

Scottish Parliament

Minutes
of

Cross Party Group on Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis
Wednesday 17th April 2013

Present:

MSPs Dave Thompson (Convener), Fiona McLeod; Linda Fabiani and Nanette Milne;
Dr Lorna McHattie & Dr Lesley Diack, Robert Gordon's University, Aberdeen;
Janice Johnson and Patricia Evans, PSALV;
Dr Stewart Douglas, Skin Care Campaign Scotland (SCCS);
Individual members Jim Walker, Stewart Campbell, Irene Clayton and Charlotte Hanson-Hall;
Joan and Mike Kerr, Edinburgh ME Self-help Group
Liz McIvor, Rheumatology Specialist Nurse, Stobhill, Glasgow;
Dr Iain Campbell, GP/NHS Education Scotland;
Marion Butchart, Novartis; Guy Armstrong, UCB Pharma; Amy Hefford, Abbie;
Louise Peardon, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland;
Philip Atkinson, Health Policy Scotland;
Mary Blackford, Secretary

1. Apologies:, Dr Daniel Kemmett, Dr John Hunter, Diane Thomson, Dr Hilary Wilson, Jackie Forde; MSPs Margaret Mitchell, Duncan McNeil; Dave Stewart; Rhoda Grant & Jackie Baillie

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 13th June 2012 (the October meeting was cancelled and the meeting of 16th January 2013 was the AGM)
Proposed by Jim Walker and seconded by Iain Campbell

3. Matters Arising

Correspondence with the RCGP on the subject of GP training; Stewart Douglas had made comments on the response from Dr Riley of RCGP. He agreed to draft a response to the RCGP which Dave Thompson will send to Dr Riley.

Iain Campbell asked for the sentence, 'There is nothing written into the system to guide or direct trainees' to be struck from item 4b) of the Minute of the meeting dated 13th June and this will be done.

SIGN Guideline 121

Jim Walker has contacted Roberta James (SIGN Programme Lead), who has indicated that Dr Sara Twaddle (a SIGN Director) will meet Jim and that other CPG members will be welcome to attend. The meeting will discuss implementation issues.

4. No Delays Work (NDW)

Talks from Dr James Hogg (NHS Grampian) and Professor Irene McAra-McWilliam (Glasgow School of Art and Design)

No Delays Work is an initiative to develop an electronic method of delivery (digital “postcards”) for the presentation of medical information to patients for whom a ten-minute GP appointment is too short to receive all the information he/she might need. It is designed to bridge the gap between referral and consultant appointment, often due to administrative delay – a gap that is too often not within the “prescribed” 18 weeks. Dr Hogg described the NHS system as rigid. Reliance on correspondence can mean patients get stuck in the system.

NHS Grampian partners in the project are Glasgow School of Art (Professor Irene McAra-McWilliam) and Maverick TV which produces programmes such as *Embarrassing Bodies*.

NDW is applicable to any medical condition and the electronic postcards will provide links to information on treatment, correct use of medication (timing and frequency, for example, of the application of topical treatments).

Charlotte Hanson-Hall spoke of her time in a USA hospital where patients have access to information videos on their conditions and which she found very helpful.

Professor McAra-McWilliams spoke of her role in the evolution of the design and digital elements of the project.

The next meeting will take place from 6pm on Wednesday 25th September and include a presentation from members of the Home Phototherapy Team of Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.