

Dear Marcus,

Sorry for the delay in getting these notes to you. These are my recollections, please let me know if they are at odds to yours!:

Outcome of our meeting 18th June 2013.

As we discussed, there is an imperative to get surgeons to engage with data collection throughout the profession but in our case for non-arthroplasty hip surgery. In the future, surgeons will be held accountable for the results of surgery and the best people to be able to carry out an analysis on these complex data are the surgeons who carried out the operation. If we do not do it, Dr Foster will do it for us with the mandate of NHS England to fulfil the transparency agenda which is set to roll out at increasing speed very quickly.

This urgency was highlighted in a meeting I went to the following day where Bruce Keogh made the comment that “the best way to protect the surgeon is to protect the patient”. We must know the outcome of all of our interventions and have mechanisms in place to explain them and to improve results. We have already seen the drive to “name and shame” surgeons who will not participate in the audit process. The NAHR is a clinical audit owned and run by the profession with no public money. We must take the initiative to protect our professionalism. It is important to have those involved in carrying out the surgery at the very heart of the registry development and decision-making processes.

I know you are aware of all of these facts but I thought it is worth setting them down as arguments for those who doubt the value of this initiative.

We discussed setting up a **NAHR working group** to drive the momentum of NAHR forward. The Chairman of the working group will initially be yourself and you will contribute to the BHS NAHR Subcommittee conferences when they occur. We identified several areas where it would be useful to have a lead clinician taking responsibility for progress. These are (including names suggested):

NAHR Dataset and functionality - Marcus Bankes

Outcome Reports and Newsletters - Paul Gaston

Data Quality/Date entry compliance – Max Fehily/Tim Board

Research/Randomised Trials – Sion Glyn Jones/Damian Griffin

Special Advisor – Tony Andrade

Please can you let me know if you are happy with these names and responsibilities or if you feel some should be changed or others involved? Please can you let me know if you manage to speak to any of the individuals we discussed?

I will continue to work to raise money for NAHR, principally from insurers. It is important that we do not accept public money to avoid FOI requests. I will also continue the collaboration with NICE and try to get insight into coding issues.

Perhaps we could meet up at 1015 on Thursday prior to the meeting to check we are happy with the way forward and the methods of please find attached a file with my recollection of what we discussed please find attached facilitating the involvement of others?

Many thanks for your help with all of this.

Best wishes

John