

# The Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 1.00 pm

## Virtual Business Meeting

### **In attendance**

Johann Lamont MSP, Convener, Fulton MacGregor MSP, Depute Convener, Anne Macdonald, Co Convener, Janine Rennie, Wellbeing Scotland, Co Convener

Stuart Allardyce, Stop It Now Scotland, Emma Bryson, SOS, Andrew Campbell, Sheila Gaul, Tammy Kirk, Health in Mind, Ewan Law, Fife College, Dr Adam Mahoney, Napier University, Dr Javita Narang, Social Destination, Malcolm Rodger QHSE Advisor and Survivor

### **Apologies**

Sandra Brown, Moira Anderson Foundation, Lynn Burns, Break the Silence, Dr Angela Jesudasan, Margaret Mitchell MSP, Sarah Nelson, University of Edinburgh, Dr Eric Swanepoel, Writer & Researcher, Alison Wales, NSPCC, Brian Whittle MSP

### **Welcome and introductions**

#### **Minutes of last meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Amendment page 2 to read Dorrian

Approved: Janine Rennie

Seconded: Andrew Campbell

#### **Minutes of AGM 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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### **Matters arising**

Letters from Police Scotland and the Cabinet Secretary for Justice. We discussed that many of the issues we raised have not been answered. Janine had a separate meeting with Police Scotland where she reiterated our concerns on information for survivors sent out by them and a lack of consultation with the need for fuller consultation with survivor agencies and the CPG in the future.

Stuart from Stop It Now Scotland has agreed to give his presentation on preventing sexual offending involving children and young people at our next meeting.

## **Application for membership**

Chris Bruce who is a member of the ACE CPG has requested to join our CPG. It was agreed to approve this request. Anne will inform Chris and send him our Terms of Reference. **Action Anne**

## **Update on COVID and PIP Tribunals**

The paper on COVID compiled from member's responses has been sent to the Deputy First Minister. We will advise the group once we receive a response.

Only three responses from Andrew's survey on PIP, whilst the number is disappointing they all agreed need for support and change. Once we have more information on PIP from Andrew and Carol we will compile a letter for Shirley- Anne Somerville MSP and Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People.

**Action Andrew, Carol, Anne, Johann and Fulton**

## **SFA Report delays and implications for survivors**

Fulton and Malcolm provided the group with a short update on the continued delays on the publication of the Report and the implications on the mental and physical health of survivors. Malcolm provided background and some reasons as to why SFA's are delaying publication. Survivors deserve justice.

There is some more press interest and the CPG agreed that we should formally express our concerns on how survivors are being treated and the effects by the delays. Agreed Johann and Fulton to raise this with the press and letters are also sent to the SFA and the Cabinet Secretary for Justice raising these concerns.

**Action Anne, Johann and Fulton**

## **Lady Dorrian meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

We have some questions for Lady Dorrian and if anyone has anything further to contribute to let Anne know.

## **AOCB**

The group congratulated Sarah on her OBE award on behalf of her research and work with survivors. Sarah has played an invaluable part in highlighting the issues of CSA to a wide range of agencies and the general public over the years and the award is very much deserved.

Maddy Kirkman has left Barnardos and has therefore resigned from the CPG. We thank Maddy for her contributions to the group and wish her well in her new post. We hope that another representative from Barnardos may wish to join us.

The Moira Anderson Foundation thanked the group for voting for them at SCVO's Charity of the Year, although they did not win, they were highly commended.

**Date of next meeting:** TBC