

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CROSS PARTY GROUP ON MENTAL HEALTH HELD ON 23 MAY 2013 IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT (CR 4) AT 12.30 PM

Please note these are not the minutes of the full joint meeting with the CPG on Epilepsy but refer to the short business meeting of the CPG on MH held at the end.

1. PRESENT

Malcolm Chisholm MSP (Convenor); James Hendry (Secretary); Guy Armstrong; Shaben Begum; Thomas Byrne; Matt Barclay; Jude Clarke; April Cumming; Iain Freer; Belinda Hacking; Tom Jennings; Eddie Kelly; Laura Gibson; Malky Kane; David Linden; Rebecca Middlemiss; Sandy McComish; Willie McFadyen; Brian MacGee; Chrys Muirhead; Andrew Muir; Paul Mullan; Stephen Platt; Phillipe Roy; Margaret Ross; Mandy Reid; Andrew Sim; Jenny Simpson; Mary Stewart; Norman Wallace; Hunter Watson; Phil Watson; Tom Wightman; David Wright; David Walter and Leslie Young.

Karen Addie (Minutes)

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from: Joyce Mouriki; Lisa Ross; Mig Coupe; Donald Lyons; Alison Cairns; Lisa Ross; Richard Jones; Julia Clark; Joanna Gordon; Willie McFadyen; Karen Martin ; Donnie Lyons; Ilena Day; Doreen Graham; Suzie Vestri; Mig Coupe; Fiona Forbes; Martin Adam; Faye Keogh; Kath Logan; Shane Buckeridge; Peter Glissov; Traci Robertson; Fiona MacLeod MSP ; Rachel Stewart and John Wilson MSP.

3. MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Hunter Watson asked if he could give a presentation to the group on the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Scotland Act and stated he had now made the same request several times. Malcolm Chisholm replied that he stood by his earlier response to this request and reiterated there was no point in discussing amendments to the Act as there is no confirmation when the legislative changes to the Act will be made.

5. APPLICATION TO JOIN THE GROUP FROM WELLBEING ALLIANCE

This application was discussed briefly and approved.

6. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

No items raised.

7. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The AGM of the group will be held on 11 September 2013 5.30pm

Jude Clarke asked if it was possible to have more joint meetings with other CPGs and thought the meeting today with CPG on Epilepsy had been really good with some excellent presentations. Mental health has a lot in common with other Cross Party Groups. Malcolm Chisholm replied he was happy to make one meeting a year a joint meeting and agreed the format had worked well for this meeting.