Cross-Party Group on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses

Draft minutes from first meeting (Parliamentary session 2016-2021)
Tuesday 14th March 2017
Committee Room 2, The Scottish Parliament

1. Welcome and apologies
Present: Kezia Dugdale MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Tom Arthur MSP, Monica Lennon MSP, Dr Ingrid Young (University of Edinburgh), Catherine Somerville (Stonewall Scotland), Leon Wylie (Hepatitis Scotland), Alastair Rose (S-X), Hosanna Bankhead (Hwupenyu Project), Dr Nicola Boydell (University of Glasgow), Dr Claudia Estcourt (Glasgow Caledonian University), Michael Verlander, Cathy Crawford, Grant Sugden (Waverley Care), Hannes Neugebauer (Scottish Government), Jonathan Ssentamu (Waverley Care), Yvonne Kerr (NHS Lothian), Jim Clark (Hep C Trust), Liam Beattie (HIV Scotland), Pamela Nash (HIV Scotland), Kelsey Smith (HIV Scotland), Izzy Procter (HIV Scotland), Will Dalgleish (Lothian Patient Forum), Petra Wright (Hep C Trust), Kathleen Grieve (MSD), Jenny Kemp (EIS), Kay Eadie (Gilead), Jordan Daly (TIE), Liam Stevenson (TIE).

Apologies: Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Vaughan Statham (NHS Lothian), Matt Gilbert Straw (Positive Help), Indranil Banerjee (NHS Fife), Paul-Gilbert Colletaz, Lesley Wallace (NHS National Services), Jai NicAllen, Dr Jamie Frankis (Glasgow Caledonian University).

The meeting was chaired by Kezia Dugdale MSP.

2. Roundtable introduction by attendees
Introductions made by members of the CPG.

3. Minute of the last meeting (14th December)
Minutes were agreed and have since been published on the Scottish Parliament website.

4. Proposed work programme for next year
It was agreed that working groups would be formed ahead of each meeting to identity speakers and collaborate on the agenda – this would allow expertise among members to compliment the work of the Secretariat. The following working groups will be formed:

- **Summer meeting**: Patient involvement and peer support access in Scotland
  - Leon Wylie (Hepatitis Scotland), Grant Sugden (Waverley Care), Will Dalgleish (Lothian HIV Patient Forum), Petra Wright (Hep C Trust).

- **Autumn meeting**: Sexual health and blood borne virus stigma
  - Alastair Rose (S-X-Scotland), Hosanna Bankhead (Hwupenyu Project), Nicola Boydell (University of Glasgow).

- **Winter meeting**: Access to sexual health services, including testing
5. **Presentation on sexual health education in Scotland**

The following presentations were made:

- Liam Beattie (Policy & Political Officer) HIV Scotland
  - Research on the provision of sexual health education in local authorities – report due to be published by HIV Scotland.

- Jordan Daly (Co-Founder) Time for Inclusive Education campaign.
  - Overview of the work of the campaign thus far and the role human rights and equalities have played in calling for change.

- Jenny Kemp (Education & Equality Officer) Educational Institute of Scotland.
  - Current issues impacting teachers: focus on numeracy and literacy resulting in a ‘league table culture’; constant reforms within education; teachers are wanting more development opportunities but spending pressures limiting this.

MSPs present spoke about the high level of support that the TIE Campaign has already achieved amongst the parties represented (Labour, Green and SNP) at the meeting.

6. **Discussion on provision of sexual health education in schools and follow-up action points**

**New Framework being developed**

Yvonne Kerr stated that work was underway at a national level to revamp RSHP education through a working group, including all Health Boards and Education Scotland. There is a focus on improving emotional wellbeing and embedding *Getting it Right for Every Child* within wider RSHP education.

**Impact of sexual health education**

Leon Wylie highlighted the findings of the Cochrane review on sexual health education, noting it was hard to measure the impact the subject has on young people. Ingrid Young stated questions remained about how to define “quality” and the best means of delivery.

**Role of youth workers and teacher training**

The importance of providing education to young people not within mainstream education was discussed. It was noted Stonewall Scotland provide training to local authorities on equalities issues.

**Action points**

- Ask parliamentary questions on teacher training costs. (KD)
- Question to John Swinney to seek information on new headship qualification and how addressing equality issues fits into this. (KD)
- A letter will be sent to the General Teaching Council and HMIE to seek information on improvements to RSHP education. (Secretariat)
- A checklist produced by the Children’s HIV Association for schools to be distributed around CPG members. (AG)
- Information will be sought on how local authorities interact with schools to provide training for teachers through Scottish Parliament Information Centre. (KD)
- The TASC Agency report on RSHP education to be distributed and an update provided to the CPG on the national RSHP group. (YK)

7. Any other business
None.

8. Future meetings
It was agreed at the meeting to have four meetings over the coming year (each chaired by a different Co-Convenor), with this being the first meeting.