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
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.