

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
September 2011
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2013
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.  Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
<b>September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Meeting chaired by Jim Eadie MSP. (Informal Meeting- No decisions taken)</b>  Topic Current landscape Smoking in Scotland

Scottish statistics show despite the changes in pattern of tobacco use you are four times more likely to smoke in the most deprived areas versus the least deprived areas. This would indicate that in our most deprived communities smoking prevalence is similar to national picture in the 1970s. In the most well off groups smoking equates to around 15% of deaths but in the least well off it is linked to 32% of deaths. Sheila then discussed the economic hardship of tobacco use where a twenty a day smoking habit costs £2500 per annum. This hardship leads to a great economic inequality especially in the most deprived communities where tobacco could take up 2.1% of household expenditure.

Conclusion :Sheila Duffy concluded her presentation by stating the new Scottish Government strategy sets out a bold aim that by 2034 we will live in a mainly smoke free Scotland. She also commented the current rate of cessation alone will not reach that target and we need to change culture and take a real focus on youth prevention to make the target happen.

1 MSP and 11 Non MSP's attended

No refreshments supplied.

### **CROSS PARTY GROUP ON MENTAL HEALTH JOINT MEETING WITH THE CROSS PARTY GROUP ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2013**

The meeting focussed on the contribution of mental health services to tackling health inequalities. CPG Health Inequalities Secretariat, Jacquie Forde was not able to attend this meeting and minutes were prepared by the Secretariat to the CPG on Mental Health.

Topics discussed were SIGN guidelines and the need for psychological input to treatment for various conditions but noted this was largely ignored by services.

Mary Scanlon asked about dual diagnosis and people with mental illness and addiction problems. Alastair said again that much work had been done on this but he still felt care was not well co-ordinated and handovers were still problematic in some places.

Malcolm Chisholm asked about social deprivation and whether the inverse care law applied in mental health too. Alastair confirmed that it does and people with more severe mental illness often drop down social classes because of their disability.

3 MSP's and 15 non MSP's attended

### **March 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting chaired by Malcolm Chisholm MSP**

A Round Table Meeting to Discuss Health Inequalities where membership organisations discussed their current workstreams and future plans.

2 MSP's attended and 18 non MSP

## June 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Chaired by Murdo Fraser MSP

**AGM** –Malcolm Chisholm MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP and Jim Eadie MSP re elected as Co convenors . Murdo Fraser and Malcolm Chisholm nominated Jacquie Forde be re- elected as voluntary secretary which members voted unanimously to a warm round of applause.

Meeting proper- Claire Stevens CE of Voluntary health Scotland gave a fantastic overview of what the third sector member organisations of VHS are undertaking in the community to help reduce health inequalities.

5 MSP's attended and 11 non MSP's.

No refreshments supplied.

### MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Jim Eadie MSP SNP

Malcolm Chisholm MSP Labour

Murdo Fraser MSP Conservative

Jackie Baillie MSP Labour

Michael McMahon MSP Labour

Anne McTaggart MSP Labour

Drew Smith MSP Labour

Aileen McLeod MSP SNP

Richard Simpson MSP Labour

### NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Jacquie Forde

	Prof G Watt Katherine Smith David White
Organisations	Voluntary Health Scotland Deaf Links (Tayside) Community Pharmacy Scotland Royal Pharmaceutical Society British Lung Foundation Samaritans Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance ASH Scotland NHS Health Scotland BMA Stroke Association SHAAP Royal College of Midwives Improvement Service Audit Scotland Cancer Research UK Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland Living Streets Bravehearts Genetic Alliance Bowel Cancer Care The Big Lottery Fund NSPCC
<p><b>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</b></p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	Malcolm Chisholm MSP Labour Murdo Fraser MSP Conservative Jim Eadie MSP SNP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Jacquie Forde

Treasurer	n/a
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**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

No Subscriptions

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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