**Co-ordinating Editors’ Executive report to the Steering Group, October 2012**

This is a report from the Co-ordinating Editors’ Executive for 2011-12, prepared by Sophie Hill and Rachel Churchill, 11 September 2012.

**GOVERNANCE**

The Co-ordinating Editors’ Executive has met every three months and contributed to an agenda prepared by David Tovey.

All members of the Executive travelled to Paris in April 2012 for meetings of the Board and the Executive, and attended the half-day Strategic Session. Costs incurred against the Executive budget were £9662.17.The process for reimbursement is going to be reviewed.

The CEU recently selected Vicki Pennick to provide administrative support to the three CRG Executives.

**PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING**

Draft Cochrane Rewiew Group (CRG) core functions and performance indicators were discussed during a Co-ordinating Editors’ Executive call in September. Two members of the Co-ordinating Editors’ Executive have participated in MaRC discussions; the process for integrating the performance indicators into the MaRC process will be the subject of future work by the CEU.

**METHODOLOGICAL STANDARDS**

Several members of the Executive participated in working groups for the Methodological Expectations of Cochrane Intervention Reviews (MECIR) project. Representing the Co-Eds, Rachel Churchill co-led the central coordinating group (along with David Tovey, Jackie Chandler, Julian Higgins and Toby Lasserson) which has managed the process of development and consultation. The MECIR conduct standards have been finalised and are being implemented. These will be reviewed over the next 12 to 24 months following initial implementation. The draft MECIR reporting standards have undergone extensive consultation, both internally and externally, and the coordinating group expect to have finalised these in time for Auckland. Work to facilitate implementation is underway, including ensuring consistency with Cochrane Training materials, the outputs of the Editorial Resources Committee, Review Manager and the revised version of the Cochrane Handbook.

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Several CoEds were involved in working parties in preparation for the Strategic Session in Paris. The Executive has provided advice and feedback to David Tovey and the Cochrane Editorial Unit (CEU), and the Archie Development Advisory Committee (ADAC), on key initiatives as required, e.g. audit of abstracts, citations, press releases, workflows, websites and modules.