

Annual General Meeting

Cross Party Group on Heart Disease and Stroke

12th December 2017

In Attendance

Alexander Stewart MSP

Colin Smyth MSP

Andrea Cail, Stroke Association

Colin Oliver, Stroke Association

Andrea MacLeod, Stroke Association

David McColgan, British Heart Foundation

Katherine Byrne, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

1. Minutes of last meeting
 - The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
2. Election of office bearers
 - Alexander Stewart was nominated as Co-Convener by Colin Smyth and seconded by Andrea Cail.
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 - Colin Smyth nominated the joint Secretariat as Stroke Association, British Heart Foundation, and Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, and Alexander Stewart seconded the nomination.
3. Review of draft Annual Return 2017
 - Figures for the costs incurred by Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland and the Stroke Association will be included in the annual return before submission.
 - The Secretariat will check with members about their continued membership, and whether representing organisations or individual members.
4. Forward planning for 2018
 - Attendees discussed the 23 responses received to the survey of members. Most respondents found the topics discussed at meetings to be always or often relevant, and the group to be effective in influencing the Scottish Government. The majority believed that 4 meetings a year was the right amount. Professional interest in heart disease vs stroke was evenly split.

- The Atrial Fibrillation Inquiry report will be launched on 23rd January at a Parliamentary event. Minister for Public Health Aileen Campbell will speak at the event. The Inquiry was commended as a great example of the CPG seeking to effect change, and highlighting an important issue, as well as effective partnership working.
- The proposed future topics of psychological support and hypertension were agreed. Further consideration will be given to whether they each warrant more than one meeting, for example covering both research/clinical delivery, and lived experience. The next meeting should also include a slot for an update to members on the AF Inquiry. A discussion took place about the importance of identifying the intended outcomes of CPG meetings to avoid them being 'talking shops'. The Secretariat will consider this further.
- It was agreed that the dates of meeting during 2018 should fall in February, May/June, September, and December, with bookings for rooms being made as soon as possible.