

Cross-Party Group on Epilepsy inaugural Meeting 29 June 2011

Note of meeting

1. Richard Simpson MSP thanked MSPs Alison McInnes, Nanette Milne, Kenneth Gibson's PA Daniel Sorenson and Epilepsy Scotland representatives for coming to this inaugural meeting of the Cross-Party Group on Epilepsy.
2. Members agreed to keep the same remit and purpose for the CPG on Epilepsy as before.
3. There were four intimations by MSPs of interest in becoming Group officers. These included:

Kenneth Gibson as Convener, nominated by Nanette Milne, seconded by Alison McInnes
Richard Simpson as Vice Convener, nominated by Alison McInnes, seconded by Nanette Milne
Jim Hume as Treasurer, nominated by Richard Simpson, seconded by Nanette Milne
Nanette Milne as Secretary, nominated by Richard Simpson, seconded by Alison McInnes

Alison McInnes was invited and accepted the nomination by Nanette Milne, seconded by Richard Simpson to become Vice Convener.
4. It was unanimously agreed by MSPs that Epilepsy Scotland continues to provide the Secretariat. They will supply the list of MSPs wishing to be members of the CPG on Epilepsy.
5. Members discussed and agreed that CPG on Epilepsy meetings will be held at lunchtimes on the last Thursday of the month. Meeting dates for the next session will be 24 November, 26 January and 26 April 2012. Venues for these meetings will be arranged by Dr Simpson's PA Craig Miller. Group meeting dates will be circulated to MSPs by the Secretariat.
6. The first epilepsy-related event for members in the next session is on Wednesday 21 September. Epilepsy Scotland and the Joint Epilepsy Council will hold an Epilepsy Transitions evening reception in Committee Room 4. Richard Simpson MSP is the host. Details have been circulated to members and an event reminder will be sent to MSPs by Dr Simpson's office.
7. Members and epilepsy representatives will be invited to make suggestions for topics at future Group meetings. These can be made to the Secretariat by **Monday 1 August** so that a programme can be decided for the next session by the office bearers during recess.

Dr Simpson suggested that a joint meeting with a relevant CPG may be useful for MSPs to attend, depending on the topic (e.g. dementia/mental health).
8. Dr Simpson thanked the JEC and everyone present for their continued support of the CPG on Epilepsy.