**Meeting notes**

*Pathways Steering Group*

20th November 2019

# In Attendance

Attending: Majid Ezzati, Mike Templeton, Giulia Mangiameli (Imperial College), Yvonne Doyle (PHE), Frank Kelly (King’s College), Mike Brauer (UBC), Zahid Quayyum (BRAC).

Apologies: Frans Berkhout, Camilla Audia, Aruna Sivakumar, Jing Liu, Brian Robinson, George Owusu, Jill Baumgartner.

# Summary of the discussion

* London Hub webinars

Giulia gave an update on the webinars, which started in October and will take place every last Thursday of the month. The recordings will be made available through the newsletter. Mike Brauer suggested setting up a long-term schedule so that everyone in Pathways can present.

* Annual meeting, Vancouver 2020

Giulia gave an update regarding the room booking for the meeting in Vancouver 2020. Everyone should be booking their room through the link circulated and confirm with Giulia.

* Advisory group

Majid gave an update on the previous meeting and the notes that were distributed. The next meeting will take place in June 2020 and will focus on the work across Pathways and CUSSH.

Yvonne asked what the relationship with CUSSH is now and Majid replied that the two projects are getting closer through grass-root activities (webinars, a joint meeting with GLA, stakeholders engagement discussion etc.) and that we will organize a joint workshop on modelling and data sources in the new year.

* Working groups updates

**Vancouver** - Mike Brauer talked about the work on life expectancy now taking place in Vancouver and the work of the new PhD student, who will focus on neighborhood and re-development.

Yvonne mentioned a report on the use of spaces written by the GLA that may be of interest for the group.

**Dhaka** - Zahid updated on the waste management work in Dhaka, the report currently in preparation and the plan to focus on other features of neighborhood.

**Beijing** - Majid gave an update on the work in Beijing after his visit. The group at Tsinghua University will focus on neighborhood and there is an ongoing discussion on what neighborhood characteristics matters (air pollution, playability etc.). The work is oriented towards the use of big data and may evolve to include the role of online economy in the future. At Anzhen hospital, the work with Beijing CDC to map mortality is ongoing.

**London** - Majid updated the group regarding the approval to use geocoded health data to map health at LSOA level. Other ongoing work include Niloofar Shoari's work on children's health, open space and green space, for which a paper is in preparation, and which will expand in the future to include betting shops, fast food etc. The work on housing prices is currently led by James Bennett, who is working with Rightmove data and imagery.

Yvonne and Majid agreed to meet to discuss the work on schools and children’s health to frame the resulting paper.

Frank expressed his interest to be put in contact with James to discuss the housing work.

**Accra** – Majid gave an update on the workshop with local partners held in October and how housing dominated the discussion together with the question of land tenure.

For the **water & sanitation** work, Mike Templeton introduced two projects happening in Accra: the project on flooding, inequity and health (led by Simon Moulds with People’s Dialogue NGO) and the project on drinking water and access to clean water (as part of Jacob Tetteh's PhD work at the University of Ghana).

For the **transport & injuries work**, Ernest Agyemang at the University of Ghana together with Kavi Bhalla at the University of Chicago and Aruna Sivakumar at Imperial have started looking into a project on motorcycle rides in Accra (Okada) with a perspective on injuries.

The **monitoring campaign** in Accra is going well and is showing a decrease in the levels of air pollution despite the increase in the number of cars. The modelling work led by Frank is also moving forward.

Yvonne commented on the water & sanitation work in Accra and on the problem of land registration in Africa, mentioning an [article published in Nature](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-019-1050-5) on the issue of housing in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Mike Brauer also mentioned on the ongoing work in Beijing on the development of metrics to characterize neighborhood disorder in Beijing. Majid also mentioned Ying Long's literature review on this topic, which include a complete list of neighborhood characteristics that will be used as a base to quantify neighborhood disorder in every city.

* File sharing

Giulia reminded all working groups leaders to use the file sharing platform on the Pathways website to share minutes and other documents within the groups. Instructions can be resent via email if they haven’t been received in the past.

# Action points

Giulia: to circulate schedule for the webinars.

Everyone: to book their accommodation for the meeting in Vancouver.

Everyone: to send updates on the work of the groups ahead of the next steering group meeting.

# Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 18th March 2020.