

# The Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 26 April 2017

## **Attendance**

Margaret Mitchell MSP, Convenor, Johann Lamont MSP, Deputy Convenor, Anne Macdonald, Deputy Convenor, Janine Rennie, Wellbeing Scotland, Treasurer, Traci Kirkland, Wellbeing Scotland, Chris Murphy, Committed to Ending Abuse (CEA), Sarah Nelson, University of Edinburgh, Javita Narang International Consultant, Sandra Ferguson, NES, Sue Hampson, Safe to Say, Andrew Campbell, Carol Willson, Sharon Guest, BarnardosRuth Friskney, Barnardos, Sandie Barton, Rape Crisis Scotland, Stuart Allardyce, Stop it Now!, Alison C. Tait, Break the Silence, Sharon Belshaw, Break the Silence, Sandra Brown, Moira Anderson Foundation, Maggie Docherty, Moira Anderson Foundation, Neil Munro, KASP

## **Apologies**

Monica Lennon, MSP Fulton MacGregor MSP, Gail Ross MSP, Ann Donnan, Safe Space, Dr Eric Swanepoel, Ilene Easton, Open Secret, May Chamberlain, Relationship Scotland

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Proposed – Janine Rennie    Seconded – Sarah Nelson

## **Matters Arising**

Margaret intimated that Martin has resigned as Co Convenor and member of the CPG. She read a letter she had sent Martin thanking him for all his help and commitment to the group over the years and congratulating him on his role as Chair of the SFA Review.

There was some discussion about Martin's departure which leaves a vacancy for Co-Convenor and Secretariat. It was agreed we fill this at our AGM in September.

Kath Muirhead, Pilton Community Project has resigned from the group. Anne has thanked her for her contributions to the group.

## **Report from Child Abuse Prevention Framework Group**

The CSA prevention group hosted by Survivor Scotland facilitated by Evaluation Support Scotland met 4 times and worked collaboratively to develop a framework which might be helpful for practitioners. This was then presented at an event with workshops on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March where a wider group of interested individuals had an opportunity to review it, give feedback on the current format, what was missing, and how and if this might be used going forward. Other ideas were sought as to how we

could share practice and evidence in prevention work. This will be written up and SS will then review how it might be taken forward.

### **Frequency of CPG Meetings**

It was agreed that these will be quarterly unless any urgent business arises

### **Apologies Bill**

Margaret updated the committee on the affirmative statutory instrument that's been laid for the Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016, which requires approval by the Justice Committee before the Act can come into force. The draft Apologies (Scotland) Act (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2017 lists ten professional regulatory bodies whose proceedings are to be exempted from the provisions of the Act.

Eight of these proposed exempted proceedings relate to health regulatory bodies, which was agreed at Stage 3 of the Bill with the then Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs on the basis that the Act would not interfere with the duty of candour regime for health professionals. The proposed exemption of the regulatory proceedings for the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS) and the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has been more contentious on the basis that they appear to be ad-hoc exemptions. The Committee will therefore need to decide whether to approve or reject the instrument.

### **CPG Work Programme 2017**

Anne suggested a small sub group meet to discuss this as there is insufficient time at our CPG meetings. Carol, Andrew, Janine and Sandie agreed to meet with Anne to take this forward. Anne will email to set a date and time. **Action Anne**

### **National Trauma Training Framework Development Project**

Sandra updated the group on the launch of the draft National Skills and Knowledge Framework for Trauma which is open for consultation until 30<sup>th</sup> April and is planned will be formally launched on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This framework is designed to be workforce wide and underpinned by review of the literature on what is most likely to be effective for survivors of all traumatic events but particularly including childhood abuse. We have also consulted with services, survivors and trainers in the development of the draft. It has three main tasks, to support individual staff in self-assessing their strengths and areas for development depending on their roles, to support managers and services to understand how best to commission training which will support needs and to give guidance to trainers to support effective delivery of training. The key underpinning themes are a universal trauma informed approach to services, a relational approach and a key focus on supporting staff.

Clarification took place on the approach taken by this Framework and it was agreed that comments could be sent to Sandra prior to the Consultation ending on 31<sup>st</sup> April. Anne will send out the link. **Action Anne**

## **SurvivorScotland Policy Update**

The Policy Team from the Scottish Government requested to attend today's meeting to update on their work programme and proposal of forming a Survivor Support Reference Group. As our agenda was full they have been invited to attend our next meeting.

## **Treasurer's Report and Membership Fees**

We currently have £800 in the bank. As names and payments have not been recorded in the past it is difficult to know who has paid. We agreed a list of membership and payments will be circulated at the AGM in September. **Action Janine**

## **AOCB**

Johann provided some feedback on the Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee's Report on child abuse and child protection in sport. This Report can be accessed on the SP website.

## **Date of Next Meeting & AGM**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 1.00 pm the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood