

Cross Party Group on Heart Disease  
Inaugural Meeting  
22 March 6pm – 7pm  
via Microsoft Teams

Present – Colin Smyth MSP, Karen Adam MSP, Jenni Minto MSP, Paul McLennan MSP, Alexander Stewart MSP

Attending – David McColgan (BHF), Jon Roden (BHF), Emma Young (BHF), Kym Kestell (BHF), Glen Reynolds (office of Karen Adam MSP)

Apologies –

Minutes –

1. Welcome and Introduction – David McColgan welcomed everyone for joining the meeting. He reflected on the previous sessions CPG on heart Disease and Stroke and the successes and impact the group had within the Parliament.

He highlighted the history of the CPG and the decision taken at the end of the last session to reconvene two separate CPG's on Heart Disease and Stroke. It was highlighted that the joint CPG was a legacy of the Scottish Government's Better Heart Disease and Stroke Action Plan which was superseded by separate government strategies for the diseases in 2013. It was also noted that whilst the two conditions share a similar goal in reducing people's risk of and influencing for better detection, diagnosis, treatment and care the two conditions have significant separate challenges which merit space and debate within the parliament.

Colin Smyth MSP noted his thanks to the BHF for their secretariat and leadership in the last session and noted that the CPG on Heart disease and Stroke undertook innovative and impactful pieces of work including the yearlong inquiries into Atrial Fibrillation and High Blood Pressure. Alexander Stewart echoed the sentiments too.

2. Election of office bearers –

Convenor elections –

Colin Smyth MSP –

Proposer – Jenni Minto MSP

Secunder – Paul McLennan MSP

Karen Adam MSP –

Proposer – Colin Smyth MSP

Secunder – Paul McLennan MSP

Alexander Stewart MSP – Proposer – Jenni Minto MSP

Secunder – Karen Adam MSP

Secretariat election –

British Heart Foundation – Passed by unanimous consent

3. Membership –

MSP Members –

Colin Smyth MSP

Karen Adam MSP

Jenni Minto MSP

Paul Mclennan MSP

Alexander Stewart MSP

4. Purpose of CPG –

Purpose of the CPG on Heart Disease:

To act as a channel of communications between the Scottish Parliament and people affected by heart disease, healthcare professionals and researchers.

To identify areas for action in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in Scotland; the provision of recovery & care services in Scotland and identify any issues relating to out of hospital cardiac arrest survival, and to campaign for improvement.

To keep abreast of any new research and evidence relating to heart and circulatory disease and ensure that the medical research environment in Scotland is best resourced and placed to support research and innovation relating to heart and circulatory disease.

To monitor the implementation of the Heart Disease Action Plan, the Women's Health Plan (in relation to heart disease) and the OHCA strategy for Scotland and work with the Scottish Government to ensure full implementation.

5. Potential future topics –

Sex based inequalities in in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in Scotland.

Poverty and health inequalities in relation to heart disease.

Remote and rural inequalities in relation to heart disease.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on heart disease patients.

- Cancelled operations
- Care support (Rehab etc.)
- Longer term outcomes

On going monitoring of the Heart Disease Action Plan.

OHCA/Defibs and inequalities

Heart Disease and young people, sudden cardiac death/genetic heart disease