

**Cross Party Group on Chronic Pain, Minutes of Meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 –**  
Meeting chaired by Jackson Carlaw MSP

Dr Lesley Holdsworth of Healthcare Improvement Scotland updated the group on HIS'S new report, soon to be published, where she presented on headlines from "Chronic Pain Services in Scotland- Where are we now?"

Exclusion of patient volunteers other than those nominated by their local establishments was raised again. Two complaints concerned patients from Fife and Glasgow who had tried to volunteer as patient representatives on Service Improvement Groups (SIGs) or the National Steering Group who said they'd received no information or help. A third was from a Forth Valley patient anxious to contact his patient representative who wrote saying he had been given no contact though he stated he had tried since winter 2013-14 through the Clinical Priorities division. He particularly wished to draw attention to long waiting lists at Forth Valley which he claimed were over 2 years for clinical psychology. (This later proved to be correct -in April, HIS corrected their published Report, this patient's information had not been passed to them)

Pain patient Pete McCarron registered a complaint verbally and in writing that he had been rejected as a volunteer for the Fife SIG in an email from the lead clinician, Dr Steve Gilbert, although Mr. McCarron was not interviewed and NHS Fife had failed to send him application details.

Jacquie Forde, Voluntary Secretary was thanked by Jackson Carlaw MSP for the quality of her work as secretariat to the group despite recent challenging circumstances.

Attendance: 3 MSP's , Jackson Carlaw, Jackie Baillie, John Wilson. 31 non MSP's , apologies noted from 25 non MSP's.

Jackson Carlaw  
Jackie Baillie  
John Wilson  
Jacquie Forde  
Paulo Quadras  
Gaby Stewart  
Jean Rafferty  
David Weeks  
Heather Cameron  
Frank Mawson  
Kay Eadie  
Mairi O'Keefe  
Phil Atkinson  
Julia McAnulty  
Mathew Dekenah  
Sally Hughes  
Catherine Hughes  
Anne Murray

Steve Gilbert  
Rosalind Meek  
Irene Logan  
Stephanie Wilson  
Anne Cassells  
Marion Beatson  
John Thomson  
DG Elder  
Christine Martin  
Anne Simpson  
Bill Paton  
Susan Archibald  
Peter McCarron  
Nick Allcock  
Martin Tighe  
Mrs Tighe

No refreshments were supplied for this meeting.

**Next Date**  
**AGM June 25<sup>th</sup> 2014**