

Health Inequalities Cross Party Group Minutes February 5th 2013

Welcome and Introductions Malcolm Chisholm MSP

(See appendix for MSP and Non non MSP attendance and apologies.)

Minutes Approved

Speaker Phil Grigor and Claire Sweeney

“Health Inequalities In Scotland ”

Phil stated the health inequalities are:-

- Complex and long-standing problem
- Priority for successive governments in Scotland
- Significant human cost
- Potential economic gains
- Major link between health inequalities and deprivation

And that Audit Scotland’s role was to be :-

- Independent national assessment
- Focus on value for money – economy, efficiency, effectiveness – and on governance and accountability
- Previous reports – looked at aspects of health inequalities (Cardiology, Community Health Partnerships, NHS Overview reports)
- Report to Scottish Parliament – take evidence, hold organisations to account – impact / improvements

The aims of the audit were to :-

- Summarise the extent of health inequalities in Scotland (various indicators)
- Review the spending on health inequalities
- Examine the availability of local healthcare services (*though other public sector bodies also responsible*)
- Assess the effectiveness of strategies and initiatives aimed at reducing health inequalities

The full presentation will be distributed to the group and will be uploaded to the Wellbeing Alliance website.

Actions

No actions noted

Attending Health Inequalities CPG

MSP’s

Malcolm Chisholm

Anne McTaggart MSP

Richard Simpson MSP

Secretariat

Jacqueline Forde The Wellbeing Alliance

Speaker/s

Phil Grigor

Claire Sweeney

Attendees

Dr Richard Simpson

Aileen McLeod MSP
Alison McAllum
Sandra Turkington
Roddy Duncan
Phil Grigor
Claire Sweeney
Anne Marie Barrie
Helen Reilly
Adelle Gardiner
Keith Walker
Andrew Sim
Natalie Frankish
Malcolm Clubb
Iain Brotchie
Claire Stevens
Muriel Mowat
Linda Bates
Andrew Sim
Alison McCallum

Apologies

Bea Nicholson
Esther Cumnock
Yvonne Hughes
Duncan Thorpe
John Howie
Alison Campbell
Bill Paton
Gil Mitan
Niamh Martin
Bruce Whyte
Andrew Docherty
Keith Irving
Vicki Crichton
Alison McCallum
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