

Initial Meeting of the CPG on Medicinal Cannabis – 15th September 2021

Attendees

- Pauline McNeill MSP
- Oliver Mundell MSP
- Gillian Flood
- Lucy Troup
- Kayleigh Ross
- Anna Ross
- Lisa Quarrell
- Carol Dew
- Cllr Ben Lawrie
- David Johnston

- Discussion of the purpose of the group and proposed topics for discussion. Consensus reached that broadly this CPG seeks to better understand the benefits of Medicinal Cannabis and recognise case studies indicating its positive impact on patients suffering from a variety of conditions. It also seeks to support patient rights to get access to medicine.

Anticipated Topics

- ✓ Access to Bedrolite, other cannabis-based drugs, high costs
 - ✓ Red Card (Colorado), MedCan Card for Medical Cannabis
 - ✓ Patient Rights (human rights) v Public Health
 - ✓ NHS v Private Treatments
 - ✓ Medical Benefits – risks, side effects
 - ✓ Reducing Stigma – evidence based to unlock institutional (e.g. NHS) and political resistance
 - ✓ Legislation for Cannabis Growers
- Convenors and Office Bearers are chosen
 - Convenors – Pauline McNeill MSP & Rona Mackay MSP
 - Deputy Convenor – Oliver Mundell MSP
 - Secretary – Anna Ross MSP