

**VIVALDI Social Care Stakeholder Oversight Group (SOGG) Meeting 05
04th February 2025 – Attendance, Apologies and Notes**

Attending:	Laura Shallcross	-	Public Health Doctor by background, working as a Professor at UCL and led the original VIVALDI Study
	Zoe Fry	-	Director, The Outstanding Society (OS) and leading on onboarding of care homes and the Adult Social Care Engagement Collective (ASCEC) group for the VIVALDI project
	Mike Slator	-	Project Support Specialist for The OS and Pharmacist
	Nicola Turner	-	Relative of two residents at The Close Care Home
	Oliver Stirrup	-	Researcher and Statistician, UCL
	Andrew Copas	-	
	Lucy Knight	-	VIVALDI Social Care Programme Coordinator, the OS
	Debbie Smith	-	Health and Safety Manager, Infection Prevention and Control Lead, Risedale Estates Care Homes
	Victoria Longstaff	-	Head of IPC, HC-One
	Francesco Santino Palma	-	Relative (younger sister with rare diagnosis of dementia living in residential care), Use My Data
	Honor Westlake	-	Honor on behalf of NCF instead of Liz
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Apologies:		-	
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Please see the action points in the attached spreadsheet

Next Meeting: 6th May 2025, 11.00am-12.00pm and then quarterly thereafter.

Note Summary:

1. The data collection process has started, with the first care home (Summerlands) successfully transferring data on January 27th and 28th. The team is now rolling out the data transfer process to other care homes, starting with two more providers.

2. The team has secured the necessary governance approvals and agreements with NHS England to host the data in the DPS (Data Processing Services) environment. This allows them to link the care home data with other NHS datasets.

3. The team plans to start sharing initial dashboards and analyses with care providers and policymakers in the coming months. They will start with care home-level comparisons, but recognise the need to develop more sophisticated

benchmarking approaches that account for differences between care homes.

4. The team is setting up a benchmarking group to work on developing appropriate ways to compare care homes and identify meaningful insights from the data.

5. The team are planning to partner with organisations like the CQC and NIHR to build research capacity and engagement within the social care sector, beyond just this project.

Q&A

Q - What is the intention for the project in terms of the number of care homes to be involved (up to 500 was mentioned)?

- Is there any reference to the use of Section 251 approval for collecting anonymised information without consent, and how are residents and relatives being informed about this process?

A - The project has gone through the necessary approvals process with the Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) and has sign-off to collect the data this way.

- They have developed a range of materials (posters, videos, information sheets) to explain the process to residents and relatives at different levels of detail.

Q - How is the team accounting for differences in care home size and resident profiles when doing comparisons and benchmarking?

A - The initial approach will be to compare each care home to the overall dataset and to homes in the same region, but with clear caveats about the limitations of these comparisons.

- The team is setting up a benchmarking group to work on developing more sophisticated ways to identify "similar" care homes for meaningful comparisons.

Q - What is the size of the smallest care home involved in the project, as very small homes could lead to individual residents skewing the data?

A - The team has have 28 homes in the 20-29 bed category and 10 below 20. All others are 30 or above and they recognise the disclosure control challenges this presents.

- They plan to discuss this issue further within the benchmarking group to determine the appropriate approaches.

Q - How is the team defining "provider type" for the purposes of analysis and benchmarking, beyond just the CQC registration?

A - Initially they will use the CQC registration information, but acknowledge they may need to collect additional data from care homes to better understand the services provided, especially for areas like dementia care.



Q-Is the team considering social care outcome frameworks and quality of life measures, not just health-related outcomes?

A- The team is partnering with the Dacha study team from King's College to integrate quality of life measurement into the electronic care records, so this data can be analysed.

Q - Who will be leading the work on raising awareness and advocacy for the social care sector, similar to how the NHS has a higher profile?

A - The team is working to build partnerships with key organisations like the CQC, NHS England, and NIHR to help elevate the profile of social care research and issues.

- They also have plans for public engagement and media outreach to increase awareness of the social care sector.

The meeting concluded with plans for future discussions and updates on data flow, ensuring that relevant research topics are prioritised and addressed through collaboration with the Adult Social Care Engagement Collective (ASCEC).

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