

CROSS PARTY GROUP (CPG) ON IMPROVING SCOTLAND'S HEALTH: 2021 AND BEYOND

**MEETING WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2017, 5.30PM TO 7PM, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 4 OF THE
SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

Present:

MSPs

Kenneth Gibson MSP	Convener
Alison Johnstone MSP	
Brian Whittle MSP	

Invited Guests

Professor Jeff Collin	University of Edinburgh
Professor Graeme Roy	University of Strathclyde

Non MSPs

Annie Anderson	University of Dundee/Scottish Cancer Foundation
Mike Andrews	ASH Scotland
Philip Atkinson	Pfizer UK
Diana Bardsley	ScotCen Social Research
Katherine Byrne	Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland
Susanne Cameron-Neilsen	The Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland
Eric Carlin	SHAAP (Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems)
Julie Cavanagh	Faculty of Public Health (UK)
Sara Collier	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Gerry Crawley	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Emilia Crichton	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Mary Cuthbert	Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland
Alison Douglas	Alcohol Focus Scotland
Sheila Duffy	ASH Scotland
Nadia Fanous	The University of Glasgow
Lorna Forde	Glasgow & Clyde Weight Management Service
Laurence Gruer	The University of Edinburgh/University of Glasgow
Kenny Harrison	Argyll & Bute Local Licensing Forum (LLF)
Nicola Harton	Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs
Nick Hay	NHS Health Scotland
Dawn Henderson	Families Outside
Mathis Heydtmann	Royal Alexandra Hospital Paisley
Shona Hilton	MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, The University of Glasgow
Colwyn Jones	NHS Health Scotland
Elli Kontorravdis	Nourish Scotland

Mark McCann	MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, The University of Glasgow
Gregor McNie	Cancer Research UK
Nicola Merrin	Alcohol Focus Scotland
Andrew Mullinex	The Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh
Jill Pell	The University of Glasgow
Bruce Ritson	SHAAP (Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems)
Erin Robertson	British Medical Association
Simon Shepherd	The University of Dundee
Jonathan Sher	Independent Consultant
Niamh Shortt	The University of Edinburgh
Ian Sloan	Fife Alcohol & Drug Partnership
Elena Slodecki	The Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Kat Smith	The University of Edinburgh
Valerie Smith	ASH Scotland
Anna Strachan	Obesity Action Scotland
Alison Sweeney	British Lung Foundation Scotland and NI
Gavin Thomson	Diabetes Scotland
Ben Thurman	Mentor UK
Lorraine Tulloch	Obesity Action Scotland

Apologies:

Jenny Marra MSP	co-Convener
Miles Briggs MSP	
Maree Todd MSP	

24 non MSPS

		Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies Kenneth Gibson MSP, co-Convener of the CPG, welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the two guest speakers, Professor Graeme Roy from the University of Strathclyde and Professor Jeff Collin from the University of Edinburgh. Apologies had been received from Jenny Marra MSP (co-Convener of the CPG), Miles Briggs MSP, Maree Todd MSP and 24 non MSPs. Over 200 people have now expressed interest in this CPG and for future meetings it is hoped to secure a larger meeting room, however it may be necessary to limit participation to one representative per organisation. If people are no longer able to attend they should let the Secretariat know so someone else can use the place. The twitter hashtag is #ScotHealth2021.	ALL

2.	<p>Confirmation of Registration of the Group</p> <p>The Convener had attended the meeting of the Parliament Standards Committee on 12th January 2017 to give evidence for the establishment of this CPG and he was pleased to confirm the CPG had received official registration status as from that date.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 2nd November 2016</p> <p>Approval of Minutes The minutes were approved as correct, proposed by Mary Cuthbert and seconded by Colwyn Jones.</p> <p>Any matters arising not appearing as items on the agenda No other matters were raised.</p> <p>Review of action points The action points were reviewed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Secretariat to circulate a list of MSP members.</i> This will be actioned after the membership list is finalised, however it was noted to date there were 8 MSP members. • <i>The Secretariat to circulate conflict of interest statement for all members to sign up to. The Secretariat to produce a paper on possible wider membership restrictions for those with commercial interests, in particular for alcohol companies and vested interests.</i> To be discussed under item 5 of this agenda and Conflict of Interest statements to be circulated after discussion/decision on membership parameters. • <i>The Secretariat to ask members to prioritise proposed topics for future meetings.</i> Actioned and to be discussed under Item 6 of this agenda. • <i>The Secretariat to co-ordinate a small working group to develop a media strategy.</i> On-going and this action to be carried forward. • <i>The Secretariat to confirm the date, venue and topic of next meeting.</i> Actioned. 	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
4.	<p>Topic Discussion: The Economy and Public Health: Understanding the impact of health-harming industries</p> <p>The Convener introduced the two guest speakers:-</p> <p>Professor Graeme Roy, Director of the independent Fraser of Allander Institute at the University of Strathclyde. Graeme is a former Head of the First Minister’s Policy Unit and a former Head of the Office of the Chief Economic Adviser in the Scottish Government. Graeme’s research interests are in economic and fiscal policy</p> <p>And</p> <p>Professor Jeff Collin, Professor of Global Health Policy at the University of Edinburgh. A political scientist by background, Jeff’s research interests focus on health policy and global health governance, with a particular emphasis on the role</p>	

	<p>of the commercial sector.</p> <p>Professor Graeme Roy delivered his presentation on Health and the Economy; and Professor Collin delivered his presentation on The Economy and Global Health.</p> <p>A lively discussion followed, with questions and answers taking place.</p> <p>The Convener thanked both speakers for their excellent presentations, and the Group for their participation.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>CPG membership and conflict of interest</p> <p>Alison Douglas addressed the paper that had been circulated regarding the membership and conflict of interest.</p> <p>At the inaugural meeting on 2nd November 2016 it was agreed that, as the CPG takes a focus on public health and on tackling non-communicable diseases with a special interest in health-harming commodities, a declaration of interests regarding any relevant commercial links and funding will be required annually from all non-MSP members. Members are required to proactively notify the Secretariat of any material changes that may arise during the course of the year. A draft declaration had also been circulated.</p> <p>Alison summarised the international context on conflict of interest in relation to NCD risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy diet.</p> <p>It is proposed that non-MSP membership should be focused on organisations and individuals who either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. have a principal interest, or a significant interest, in preventing and reducing harm - particularly health harm - from tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy diet in Scotland; OR B. are researchers involved in developing the evidence base around tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy diet and physical activity and their impact on NCDs, and how these can best be prevented and reduced, and who are not in receipt of funding from relevant commercial interests. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. who recognise the importance of reducing consumption as a means of reducing harm and the international evidence that increasing price, reducing availability and controlling marketing are the best means of delivering that; and D. who are committed to developing and improving the evidence base. <p>Commercial companies and their vested interests should be excluded from membership of the Group. This does not preclude the Group inviting speakers, or inviting participation in any sub-groups, from such organisations to discuss the practical implementation of policies which the Group has identified. Companies may have helpful insights to offer at this stage, particularly to avoid any unintended consequences.</p> <p>She invited the Group to:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the international context on conflict of interest in relation to NCD risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy diet; • consider and agree the declaration of conflict of interest at Appendix A; • note correspondence from the Scotch Whisky Association on membership at Appendix B; • consider and agree the proposed approach for non-MSP membership of the Group. <p>Colwyn Jones stated he supported this, but would suggest a tweak to the Register of Interests, in that we should be aiming for complete transparency, therefore the annual declaration should be changed to every meeting. It was agreed this should be a standing agenda item.</p> <p>Alison Johnstone MSP and Brian Whittle MSP stated they were happy with the proposals.</p> <p>The Group agreed the paper and the proposals therein, and the Secretariat would take this forward.</p>	Secretariat
6.	<p>Proposal for meeting schedule and topic discussions 2017/18</p> <p>Sheila Duffy addressed this item.</p> <p>At the request of the Inaugural meeting on 2nd November 2016, the Group were emailed to 'vote' on future discussion topic choices. 30 responses were received, giving their top three choices. These were allocated graded points and the results were as follows (to note, if they had all been given 1 point, the result would have been the same)</p> <p>Score 59 – First Choice - Behaviour Influences; reducing modifiable risk factors, societal levers for change, why the problems exist in the demographics they do, why do people make the health decisions they do, what are the barriers to addressing tobacco, alcohol, poor diet/obesity.</p> <p>Score 31 – Second Choice – Marketing and Promotions; lessons to be learned; price, availability and marketing.</p> <p>Score 20 – Third Choice – Supply, role of licensing, concentration of health-harming commodities in deprived communities.</p> <p>Score 15 – Fourth Choice – Pre-conception/early years/life course.</p> <p>Score 12 – Fifth Choice – Themes of poverty/deprivation, trauma, stress, domestic abuse, social isolation and loneliness.</p> <p>The plan therefore regarding topic discussions and potential speakers is as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting late May/early June 2017: Topic Behavioural Influences to prevent uptake of health harming commodities (focus is on tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy diet). Speakers to be confirmed. • Meeting late October/Early November 2017: Continuing the theme of Influences Behaviours but a focus on children. Speakers to be confirmed. To encompass the AGM of the Group and the Minister for Public Health to be invited to attend. 	

	The Group agreed the organisation of the meetings and themes should be taken forward.	Secretariat
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Sheila Duffy proposed an action for the Group.</p> <p>In the current national tobacco strategy, which runs from 2013 to end March 2018, strategy action 5 states:-</p> <p>‘We will commission an audit of the implementation of Article 5.3 of the Framework Convention on Tobacco control in Scotland, with a view to providing the Scottish Government with options for ensuring the continues protection of public health policy from undue interference from the tobacco industry’.</p> <p>It is proposed that the Group write to the Minister to ask for an update on the Government’s intentions with regards to this action, and express an interest in staying in touch with the outcomes of the audit.</p> <p>The Group agreed to this action</p> <p>The Convener highlighted that it was important that the Minster be invited to one of the meetings this year.</p>	

The Convener thanked everyone for attending and advised the next meeting will be chaired by Jenny Marra MSP. He then closed the meeting.

Summary of Action Points from the Meeting (the item in *italics* is on-going from the previous meeting)

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The Secretariat to take forward the organisation of future meetings taking into account preferred themes.	Secretariat
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The Secretariat to ensure the Minster is invited to speak at one of the meetings this year.	Secretariat