

Re: RE Health monitoring

Rosemary Lester

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RAU, Peter

21/05/2014 11:49 AM

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"Sherine Azoor", "Danny Csutoros"

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To: "RAU, Peter" [REDACTED],

Cc: "Sherine Azoor" [REDACTED], "Danny Csutoros" [REDACTED]

That's fine Peter - Sherine can you please advise Peter which of these dates/times suits Danny and me to meet?

Regards Rosemary

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 May 2014, at 11:47 am, "RAU, Peter" [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Rosemary

It would be good to catch up to discuss the content of the research and link with the health monitoring. Could I propose the following dates if you are available?

Thursday 5 June 2.30 - 3.30pm

Tuesday 10 June 3.30 -4.30pm

Regards

Peter

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Sent: Friday, 16 May 2014 4:36 PM

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Thanks Peter

I was meaning to call you this afternoon. Our view here is that the follow up program for the firefighters should be kept separate from the community long term health study. I am happy to meet if you think necessary; I have attached the current scope of the request for tender for the community study - we are just waiting for our final consultation session with the GPs next week and will incorporate theirs and the community's feedback before advertising.

Regards(See attached file: Part B 16 May.docx)

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Dear Rosemary

Thank you for the recent meeting to discuss the proposed DHS health research program. As you are aware the SCT is currently formulating its position for ongoing health monitoring for its firefighters involved in the Hazelwood mine incident. It is important that whatever model the SCT elect to pursue it must be linked to the scope of your research program. For that reason I would like to arrange a meeting with you, CFA/MFB brigade medical officers Dr Michael Sargeant and Dr Jane Wadsley and myself as soon as possible within in the next few weeks due to the importance of this matter.

I have organised for Liz Holloway to contact your office on Monday to make arrangements.

Thank you for your assistance.

Peter Rau | Acting Chief Officer
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From: RAU, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, 13 May 2014 4:37 PM
To: (MediaComms)LapsleyCraig; Euan Ferguson [REDACTED] Warrington, Steve
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Dear all

Following a meeting with Dr Rosemary Lester and other senior DHS representatives today at 1500 I provide the following:

DHS are finalising tender documents in relation to an ongoing health research program, which will be made available to the communities within the Morwell area. The scope of the tender will be significantly greater than the proposed health monitoring program for firefighters as discussed at the SCT on Monday (12 May).

As you are aware the health monitoring program for firefighters is based around lung function testing only and is linked to both the individual's health status and the CO reading on exit from the staging area at the mine.

The research model from DHS to the communities of Morwell will include studies on cardio vascular, psychology, cancers and heart defects, and it is anticipated that it will run for 10 years. Clearly the model being offered to the firefighting cohort cannot be at a lower level of monitoring than that which will be offered to the communities.

The successful tender (for the communities) will be responsible for sample size determination. As you would be aware sample size is a key feature of any empirical study in which the goal is to make inferences about a population. What I am suggesting is that individuals that were involved in the firefighting operations at the mine should be incorporated into the ongoing study, potentially a subset of the program. The difference however is that the study (incorporating monitoring) in relation to firefighters should be made available to all.

This will ensure that there is a consistent model in place. Dr Lester was supportive of this and was seeking advice in relation to this matter.

Can I ask that you consider this proposal and provide your thoughts prior to next Monday's SCT

Peter Rau | Acting Chief Officer
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