

**Cross Party Group on MS
Minutes of meeting**

Date	22 April 2015
Time	18:00 – 19:30
Venue	Committee Room 4, Scottish Parliament

Agenda

Introduction and welcome from George Adam MSP, Convener

Minute from previous meeting – 11 March 2015

Integration of Health and Social Care - presentation from Alison Taylor, Head of Strategy and Delivery, Integration and Reshaping Care, Scottish Government

Updated on MS Awareness Week

AOCB and date of next meeting

Attendees

MSP Members:

George Adam MSP (Convener)
Nanette Milne MSP
Clare Adamson MSP

Other attendees:

Stacey Adam	Personal interest in MS
Merv Graham	Personal interest in MS
Cat Johnson	Personal interest in MS
Harry Travers	Personal interest in MS
Angela Feherty	Revive MS Support
Iain Morrison	Chief Executive, Revive MS Support
Aislinn Lunt	MS Society
Mark O'Donnell	MS Society
Morna Simpkins	MS Society
Carole Macartney	Chair, MS Therapy Centre Lothian
Duane Patterson	MS Specialist Social Worker, Dundee Social Work Department
Dr Ruth Sumpter	Consultant Clinical Psychologist
Alison Taylor	Scottish Government
Martine Sinclair	Neurology Business Manager, Biogen Idec - ABPI rep
Marion Butchart	Government Affairs Manager Scotland, Novartis - ABPI rep
Nigel Graham	Merek Group

Apologies:

Lewis MacDonald MSP (Vice Convenor)	
Malcolm Chisholm MSP	
Mark McDonald MSP	
Elizabeth Quigley	Personal interest in MS
Fiona Burns	Personal interest in MS
Graeme Allison	Personal interest in MS
Judith MacSween	Speech and Language Therapist
Moiria Flett	MS & Neurology Advisor
Mairi O'Keefe	Chief Executive, Leuchie House
Dr Belinda Weller	Consultant Neurologist, NHS Lothian
Jacqui Downs	MS Managed Clinical Network Manager, NHS Ayrshire
Natalie Frankish	Genetic Alliance

2 Introduction and welcome

The Convener welcomed attendees and accepted apologies. The convener welcomed Morna Simpkins as incoming Director of the MS Society for Scotland.

3 Minute of previous meeting – 11 March 2015

The minute was approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Harry Travers, MS Society Ayrshire & Arran Branch Chairman, asked for an update on the action for item 7 - George Adam MSP to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health regarding the issue of neurological consultant cover in NHS Ayrshire & Arran. George Adam noted that to date his office had not received a response to the letter.

4 Integration of Health and Social Care

The MS CPG welcomed guest speaker Alison Taylor, Head of Strategy and Delivery, Integration and Reshaping Care for the Scottish Government.

Alison outlined the steps taken to integrate health and social care services as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, and described the integration models being used.

Alison outlined that the policy was based on the key principle that health & social care services should operate in a way that supports people to live a full life in their own home or in the community for as long as possible. It must improve the national health and wellbeing outcomes for local communities.

Alison outlined three core ideas around integration:

- Starting with a direct quote from the Christie Commission “services should be designed and delivered for and with people and communities, not a top down for administrative convenience”.
- The notion of a single commissioner and a single budget for adult social care.
- Enabling legislation that existed before had not delivered the desired change so further legislation was required.

There are 12 principles in the Act, which aims to be outcome focused and defines integration from the perspective of the service user. The Act outlines two different governance models; both achieve a single commissioner and a single budget for adult social care. Each health board and local authority creates a partnership, which oversees the planning process and review of services has to bring together these services. More than £7.7 billion of health and social care budgets will be integrated under the Act. The areas covered by the Act were also outlined and discussed.

Further information on the Scottish Government’s work on the Act can be found online at: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Policy/Adult-Health-SocialCare-Integration>

Discussion

The presentation was followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions and discuss how the integration of health and social care would impact on people with MS.

Issues raised include:

- Possible creation of a post-code lottery of care and services due to variation of approach of Integrated Joint Boards.

- Information sharing across services – it was highlighted that front-line staff need to be supported to work across NHS and Social Services much more than currently offered.
- What impact will the current pressure on social care budgets have on integration?
- Will integration be dominated by the NHS? How could that be prevented?
- Role of the third sector in the planning and delivery of services. It was highlighted that some areas have not engaged their third sector partners. It was noted that third sector organisations should look at areas of good practices, for example the work of Dundee Voluntary Action in Dundee.
- The need for cultural change to support the legislative changes needed.
- One member outlined the confusion felt by health and care professionals around the legislation and its implantation, which could have a damaging impact on service users.
- It was recognised that integration isn't just about older people. The legislation is about improving the support available to everybody.

5 Update on MS Awareness Week

Aislinn Lunt, MS Society, provided an update on the MS Society's plans for MS Awareness Week and asked members to support this work to raise awareness.

Activities for the week include a week long exhibition at the Scottish Parliament, with a Parliamentary Reception on Wednesday 29 April.

George Adams has also secured a debate in the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 29 April. The debate motion has achieved cross party support with almost 50 MSPs.

Carole Macartney informed members of the Edinburgh MS Therapy Centre's upcoming twitter campaign. This was followed by an update from Ian Morrison at Revive MS about their forthcoming art show.

The Convenor encouraged members to promote and support these key activities.

6 AOCB

The Scottish Government's announcement for future investment into specialist nurses was raised. It was noted that the MS Society had written to the Scottish Government to ask how this funding would be allocated.

Actions

The following actions were agreed:

1. The Convener to update members on any response from the Cabinet Secretary for Health regarding neurology consultations in Ayrshire & Arran.
2. Members to support MS Awareness Week activities.

7 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be set.