**Minutes for the Cochrane Skin/French Satellite Group teleconference October 19th 2021**

*Present: Laurence Le Cleach, Bob Boyle, Helen Scott, Emma Axon, Laura Prescott*

*Apologies: Rob Dellavalle, Elizabeth Doney*

**1. Cochrane Skin funding changes**

We discussed the changes in funding affecting UK Cochrane Review Groups, and the subsequent changes to Cochrane’s wider structure and funding that are now being discussed. We will keep Laurence informed as soon as we have more clarity regarding the current uncertainties.

**2. Update on review progress**

* **#156** – ***Systemic pharmacological treatments for chronic plaque psoriasis: a network meta-analysis*** – the review team have funding until the end of December 2022 primarily for co-author Dr Sivem Afach’s work on this review.
* **#184** – ***Serious adverse events associated with systemic treatments of psoriasis using observational studies and randomized controlled trials*** – although the review team currently have funding for 2 years, they are going to apply for a new grant to pay for Dr Sivem Afach’s salary. Cochrane Skin can decide closer to submission of the review whether to submit 184 to Cochrane’s Central Editorial Service or run the editorial process in house.

Cochrane Skin’s Consumer Editor, Dr Peter Smart, has been in contact with the IFPA (International Federation of Psoriasis Associations) to tell them that #184 is registered. They have offered to help with patient engagement, but as both titles already have an active consumer author, we have decided to seek the IFPA’s help with peer review and dissemination.

**3. Diffusion of evidence-based medicine and training**

* Laurence is teaching on a Masters (1) course, which started in 2021. The course is attended by 15 medical students who are taught about evidence-based medicine (EBM), how to report systematic reviews, and how to find relevant research.
* Laurence teaches each year on a 2-day EBM course for nurses called ‘Advanced practice for nurses’.
* Laurence is preparing an 18-hour online EBM course (including teaching about Cochrane) for senior dermatology residents. (This was originally postponed due to COVID.)

**4. Communication Strategy/Dissemination**

* Letters containing translations are sent out through the French Cochrane Centre, but an issue recently occurred, so this has stalled for the minute.
* Laurence has offered to translate Cochrane Skin blogshots into French.

**5. Structure and resources**

See point 2 above.

**Actions**

1. Laurence and team to continue working on the reviews.
2. Cochrane Skin editorial base to keep Laurence informed with news relating to future funding of the group.

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