

COVID-END global partners meeting Notes from 3 November 2022

1.	INTRODUCTIONS	3 min
	a. No new members required introductions	
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2.	REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS	2 min
	a. There were no comments in the action items from the last meeting	
3.	COVID-END NETWORK	15 min
	a. John and Ileana noted that the key points about the transition were documented in the action itemsb. Jeremy strongly encouraged everyone to join the December meeting of COVID-END global partners, which will be our last meeting	
4.	EVIDENCE COMMISSION UPDATES	20 min
	 a. John provided an overview of the status of rapid jurisdictional assessments in various countries, and invited expressions of interest from other teams interested in undertaking an assessment in their countries (and he responded to a question from Maureen Dobbins about how the Library of Parliament undertakes its rapid responses) b. John also provided an update about conversations with evidence funders, which led to a rich conversation about: how we deal with complexity and uncertainty in answering questions about the big societal challenges of our time how GRADE and other health-focused solutions may not be the right solution for other, arguably more complex domains how we need to start having conversations across disciplines, as Jan Minx will be doing when he and others convene the What Works Climate Solutions Summit in June 2023 how we need to be very open minded about learning from other disciplines about their methodologies and not assume that they don't already have methods to ascertain (un)certainty how even in less complex areas of medicine (simple RCT for pharmacological intervention), the majority of evidence is also generally low certainty and that the hunt and disappointment for "high quality" may be a false hope and something we (and decision-makers) have to face/accept how decisions will still be made even if uncertain evidence how confusing it can be for citizens/patients who actually try to look at the evidence from studies and then see the labels of very low and low how David Spiegelhalter's group has done some good work showing that the concept of 'quality' and 'uncertainty' impacts on patient decisions (https://europepmc.org/article/PPR/ppr401632), which suggests that it needs to be robustly considered and presented alongside any evidence. how we need funding for methodological research bringing lots of disciplines together how one team is working on evaluating and categorising eviden	
5.	NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS	15 min
	a. Stefano Negrini gave a presentation about a Cochrane Rehabilitation initiative with rehabilitation journals	