

**Lung Health CPG  
Respiratory Care Action Plan for Scotland Update  
20/11/2020**

Elected Members

Emma Harper MSP  
Alexander Stewart MSP

Non-elected members

Aaron Gowson, NHS Engagement Manager, Chiesi  
Alan Gillen  
Amanda Walker, Programme Manager NSS Home Oxygen Service  
Amanda whiffin, Dolby Vivisol  
Anne Crilly, Representing BREATH from University of the West of Scotland  
Anne Ritchie, The Cheyne Gang  
Carol Thompson, Dolby Vivisol  
Colin Brett, Patient rep  
Damian Crombie, AstraZeneca  
David A Rose, Dolby Vivisol  
Dr Tom Fardon, Respiratory Lead Scottish Access Collaborative  
Edel Clough, PCD family support group Scotland  
Eve Smyth  
Frank Toner, AUK/BLF  
George Davidson, GSK  
Heather Gordon, AUK/BLF  
James Mclachlan, Patient rep  
James Wildgoose, Breathtakers – Action for Bronchiectasis  
John Lockhart, BREATH  
Joseph Carter, AUK/BLF  
Julie MacDougall, John MacDougall Mesothelioma Trust  
Katherine Byrne, CHSS  
Lesley Bagnall, Scottish Association for Sleep Apnoea  
Lesley Hill, Dolby Vivisol  
Linda McLeod, Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire  
Mark Dodd, Circassia  
Martin Charters, patient rep  
Nicola Roberts, Glasgow Caledonian University  
Olive Fulton, Patient rep  
Pauline Waugh, The Cheyne Gang  
Phyllis Murphie, Independent Respiratory Nurse Consultant  
Sally Hughes, Teva  
Steve Jones, Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis  
Steven Adair, Circassia  
Susannah Lindey, Patient Representative Asthma UK

Tom Irvine, Scottish Association for Sleep Apnoea  
Wendy Armitage, CHSS

Special Guest

Baby Sophia-Grace Toner, AUK/BLF

Apologies

Jim Simpson, Patient rep  
Margaret Stevenson, NHS Fife

Minuets of previous meeting

Approved  
Frank Toner proposed  
John Lockhart seconded

Respiratory Care Action Plan for Scotland Update - Dr Tom Fardon, Respiratory Lead Scottish Access Collaborative

Emma Harper MSP introduced Dr Tom Fardon

Dr Tom Fardon Gave a quick update on where the Respiratory Care Action Plan was in development and talked about the consultation. Consultation responses where positive. People are pleased that respiratory medicine has a higher focus. Pleased that the Scottish Government are meeting the unmet need of respiratory. However, some people highlighted that the document doesn't go far enough in terms of detail around delivery and budgets. Advised members that once the plan is complete and published a full-time member of staff will take the plan forward. Recognised the importance of engaging with patient representatives. Hopes that the plan will be published before Easter.

Highlighted that COVID has changed the environment dramatically. Advised members that he is writing a new chapter in the plan on the topic of how COVID-19 has changed the landscape.

Scottish Access Collaborative are working on modernising patient pathways initiative and this work will very much look at the plan and realistic medicine plans.

Dr Tom Fardon then very kindly offered to take questions for the next hour.

Convenorship switched to Alexander Stewart MSP

Steven Jones asked a question about the plan and interstitial lung disease patient pathways.

Dr Tom Fardon spoke about the chapter in the plan on ILD. Spoke about the time for diagnosis. Mentioned seeing a specialised and access to drugs. Hope for more ILD nurses. Highlighted the work being down on palliative care. Mentioned the geographical disparity of access to anti fibrotic drugs.

Linda McLeod asked about digital access to PR.

Dr Tom Fardon talked about the variety of apps available to patients. Also, that the Plan is looking at digital access to care. Highlighted that PR is one of the three main pillars of COPD treatment.

Katherine Byrne asked a question about if the plan will reflect some of the changes, we have seen during COVID-19 and partnership working.

Dr Tom Fardon agreed and spoke about fertilising each chapter with learning from the pandemic. The implementation plan will be crucial in this work.

James Wildgoose asked about modernising patient pathways and if that plan was available to read. He also asked about patient input into the plan going forward.

Dr Tom Fardon advised that Scott McBride is the lead for modernising patient pathways, and he highlighted that the pathway has social media accounts etc. More details can be found here: <https://sway.office.com/Upzfk7Vz97ivqOMi?ref=Twitter&loc=play> Mentioned that AUK, BLF, CHSS have a seat around the table representing the patient voice. Agrees that it is important to have a greater patient voice as we go forward.

Lesley Bagnall asked can you give more information on OSA work being done in Glasgow please.

Dr Tom Fardon talked about the need for a single point of access to track OSA patients. Hopes that patients in the future need to travel into clinic less using the monitoring system available.

Alexander Stewart MSP highlighted that there was a list of British Lung Foundation Parliamentary Champions mentioned in the chat bar. He is the champion for smoking cessation and Emma Harper MSP is the champion for Asthma.

Aaron Gowson asked about the opportunity for industry collaborating with the NHS.

Dr Tom Fardon welcomed the work done in respiratory health by industry. Gave examples of collaborative working on going.

John Lockhart asked about including smoking cessation education into the plan.

Dr Tom Fardon replied that smoking cessation is the most important intervention. It is worth revisiting the message of prevention of smoking uptake. Mentioned that there is also a smoking cessation document that sits outside of the plan.

Emma Harper MSP opened a discussion about PR and long COVID.

Dr Tom Fardon recognised the importance of PR and getting PR right for all patients including long COVID patients. Speaking about the importance of equity across the country.

Emma Harper MSP is there a role for third sector orgs in PR.

Dr Tom Fardon agreed. He spoke about the importance of exercise and gave some examples of increases in uptake. Stressed the importance of keeping the message about the benefits of activity.

Maureen Ward asked about accessing services put on hold because of COVID.

Dr Tom Fardon mentioned that the departments hit most during COVID have been the respiratory units as its been mostly the respiratory staff who have been looking after COVID Patients. He advised that some services are starting to get back to normal levels. Advised that the oxygen follow up service has not stopped and anyone who is concerned their oxygen is not enough they can call their usual contact or dolby.

A question from Facebook. When will trials start again.

Dr Tom Fardon advised that the study requires lung function testing and that can't be done now. He suspects that it won't be until the new year or possibly Easter.

A small discussion about singing took place. Credited the Cheyne Gang.

Phyllis Murphie asked about integrated working.

Dr Tom Fardon discussed models of integrated care working models that have done well. However, it is fragmented in Scotland and isn't being done as well here as other areas. Thinks that we need to look at it again to see what works well and what hasn't.

Joseph Carter asked a question about patient engagement, highlighting a joint report written for the plan with CHSS. He also spoke about an established patient group that AUK BLF can consult with.

Dr Tom Fardon spoke about the plan to have meeting with patients before COVID happened in March. He would like to see a similar meeting happening again soon. He thinks that he and Scottish Government should be in the room to hear directly from patients.

Katherine Byrne asked about what the governance will be for the plan. She cited that in other areas there are patient forums sitting alongside committees.

Dr Tom Fardon welcomed the point made by Katherine but advised that he didn't know the answer to the question as it is a matter for Scottish Government to decide on.

Emma Harper MSP told the group that Joe Fitzpatrick MSP wanted to be at the meeting but unfortunately could not be present.

Frank Toner advised he will contact the Minister with the minuets.

Alexander Stewart MSP thanked Dr Tom Fardon for taking so many questions and the group for asking them. He also asked what actions will be taken as a result of todays meeting.

Frank Toner reiterated that he will send the minuets to the minister and civil servants. He advised that the next meeting will be the AGM and he will send out a notice soon.

Emma Harper MSP and Alexander Stewart MSP close the meeting.





