

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities
DATE GROUP APPROVED
29th September 2011
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
22nd March 2013
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
<p><u>29th September 2011</u></p> <p>Meeting to constitute the group. 6 MSP's and 5 non MSP's. Purpose of Meeting : Was to elect office bearers ,secretariat for group and determine purpose of group and parliamentary support for a cross party group on health inequalities. Co convenors elected and seconded by Richard Simpson. Malcolm Chisholm MSP , Murdo Fraser MSP, Jim Eadie MSP Secretariat : Health Inequalities Alliance Seconded By Dr Richard Simpson .</p> <p>No Meeting Cost</p>
<p><u>24th November 2011</u></p> <p>Closing the Gap in a Generation presentation by Dr Alison McCallum who explained what health inequalities are and made the case for the role of the Health sector in tackling the social determinants of health inequalities. Inequalities exist because of the cumulative impact of policy and practice on exposure and response on the environment, population and the patient.</p> <p>2 MSP's attended and 21 non MSP's.</p> <p>Cost of this meeting £ 84.00 Refreshments kindly supported by the Health Inequalities Alliance</p>
<p><u>2nd February 2012</u></p> <p>Three speakers presented at this meeting.</p> <p>John Wilson , Director of Education, East Renfrewshire discussed , 'Educational Outcomes in Scotland'</p> <p>John Donald,Manager Jump2it . The Jump2it programme is a health and citizenship</p>

initiative, managed by charity Scottish Sports Futures (SSF) and funded primarily through the Scottish Governments Cash Back for Communities scheme. Jump2it targets primary school pupils, aged 10+ and is delivered free of charge to schools by the Glasgow Rocks professional basketball team and qualified SSF coaches.

Colin Mair, CEO Improvement Scotland , Health and Linked Inequalities.

5 MSP's attended and 21 non MSP's

Cost of Meeting £ 84.00 **Refreshments kindly supported by the Health Inequalities Alliance**

29th March 2012

2 Speakers presented at this meeting. Prof Graham Watt , discussed GP's at the Deep End and Dr Katherine Smith discussed, " Do we have enough evidence on health inequalities yet?"

4 MSP's attended and 34 non MSP's.

Cost £147.50 **Refreshments kindly supported by the Health Inequalities Alliance**

17th May 2012

Sir Harry Burns --- "Creating Health in Scotland" This presentation covered an analysis of health in Scotland and the way forward.

4 MSP's attended and 20 non MSP's.

Cost of this meeting was £86.00 **Refreshments kindly supported by the Health Inequalities Alliance**

20th September 2012

3 Speakers presented on topics at this meeting.

NHS Health Scotland Corporate Strategy to Reduce Health Inequalities :Cath Denholm, NHS Health Scotland's Director of Equality, People and PerformanceCath Denholm gave the group an update on NHS Scotland strategy to reduce Health Inequalities . Strategy available from NHS Scotland website.

Cities in Miniature:Bruce Whyte, Public Health Programme Manager,,GCPH (Glasgow Centre for Population Health)The group watched a short film produced by the GCPH comparing Glasgow to Gothenburg. The film highlighted the contrasts and similarities between the two European cities.

Hard-to-Reach' or 'Easy-to-Ignore'? A rapid review of place-based policies and equality:Dr Peter Matthews, Lecturer in Urban Management, Institute of Building and Urban Design, School of the Built Environment, Heriot-Watt University .Fascinating presentation that discussed who lives in our deprived neighbourhoods and who benefits from place based policies.

3 MSP's attended and 30 non MSP's

Cost £36.45 **Refreshments kindly supported by the Wellbeing Alliance**

13th December 2012

Speaker Professor Nora Kearney "Health Inequalities- Going Upstream"
Prof Kearney discussed how health inequalities in our communities are widening with the difference in outcomes within each social group being much greater than the difference between groups.

7 MSP's attended and 24 non MSP's

Cost £32.50 **Refreshments kindly supported by the Wellbeing Alliance**

5th February 2013

Audit Scotland presented on their Health Inequalities Audit which was published on December 13th

Cost £32.50 **Refreshments kindly supported by the Wellbeing Alliance**

2 MSP's attended and 21 non MSP's

21st March 2013 – AGM

AGM – Jim Eadie MSP, Malcolm Chisholm MSP and Murdo Fraser MSP re- elected as co convenors. Jacquie Forde of the Wellbeing Alliance re- elected as secretariat.

New MSP members for the next session noted as :

Labour MSP's - Michael McMahon, Anne McTaggart , Dr Richard Simpson, Jackie Baillie, Drew Smith.

Conservative MSP's -No new members

SNP MSP's- Aileen McLeod

Lib Dems MSP's – Willie Rennie

No budget held by CPG therefore no accounts to discuss.

Purpose of the group – No Change

The group aims to raise awareness of the causes of health inequalities amongst parliamentarians to influence legislation amongst policy makers to promote evidence based actions which reduce health inequalities and to avoid legislation and policies which will make health inequalities in Scotland worse.

AGM Closed- Meeting Proper began at 12.45 pm.

Speakers Eric Carlin SHAAP **Young 'Piltoners', 'social exclusion' and 'resilience'**

The concept of 'social exclusion' emerged from the 1980s as a term to define the multifaceted nature of contemporary poverty. Drawing on his research with young people in

Pilton, Edinburgh, Eric will suggest that it is inaccurate to describe any of them as 'socially excluded'. Despite experiences of significant challenges and disadvantages, many young people in Pilton are engaged in dynamic figurations both within their own community and peer groups and with broader 'mainstream' society. Many develop strategies to become "invisible" so as to survive in difficult circumstances. This might be deemed to be 'resilient'. However, such 'resilience' should be seen, at best, as a harm reduction outcome measure. Public policy must not be diverted away from addressing structural disadvantages and stigma which require young people to develop 'resilient' coping strategies simply to cope with the daily challenges that they face.

David White- Asst General Manager Edinburgh CHP

Within Edinburgh CHP, staff who are working to tackle inequalities are increasingly convinced of the need to address complex ('wicked') problems by working in partnership with other relevant agencies. The currently siloed organisation of public services does not work well for areas with high levels of complex needs or indeed vulnerable individuals or families. We believe there are readily accessible ways of thinking about the challenge to public services which would help us to design and work with high need communities much more effectively.

David White is currently Asst. General Manager of Edinburgh ECHP. His role includes responsibility for Tackling Inequalities, Third Sector liason, primary care support services, Public Involvement, Community Planning together with direct service management.

4 MSP's attended and 17 non MSP's

Cost of Meeting £40.50 **Refreshments kindly supported by the Wellbeing Alliance**

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Malcolm Chisholm

Jim Eadie

Murdo Fraser

Michael McMahon

Drew Smith

Jackie Baillie

Willie Rennie

Anne McTaggart

Aileen McLeod

Dr Richard Simpson

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not

necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Organisations	<p>The Wellbeing Alliance Community Pharmacy Scotland Royal Pharmaceutical Society British Lung Foundation Samaritans Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance ASH Scotland NHS Health Scotland BMA Stroke Association SHAAP Royal College of Midwives Improvement Service Audit Scotland Cancer Research UK Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland Living Streets Bravehearts Genetic Alliance Archibald Foundation Bowel Cancer Care</p>
Individuals	<p>Prof G Watt Prof Katherine Smith Dorothy Grace Elder</p>
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	<p>Malcolm Chisholm MSP Jim Eadie MSP</p>

	Murdo Fraser MSP
Deputy Convener	n/a
Secretary	Jacquie Forde – The Wellbeing Alliance
Treasurer	Jacquie Forde – The Wellbeing Alliance

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

Voluntary Secretarial Support from Jacquie Forde of The Wellbeing Alliance

Period September 2011 to March 2013

32 days

Value of this support –My time is voluntary as an individual

Refreshments £401.50 provided by the Health Inequalities Alliance

£141.95 provided by the Wellbeing Alliance

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

No subscriptions

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Malcolm Chisholm
Parliamentary address	M1.16
Telephone number	0131 348 5908