Agenda
Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities
Thursday 30th March 2017
*** new time*** 3pm to 4.45pm
Committee Room 5, The Scottish Parliament

Theme of meeting: Health Inequalities and the Built Environment
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival with the meeting to commence at 3.15pm

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January 2017

3. Matters Arising

4. Proposed new members:
Applications have been received from:

5. Professor Jamie Pearce, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh

Research evidence on the built environment and health:

- Local green spaces and outcomes including cognitive ageing, childhood development and birth outcomes.

- Tobacco and alcohol environments (including retailing provision) and influences on inequalities in related behaviours and outcomes for children and adults.

6. James Jopling, Executive Director for Scotland, Samaritans

Samaritans Report: Dying from Inequality explores the link between socioeconomic disadvantage and suicidal behaviour.

- The report notes the importance of place in terms of suicide risk, whether at a housing or community level.
- The findings suggest that the combination of what a place is like and who lives there can help to explain why suicide risk differs between areas of high and low deprivation

7. Next meeting:

Thursday 15th June, 12.40 pm to 2.15 pm, Committee Room 3. Proposed Chair: Clare Haughey MSP. Proposed topic: Health Inequalities and prison experience. Proposed speakers: Sarah Atherton, RCN and Pete White, Positive Prison? Positive Futures