

Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities

6pm-7.15pm Monday 6th December 2021

Agenda

Agenda item 1

Welcome and Apologies: VHS will ensure any apologies received are recorded in the minutes. The registration procedure for the meeting ensures there is a correct record of attendees.

Agenda item 2

Minutes of last meeting: To approve the draft minutes of the business meetings held on 26th January and on 27th September (circulated).

Agenda item 3

To consider the following applications to join the CPG:

Cycling UK

Diabetes UK

Home start

Faith in Older People

Marie Curie

Positive Help

Agenda item 4

Topic for discussion: Responses to the inverse care law in Scotland over the last 20 years

An important 'ground-up' response to the challenges of the inverse care law emerged over a decade ago in the form of the 'GPs at the Deep End' group, comprising general practitioners working in the 100 most socioeconomically deprived practices in Scotland. The group has involved collaboration between front-line and academic GPs, and other colleagues, to mitigate the impact of health inequalities, through advocacy, evidence, service development, and professional development. Learning from the previous work done by the Scottish Government and Health Boards, as well as the GPs at the Deep End, may help to inform primary care policy and practice in the UK and internationally. Fifty years since Tudor Hart's seminal paper, it is timely to take stock of the key lessons in Scotland relating to responses to the inverse care law.

Today's speakers:

Dr David Blane, GP and Researcher at the University of Glasgow and Academic lead for the Scottish Deep End GP Project

Kathy Owens, Health Improvement Lead - Community Link Workers, Health

Improvement Team, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

Questions and discussion

Next steps, including any actions to engage the wider Parliament in this topic

Agenda item 5

To consider any other relevant business.

Agenda item 6

Date and topic of next meeting: to be confirmed