

# **Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities and Mental Health**

6.00 pm-7.30 pm, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, online (Zoom link shared with registered participants)

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Agenda Item 1**

#### **Welcome and apologies**

To welcome members to the AGM and receive any apologies. The registration procedure for the meeting ensures there is a correct record of attendees.

To note that this is the first AGM of the CPG since it was reconstituted in September 2021.

To note that the business meeting follows immediately after the AGM.

### **Agenda Item 2**

#### **Election of Convenors**

To elect Convenors for the next 12 months.

It is proposed that Emma Harper MSP, Paul O’Kane MSP and Brian Whittle MSP are re-elected.

To consider further nominations (if any received).

### **Agenda Item 3**

#### **Appointment of Secretary**

To appoint the Secretary for the next 12 months.

It is proposed that Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS) be re-appointed.

### **Agenda Item 4**

#### **Annual report and return**

To receive a short report on the work of the CPG since September 2021.

To note that VHS will prepare the Annual Return as required by the Scottish Parliament and will submit this once signed by a Co-Convenor. This will be publicly available via the CPG web page.

## **Agenda Item 5**

### **Any other competent business**

To deal with any other AGM business.

## **Business Meeting**

### **Agenda item 1**

#### **Welcome and Apologies**

VHS will ensure any apologies received are recorded in the minutes. The registration procedure for the meeting ensures there is a correct record of attendees.

### **Agenda item 2**

#### **Minutes of last meeting**

To approve the draft minutes of the business meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

### **Agenda item 3**

#### **Applications to join the CPG**

To consider the following application to join the Health Inequalities CPG:

**Eat Well Age Well** - a national project tackling malnutrition in older people living at home in Scotland: delivered by the charity Food Train with funding from the Scottish Government.

### **Agenda item 4**

**Discussion topic: understanding and addressing the health inequalities and the role of health in the communities**

- Dr Carey Lunan , GP and Chair of Scottish Deep End Project

- Laura Wilson, Practice & Policy Lead, Royal Pharmaceutical Society Scotland

We will discuss the post Covid-19 response and the way health in communities adapted, learned and collaborated. What can be done now to actively continue support in light of the cost of living crisis and the impact on health?

Followed by questions and discussion.

Next steps, including any actions to engage the wider Parliament in this topic.

## **Agenda item 5**

**Any other competent business**

## **Agenda item 6**

**Date and topic of next meetings:**

Our next meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> December online 6-7.30pm on the topic of Unpaid Carers and Health Inequalities. Richard Meade, Director, Carers Scotland and Northern Ireland will present at this meeting chaired by Emma Harper MSP, Co-convenor.

Contact Lauren Blair to book a place: [lauren.blair@vhscotland.org.uk](mailto:lauren.blair@vhscotland.org.uk)