

Scottish Parliament

Cross Party Group on Skin and Associated Rheumatic Conditions

First Meeting: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

Minutes

1. Apologies Maureen McAllister, Catherine O'Hara, June Adams, Carolyn Carty, Magali Speight, Liz McIvor, Sally McCormack, Sheila Hannay, Ken Macintosh MSP, Jim Hume MSP, Nanette Milne MSP, Fiona McLeod MSP, Lorna McHattie, Lesley Diack, James Dornan MSP
2. Minutes of the last meeting have already been agreed electronically
3. Presentation by Professor Iain McInnes (Jim Walker's notes are included in a separate document)
4. NICE – Jim Walker has registered as a clinical guideline stakeholder and will feed information back to Mary Blackford when available for transmission to the group.
5. Publicity for this new group – organisations represented are asked to inform their members about the group and ask them to write to MSPs, requesting membership or at least attendance at group meetings. Jim Walker offered to be involved. Andrew Dempsey (Scottish Inflammatory Diseases and Rheumatology Industry Group of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry) to inquire if he could publicise the group via the pharma industry.
6. For future meetings
7. Invitations to go to patients willing to make short presentations on the history of their conditions and treatment (4<sup>th</sup> February)

An invitation to be sent to Shona Robison, the new Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport to attend the group (1<sup>st</sup> April or 10<sup>th</sup> June)

PSALV is in the process of producing a 15 minute film focussing on PSA which could be launched at a future meeting of the group (1<sup>st</sup> April or 10<sup>th</sup> June)

Stewart Douglas suggested that when it is available the group should discuss the report of the audit currently being carried out of the care of patients with severe skin conditions in a) in general wards, and b) in specialist dermatology wards

The psychological effects of skin conditions (Mary Blackford to liaise with Polly Buchanan re a suitable speaker)

Patient empowerment (Mary Blackford to liaise with Professor McInnes in finding a suitable speaker)

8. Forthcoming meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> June