Cross Party Group on Women’s Health
24 April 2018, 1.00pm-2.00pm
Committee room 2, Scottish Parliament
Topic: My Body Back Project, West of Scotland

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome
Ms Lennon welcomed the group to the meeting and said that several MSPs had given their apologies.

2. Presentation by George Laird, Manager WOS Sexual Health MCN & Child Protection MCN.
Ms Lennon introduced Mr Laird who presented on the My Body Back project, West of Scotland. Please find attached Mr Laird’s presentation.

Discussion

Members asked whether they could refer some of their organisations’ service users to MBB. Mr Laird advised that any woman in Scotland is welcome to refer themselves to MBB, or alternatively they can contact their local Rape Crisis Centre and, if the individual wishes, the Rape Crisis Centre can refer them to MBB.

Members asked whether MBB links to primary care. Mr Laird advised that MBB does not link at this stage because the project is in its early stages, but this is something that will be looked at down the line.

Members asked about accessibility for people who do not speak English. Mr Laird advised that MBB has staff and volunteers who can speak eleven languages between them.

Members asked about the accessibility of appointments for people who do not have access to the internet. Mr Laird explained that at present MBB appointments can only be booked online but this is something which will be discussed by the project group.

Members asked if MBB signposts people to other services. Mr Laird advised that is a key part of MBB’s service.

3. Any other Business
   a) The Convener advised members there is a vacancy for the CPG secretariat on a temporary basis. Members should get in touch with the Office of Monica Lennon MSP.
   b) The Convener reminded members that they can submit suggestions for future topics.
   c) The Convener advised member that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5th June from 6-8pm. This is also the AGM.
   d) The Convener advised members that Breast Cancer Care extended an invitation to their parliamentary event on Wednesday 25 April.
   e) The Convener advised member that CPG member Dr. Liita Iyaloo Cairney wished to draw members attention to the Menstrual Hygiene Management Toolkit for Muslim women which was launched on 25th of April in Birmingham.
4. Date of next meeting
The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 5th June 2018, 6.00pm-8.00pm in Committee Room 6 at the Scottish Parliament.

Attendees
Monica Lennon MSP (CPG Convener)
Alison Johnstone MSP (CPG Deputy Convener)
Anas Sarwar MSP (CPG member)
George Laird, Manager WOS Sexual Health MCN & Child Protection MCN (Presenter)
Sinead Griffin, Office of Monica Lennon MSP (Secretariat)
Sandra Engstrom, Endometriosis UK (CPG member)
Stephanie McCulloch, Endometriosis UK (CPG member)
Rose Harkness, South Lanarkshire College (CPG member)
Hannah Abrams, Kalitasha (CPG member)
Kate Sanger, Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust (CPG member)
Tricia Imrie, Assistant Director – Development, Simon Community Scotland (CPG member)
Giancarlo Bell, GU Red Alert (CPG member)
Eleanor Wilson, GU Red Alert (CPG member)
Beth Stewart, GU Red Alert (CPG member)
Heather Currie, British Menopause Society (CPG member)
Linz Connell, Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (CPG member)

Apologies
Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (CPG member); Gillian Martin MSP (CPG member); Kenneth Gibson MSP (CPG member); Neil Findlay MSP (CPG member).