

Scottish Parliament

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Chronic Pain

Held on Wednesday, 29th May 2013, 6.00 p. m. in Committee Room 5

Present

John Wilson MSP (Chair); Jackson Carlaw MSP; Jackie Baillie MSP (Please see end of minutes for list of non MSP's attending) Apologies – **(Noted at end of minutes)**

Meeting chaired by John Wilson MSP

Minutes 23rd January approved by group.

Motion to anonymise a named person from HIS withdrawn.

The CPG CO conveners requested it be minuted that the CPG on Chronic Pain is, and has been, operating within Parliamentary guidelines on all levels.

AGM proper. John Wilson MSP handed the AGM over to Jacquie Forde, secretariat to take nominations for co convenors

All of the co convenors stated they are content to remain co convenors of the group based on all members communicating in a polite and professional manner via the Secretariat, as had long been agreed Group practice.

Jackson Carlaw, John Wilson and Jackie Baillie were all re- elected.

Nominations for secretariat offered- Jacquie Forde re elected .

John Glennie stated that the group would have a new representation from HIS attending.

The CPG does not hold any funds and therefore does not require a treasurer.

Annual return will be updated and circulated to the CPG for comment before final approval by the co convenors. Action JF.

Meeting Proper

Discussion opened up on the chronic pain debate which occurred in the Scottish Parliament that afternoon, at which the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Opposition speakers paid tribute to the Group's campaigning and research as being instrumental in helping to decide on improvements for chronic pain patients. Our own three co convenors all made strong speeches in support of change.

John Wilson MSP asked the group to consider the options presented to them in the motion led by Alex Neil over creating the first residential centre in Scotland. It was agreed that the debate, which was supported by all Parties, tackled many of the issues on which the CPG has campaigned for 12 years and also responded to Susan Archibald's petition on behalf of the CPG.

John Wilson stated that this was an opportunity for the CPG to be updated plus identify fresh work streams from the group and co convenors

Actions

Annual return to be circulated to group by Jacquie Forde by Friday 31st May

Government consultation document on the residential Pain Centre to be sent round CPG once available for comment and coordinated CPG response

Transcript of debate to be circulated to group once available

CPG to find out information regarding MSK physician in Lothian - is he being replaced.

Group members to contact Anna Marie MacGregor to work with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society to help build the aims and objectives of a joint working project

SG asked if possible to circulate minutes of this mornings meeting, which discussed Scottish pain relief

“Gaby Stewart from the College of Occupational Therapists requested that the group consider developing a patient charter for chronic pain as part of it’s future work.”

Next Meeting September 3rd 2013 at 5.30 pm for 6pm

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DG Elder
Lelsey Holdsworth
John Glennie
Anna Marie Macgregor
John Thomson
Margaret McInnes
Frank McAveety
Ann Cassels
Tom Binns
Irene Logan
Ann Murray
Jean Raffert

Apologies

Christine Martin

Joan Kerr
M Johnson
S James
G Foulkes
I Semmons
M Serpell
D Quinn
P Roche
M Clubb
H Cunningham
R Atherton

Martha Heaney
Frank Mawson
Sally Hughes
Heather Wallace
Marion Beatson
Steve Gilbert
Tom Friel
Kirsty Kerr
Jim Scanlon
Helen Cadden
Susan Archibald
Mairi O'Keefe
Mark Feeney
Fiona McPherson
Naomi Phillips
Anne Simpson
Gaby Stewart
Melanie Hutchinson
Lynsey Cleland
Graham Fotheringham
Pete McCarron
Colin Rae
Paulo Quadras
Lorna Forrester
Kathleen Grieve
Phil Atkinson
A Strong
Helen McCluskey

B Paton
P Onions
D Onions
N Alcock
R Meek
D Thomson
I Little
J Barrie
S Cottom
E Janetta
M Steultjens
C Martin