured to help expand the workstream.

The Greater Manchester project with NHS North Manchester hospital is gathering pace. We had a meeting arranged with them in February, to finalise details of the project. This project is supervised by PRe and SB via a PhD funded studentship at London South Bank University. The student is working part-time on the project for the next five years.

PRe and SB are developing a funding bid, in collaboration with NAPICU, P22, DIMH, LSBU and NTU on environments, restrictive practices and seclusion space use. This progressing well but will not be ready for submission for at least six months.

PRe is continuing to work with an RA, developing an evidence based on violence and aggression and the impact of the environment and design issues. This work will be put towards the next Design with People in mind book, which will be on the subject of seclusion and restrictive practices.

SB and PRe completed the rapid evidence assessment on behalf of the international workstream and was used as the central material for this year's Design with People in Mind book, delivered at this year's conference.

PRe wrote a bid for a PhD matched funded studentship between DIMH and London South Bank University. The bid was successful, so plans are now being made to draw up contracts between the university and DIMH. The studentship should begin in January (2023).



| Workstream         | Marketing and Editorial |
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| Report prepared by | Cath Lake               |
| Date               | September 2022          |

Our engagement with our stakeholders continues to grow year on year, supporting the Charity's objectives and widening our reach.

Our website now hosts not only the Network's "Design with People in Mind" publications but now also includes a range of opinion and thought articles across varying topics. Thanks to those who have contributed over the last 12 months, and in particular Alan Murtagh at GMA for managing content, and DIMHN Associates Karen Howell and Lianne Knotts for continued support.

Over the coming months we look forward to publishing more valuable and interesting content, and welcome input from all members via blogs, news articles or Community discussion.



If you have something interesting or challenging to discuss, get in touch via Social Media, our Website, or email <a href="mailto:cath.lake@dimhn.org">cath.lake@dimhn.org</a>

As noted in the 2021 AGM report The Network magazine has now moved primarily to a digital-only publication in our support of limiting the impact of climate change. The digital only publication includes enhanced content which we hope will evolve in future editions. We encourage anyone submitting an article or advertisement in the Network to include video content to enrich the publication and broaden its reach.

The Network will continue to publish a hard-copy edition at the time of the annual conference, next year to be held 7-8 June 2023.

Revenue from the Network publication has continued to grow, with income being up on the same 2021 period. Thanks go to the StepComms team, including Jonathan Baillie, Trevor Moon and Nick Carpenter for their continued hard work.

Any members involved in the design, construction, operation or use of any mental health settings are welcome to contact the team with ideas for future articles.