Summary Novir Meeting 20.09.2023

1. Short presentation

We had a short presentation from the members of the networks and Steering Group.

This initiative from NOVIR STEERING GROUP is an attempt to re-establish professional Nordic networks within our specialist area. To achieve this, NOVIR has established a small steering group with representatives from participating countries. The steering group has digital meetings and discusses different ways of working together. The steering group has picked up on requests from professionals in different countries for cooperation in specific specialist areas. Today's meeting is the start of that work. We hope that this can be the start of the continuation and development of Nordic cooperation in our field of expertise.

2. Network Novir – Roles and mandate

We start with 3 networks. Each network has been assigned a contact person from the steering group.

All participants in the Networks and the steering group have been given access to NOVIR in Teams. The steering group wants full transparency to all channels and documents in the NOVIR team.

All networks have had their own channel created. Each network creates its own structure of folders.

The steering group wants a large degree of autonomy in the professional networks and has therefore only created some overall frameworks for the work in the networks.

**In general**

The networks will ensure the sharing and development of expertise across the countries in NOVIR in small and vulnerable areas in the field of low vision.

**Members of the network**

1-2 representatives from each country. One from the steering group is the contact person for the network.

**Tasks**

* Share information and expertise within the network, including current             literature
* Assess the need for cooperation on competence development in the area
* Report the need for priorities and focus areas to the steering group in NOVIR
* Disseminate information about the network's work within your own organisation
* Responsibility for ongoing updating of novir.net (in its subject area)
* The network draws up a short plan for its work by 1 December each year
* The network makes a short written summary of its work by 31 January each year (from 2024)

Every network has a contact from the Steering group

* ICT - Mika Minkkinen
* Braille - Elfa Svanhildur Hermannsdóttir
* Psychologist - Louise Karlsson

First meeting for all 3 networks

No summary from this part of the meeting.