

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care

Convener
Bob Doris MSP

Vice-Convener
Siobhian Brown MSP

Secretary
Mark Hazelwood

Approved minute of virtual meeting of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care. Tuesday 22 June 2021, 12.30pm

Present:	Siobhian Brown MSP	Scottish Parliament
	Bob Doris MSP	Scottish Parliament
	Paul Baughan	NHS Forth Valley
	Dennis Clifford	Macmillan Cancer Support
	Elaine Colville	Angus Integration Authority
	Carol Dew	MSP Staff
	Gill Dickson	PSPA
	Shona Dickson	NHS Tayside
	Jonathan Ellis	Hospice UK
	Pauline Ellison	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
	Joy Farquharson	St Andrew's Hospice
	Libby Ferguson	Marie Curie
	Anne Finucane	Marie Curie
	Heather Frail	Support Choices
	Hilary Gardner	St Columba's Hospice Care
	Annie Gunner Logan	Coalition of Care & Support Providers in Scotland
	Neil Harris	Teva UK Limited
	Trisha Hatt	Macmillan Cancer Support
	Mark Hazelwood	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
	Annabel Howell	NHS Borders
	Mairead Hughes	WLHSCP
	Sally Hughes	Teva UK Limited
	Carolynne Hunter	Freya's Care Package
	Bridget Johnston	University of Glasgow
	Jolanta Lisicka	Scottish Government
	Michael Loynd	NHS Highland / Highland Hospice
	Donald Macaskill	Scottish Care
	Murdina MacDonald	NHS Fife
	Sine MacDonald	Kilbryde Hospice
	Alison MacRobbie	NHS Highland
	Sheila McGovern	Marie Curie
	Irene Mckie	Strathcarron Hospice
	Nicky McManus	Pancreatic Cancer Action Scotland
	Jude Meryl	Soul Midwives Scotland
	Libby Milton	Marie Curie
	Lucy Mulvagh	Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)
	Kirsteen Murray	St Vincent's Hospice
	Scott Murray	University of Edinburgh
	Juliet O'Donnell	APCSW (Scotland branch)

Present:	Maureen	O'Neill	Faith in Older People
(cont.)	Rebecca	Patterson	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
	Iona	Philp	NHS Tayside
	Sheelagh	Purdie	NHS Highland
	Helen	Reilly	Royal Pharmaceutical Society
	Linda	Riley	Speaker
	Michelle	Scott	NHS Borders
	Caroline	Sime	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
	Kirsty	Smith	Macmillan Cancer Support
	Jen	Somerville	Child Bereavement UK
	Juliet	Spiller	Marie Curie
	Kenny	Steele	Highland Hospice
	Helen	Stevens	Scottish Government
	Lorna	Stewart	NHS Fife
	Jackie	Stone	St Columba's Hospice Care
	Kirsty	Tolmie	Glasgow Royal Infirmary
	Mona	Vaghefian	CHAS
	Ellie	Wagstaff	Marie Curie
	Susan	Webster	MND Scotland

Apologies:	Jackie	Baillie MSP	Scottish Parliament
	Miles	Briggs MSP	Scottish Parliament
	Stephen	Kerr MSP	Scottish Parliament
	Paul	O'Kane MSP	Scottish Parliament
	Kirsty	Boyd	University of Edinburgh
	Peter	Kiehlmann	NHS Highland
	Sheonad	Laidlaw	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
	Tom	McCarthy	Healthcare Improvement Scotland
	Felicity	McFarlane	RCPSG
	Elaine	Stevens	IANPC

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Bob Doris MSP chaired the meeting welcomed attendees and invited attendees to introduce themselves in the chat.

Apologies will be included the minute.

2. Election of officer bearers (and re-registration of group)

Siobhian Brown nominated Bob Doris as Convenor, who accepted the role.

Siobhian Brown was willing to take on the role of vice-convenor for the time being.

Bob Doris asked Mark Hazelwood if he and the SPPC were willing to continue providing the secretariat, and Mark Hazelwood accepted the role of Secretary. The group agreed to keep the group subscription-free.

ACTION: SPPC will work after the meeting to ensure that the conditions for re-establishing cross-party group are met.

3. Matters arising from previous session:

3.1 Bereavement letter

Bob Doris sent a letter to Jeane Freeman on 06 January 2021 voicing the group's support of improvement of bereavement support in Scotland. No reply has been received yet, but Bob Doris' office is seeking an update.

ACTION – SPPC will re-circulate the letter to the group for interest

3.2 Strategic Framework for Action: 5 years on

Bob Doris sent a letter to Jeane Freeman on 08 January 2021 outlining the main points from the group's discussion relating to the Strategic Framework for Action (December 2020).

The group were updated that the SNP Manifesto prior to the election included the following commitment:

“We will appoint a new National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care for Scotland, who will be responsible for overseeing a national strategy for palliative and end of life care that takes a whole system, public health approach.”

4. Presentations and Discussion:

What the National Care Service could and should mean for people living with serious life-limiting illness

There were presentations from:

Donald Macaskill, CEO, Scottish Care (slides attached)

Heather Frail, Support Choices in Perth and Kinross, bringing a service-user perspective.

Linda Riley, bringing many years of lived experience

Annie Gunner Logan, CEO, Coalition of Care & Support Providers in Scotland

Subsequent discussions raised the following issues:

- The importance of giving control to the people who need care.
- The importance of co-production and co-working with the NHS so that services are joined up.
- It is important that the National Care Service isn't 'one size fits all' – care needs to be responsive to people's individual and changing needs.
- There can be problems with self-directed support and the lack of choice it enables.
- The importance of people being included of society regardless of the degree of support they need.
- Many people voiced support of the idea of a National Care Service.
- The need for process for self directed support to support the provision of palliative care.
- The complexities and conflicts that are likely to arise given the massive (but worthwhile) task of establishing a National Care Service.

5. Any other competent business:

Bob Doris suggested that a future meeting should further explore the idea of the National Care Service. Other suggestions of future meeting topics can be emailed to mark@palliativecarescotland.org.uk

6. Date of next virtual meeting:

Sometime in September: once confirmed the date will be circulated by email.

UPDATE: The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 15 September 2021 from 12.30pm – 2.00pm.