**Simulation Project meeting on 7th September**

In attendance: Dan Freshwater- Turner (chair), Wai Tse (co-chair), Mark Carter, Caroline Stone, Ben Hester and Andrew Gammie

**Ben** provided updates on the 3 Somerset projects.

1. Tom technician has done an excellent job in linking the work of the Technology Enhanced Learning and the Simulation teams. His apprentice funding will finish in February 2024 and so Ben is now looking for sustainable funding for Tom to continue in his valuable role.
2. Katie is working with Pippa Richards on their simulation work focusing on safety and human factors. Work looking at discharge medication is progressing well.
3. Shona Hill’s work on community and mental health has completed. Unfortunately, they were not successful in securing on going funding, but further bids are being prepared looking at a full-time post. Shona has returned to MSK in meantime.

Ben informed group that their work has resulted in five e-posters and two oral presentations at the upcoming ASPiH meeting in Brighton in November.

Dan thanked Ben and the teams for their valuable and exciting work.

**Caroline and Mark** provided an update on the outreach project to engage young people and to provide an early overview of working in NHS.

The work is going very well. They have gone to career affairs and science festivals in schools. Their work has been very much welcomed and they are getting good engagement. They also have a Teddy bear hospital for the younger children.

They plan to visit more schools and colleges, extend engagement to arms forces events and forge links to PRIDE, local brownies and scouts. Schools are constrained by funding and staff, so some knock-on effects to working collaboratively.

There will be an October event aimed at yr. 11 who will be looking at future career choice; to pitch at the right time and to the right group. Younger children in lower secondary schools have travel limitations getting to Taunton.

Funding will finish in February 2024, so they are now making plans to secure sustainable funding. They have linked in with Laura and the outreach project in UHB.

**Andrew Gammie- Virtual Urodynamic project**

Andrew will present his work and prototype in a Toronto meeting in Autumn. Andrew highlighted that there is a strong interest from manufacturers and developers.

There was some delay in building the prototype, but this is now resolved. Dan reiterated that the Network is flexible about time frame and delighted that project is going well.

**Dan** – Drop off in project momentum reflects lack of project funding this year due to HEE and NHSE merger. Simulation Network has been given assurance by NHSE that they are committed to funding Simulation next yr., and they recognise the value and benefits of this important work stream.

**Next Simulation Network meeting will be on Team on 4/10/23 am.**

**ASPiH 4-6 November 2023, Brighton**