

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care

Convener
Bob Doris MSP

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Miles Briggs MSP
Colin Smyth MSP

Secretary
Mark Hazelwood

Minute of the meeting of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care

Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 5.45pm
Committee Room 4, Scottish Parliament

Attendance

Bob Doris MSP (Chair)

Miles Briggs MSP

Kate Forbes MSP

Colin Smyth MSP

Frances Bailey

Kate Briggs

Pauline Britton

Duncan Brown

David Cameron

Emma Carduff

Rev Margery Collin

Josaleen Connolly

Marina Copping

Amy Dalrymple

Morag Dixon

Maureen Fitzpatrick

Anne Finucane

Erna Haraldsdottir

Chloe Haseltine

Mark Hazelwood

Sue Hogg

Annabel Howell

Elinor Jayne

Gillian Keel

Jennifer Layden

Susan Lowes

Kirsty MacAlpine

Eilidh Macdonald

Murdina MacDonald

Margaret McKeith

Katrina Marshall

Richard Meade

Maria McGill

Irene McKie

Gordon McLaren

Clare Murphy

Kathryn Nattress

Maureen O'Neill

Euan Paterson

Rebecca Patterson

Anne Robb

CHSS

NHS Lanarkshire

Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

St Columba's Hospice

Scottish Parliament

Marie Curie

Strathcarron Hospice

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

NHS Lothian/ SCYPPEX

Alzheimer Scotland

NHS Lanarkshire

General Public

Marie Curie

St Columba's Hospice

Scottish Government

Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

CHAS

NHS Borders

Sue Ryder

Marie Curie

Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Marie Curie

MND Scotland

Hospice UK

NHS Fife

Scottish Care

NHS Lothian

Marie Curie

CHAS

Strathcarron Hospice

NHS Fife

St Margaret of Scotland Hospice

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Faith in Older People

RCGP

Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

NHS Tayside

Kim Rowan	Member of the Public
Elizabeth Sadler	Scottish Government
Gillian Sherwood	The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice
Kenny Steele	Highland Hospice
Helen Stevens	Scottish Government
Lorna Stewart	Fife
Alison Upton	Scottish Social Services Council
Lesley Whyte	NHS Education for Scotland
Mandy Yule	Ayrshire Hospice

Apologies:

Jackie Baillie MSP	
Phil Atkinson	Press Association
Iain Armstrong	British Heart Foundation Scotland
Alison Blezard	South East Scotland Kidney Patients Assoc.
Sandra Campbell	RCN Scotland
Julia Egan	Scottish Government
Linda Kerr	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Robert MacBean	Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
Liz Smith	The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice
Ian Somerville	GMC Scotland
Sarah Twaddle	Healthcare Improvement Scotland
Tim Warren	Scottish Government
Craig White	Scottish Government
Stewart Wilson	Cruse Scotland

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Bob Doris welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking Michael McMahon, the previous convenor for his long-term commitment to the cross party group, which dates back to when the group was originally convened in 1999, and is much appreciated by the palliative care community in Scotland. Those present were invited to briefly introduce themselves, and it was noted that a list of apologies would be included in the minute.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Bob Doris explained that there is a need to re-register the group following the election, and complete this within the next 2 weeks. This involves providing detail to the Standards Clerks about the purpose, membership, planned frequency of meetings, any financial support and some other administrative details. There is also a need to provide details of at least 5 MSP members of the group, and to elect at least 2 MSP office bearers.

Colin Smyth nominated Bob Doris as Convenor of the group. There being no further nominations, Bob Doris was appointed Convenor.

Bob Doris nominated Colin Smyth and Miles Briggs as Vice-Convenors of the group. There being no further nominations both were appointed joint Vice-Convenors.

Bob Doris nominated Mark Hazelwood as Secretary. There being no further nominations, Mark Hazelwood was appointed Secretary.

Kate Forbes MSP indicated that she would like to become a member of the group.

3. Matters arising from meeting of 10 February 2016

3.1 Progress on Implementing the Strategic Framework for Action on Palliative and End of Life Care

Elizabeth Sadler, Head of Planning and Quality Division, at the Scottish Government told the group that the recently published Programme for Government re-affirms the Scottish Government's commitment to the Strategic Framework for Action. She highlighted: the

SFA's vision that by 2021 everyone in Scotland who needs palliative care will have access to it; that the SFA sets out an ambitious programme of work; and that the Scottish Government has allocated £3.5 million to delivery of the commitments set out in the framework. The Scottish Government has established a new National Implementation Advisory Group which met for the first time in June. Scottish Government has identified an expert to lead on each area of work set out in the framework. Elizabeth Sadler outlined the Scottish Government's priorities as funding Healthcare Improvement Scotland to support improvement work, NES and SSSC looking at developing an education framework, and work to improve the quality of data available.

There was a brief opportunity for discussion, and the issue was raised of how spiritual care will be embedded in the implementation plan.

3.2 Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee: Inquiry into palliative care

Bob Doris was previously on the Health and Sport Committee when it undertook its inquiry into palliative care. The new session of parliament has brought with it a new Health and Sport Committee.

4. Presentations and Discussion: Palliative and End of Life Care Education

The Scottish Government made the following commitment within its Strategic Framework for Action:

“Commitment 3. We will support the workforce by commissioning NHS Education for Scotland and the Scottish Social Services Council to develop a new palliative and end of life care Educational Framework. This will address the needs of the health and social care workforce and will be focused on fostering an integrated and collaborative approach to educational provision.”

Education: a hospice educator's perspective

Dr Erna Haraldsdottir, Director of Education and Research, St Columba's Hospice

Erna Haraldsdottir spoke about the need for the development of a new framework to be done with an awareness that:

- palliative care is complex
- palliative care education should mirror the hospice philosophy
- education must have connections with practice
- education must help people to become reflective palliative care practitioners
- we need to use practice-based opportunities so that people become confident in practice
- communication is very important
- there are lots of great resources already out there – we need to signpost to these rather than producing new information.
- people need to have time in their day learn from reflective practice.

She summarised that ‘education is what remains when one has forgotten what they learned at school’ – education needs to enable people to respond to the situation, and only a small part of this is about factual knowledge.

Developing a new palliative and end of life care Educational Framework

Dr Lesley Whyte, Associate Director of Nursing and Midwifery, NHS Education for Scotland
Alison Upton, Learning and Development Manager, Scottish Social Services Council.

Alison and Lesley are Co Chairs of the National Steering Group on Education linked to the Strategic Framework for Action. They explained that NES and SSSC are working in partnership with a number of organisations, undertaking a journey of enquiry, and are conscious of the need

to make the best use of relevant resources, policy and organisations, and not to create anything new unless it is of added value. They are keen to ensure that they engage meaningfully with the workforce to find out what matters to learners. Three regional practice education co-ordinators have been recruited, and a National Education Advisory Group has been set up.

Group discussion followed and included the following issues:

- the need to support the workforce to support people with people all kinds of co-morbidities and illness pathways, including dementia in its various stages.
- The need for the framework to be of use and support to care workers and people working in care homes.
- The need to consider who will deliver education. For example Highland Hospice are currently exploring how the specialist knowledge held by staff can be of help to others such as GPs and Care Homes.
- In many situations, palliative care practitioners *are* the intervention, and education is extremely important in helping people to become true practitioners of palliative care.
- The difficulties faced in enabling staff to be released for education.
- The potential to integrate education into the workplace.

5. Any other competent business

5.1 Future business for discussion

Bob Doris gave people the opportunity to suggest future topics for discussion.

Suggestions included:

- Continuing to link meetings to the commitments of the Strategic Framework for Action, for example Commitment 6.
- Discussion of the workforce and civic society – how do different organisations support the Scottish Government to implement the framework?
- A joint meeting with the cross party group on dementia when it has reconvened.
- Finishing each meeting a little early to allow time for networking.

6 Date of next meeting

Future meeting dates will be circulated as soon as possible. (Update: the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 December at 5.45pm.)