

Proposed Cross Party Group – Women’s Health – Inaugural Meeting

Thursday 11th May 2017, 13:00 – The Scottish Parliament

1. Attendance

Present

MSP

Monica Lennon, MSP

Alison Johnson, MSP

Gillian Martin, MSP

Non-MSP

Kate Nevens, Engender

Rebecca Renison, Target Ovarian Cancer

Dr Elaine McNaughton – Royal College of General Practitioners

Lorna Greene, Royal College of Nursing

Dr Sheila Hedley, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Nina Strathie, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Lyndsey Hogg, Endometriosis UK

Sandra Engstrom, Endometriosis UK

Claire Smith, Endometriosis UK

Mary Ross Davie, Royal College of Midwives

Grainne Braithwaite, Scottish Circle

Professor Andrew Horne, Professor of Gynaecology and Reproductive Sciences,
University of Edinburgh

Kate Sanger, Jo’ Cervical Cancer Trust

Liita Cairney, Kalitasha

Eleanor Wilson, Red Alert, University of Glasgow

Giancarlo Bell, Red Alert, University of Glasgow

Kate Sang, Researcher, Heriot Watt University

Mairi Gordon, Girlguiding Scotland

Rose Harkness, South Lanarkshire College

Elena Semple, City of Glasgow College

Katie Cosgrove, NHS Health Scotland, Organisational Lead for Gender Based
Violence

Lorraine McGrath, Simon Community Scotland

Christine Mitchell, Target Ovarian Cancer

Lawrence Cowan, Breast Cancer Now

Lesley Brennan, Office of Neil Findlay MSP

Apologies

Jackie Baillie MSP
Elaine Smith MSP
Kenneth Gibson MSP
Anas Sarwar MSP

2. Office Bearers

It was proposed to the group that Monica Lennon MSP would take on the role of Convenor, with Alison Johnson MSP as Deputy Convenor. Nina Strathie from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy volunteered for the role of Secretariat. All group members were in agreement.

3. Discussion of Group Remit

A draft remit comprising of three main points was read out and agreed to by all, after making some amendments to the wording of point two. This point will now read:

'To consider the impact which gender and inequalities has on women's health and their ability to access healthcare and treatment.'

A detailed discussion followed on how the meetings should be structured and the topics the group would like to see covered. Many of the group members highlighted issues of significance within their organisation that they felt would be relevant for further exploration within the CPG.

Action: each organisation to email Secretariat with the issues they would like the CPG to discuss at future meetings, these will be considered when preparing the agendas.

4. Future Meeting Dates

Three meetings a year have been proposed; to take place in October, February and June. All group members agreed that this would be suitable. Date of next meeting TBC pending successful registration of the CPG.