

# **Cross-Party Group on Palliative Care**

Tuesday 7 December, 12.30pm on ZOOM

## **Agenda**

### **Attendance:**

Bob Doris MSP  
Jolanta Lisicka  
Sarah Bowers  
Miles Briggs MSP  
Jude Meryl  
Sheelagh Purdie  
Siobhian Brown MSP  
Juliet Spiller  
Shona Dickson  
Stephen Kerr MSP  
karen Charnley  
Steinunn Boyce  
Alex Close  
Kirsty Smith  
Till Kroeber  
Alison MacRobbie  
Libby Milton  
Alistair Mckeown  
Liv Warnes

### **Apologies:**

Bridget Johnston  
Lorraine Coe  
Paul O'Kane MSP  
Bruce Cleminson  
Margaret Mary Cowan  
Trisha Hatt  
Caroline Sime  
Marie Fallon  
Bernie Boyd  
Elaine Stevens  
Marion Lang  
Holly McGuigan  
Elizabeth Anderson  
Mark Hazelwood  
Iona Philp  
Fran MacIvor  
Mary Rabbitte  
Kirsty Boyd

Gabrielle King  
Michael Veitch  
Mairi Armstrong  
Gillian Wright  
Neil Benny  
Maureen O'Neill  
Irene McKie  
Nicky McManus  
Murdina MacDonald  
Jacqueline smart  
Pauline Ellison  
Neil Macdonald  
Jane Douglas  
Rebecca Patterson  
Rob Gowans  
Jane Duncan Rogers  
Sally Hughes  
Donald MAcAskill  
Jo Bowden  
Sally Paul

## Agenda item 1

### Welcome, introduction and apologies.

Bob Doris welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that due to other commitments he and other MSP colleagues would have to pop in and out of the meeting at various points. Miles Briggs took over chairing the meeting at 1pm.

Attendees were encouraged to introduce themselves in the chat. Apologies would be recorded in the minute.

## Agenda item 2

### Matters arising from previous meeting on 15 September 2021:

#### 2.1 Minute from September meeting

The minute of the previous meeting was approved. (Proposed by Juliet Spiller; Seconded by Irene McKie.)

#### 2.2 Letter to SG – Every Story's Ending/human right to palliative care

Bob Doris has written to Humza Yousaf drawing attention to the importance of Every Story's Ending in informing future strategy development, and its recommendation that there should be a human right to palliative care in the forthcoming Scottish Human Rights Bill. Bob will update the group relating to any reply received.

#### 2.3 National Care Service Consultation

An open meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> October between the Scottish Government and members of the palliative care community, focusing on the National Care Service and

the opportunities and risks from the perspective of palliative care services. The meeting was well attended and notes from the meeting will form part of the evidence considered by the review team.

## Agenda item 3

### Presentation and Discussion: The future of palliative and end of life care research in Scotland

Presentation 1: Illuminating challenges and identifying opportunities (PowerPoint slides attached)

Prof Marie Fallon, University of Edinburgh; Dr Jo Bowden, University of St Andrews & NHS Fife and Prof Bridget Johnston, University of Glasgow & NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

Among other issues, the presenters proposed the development of a national virtual palliative care research hub/network, housed in the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, with a project manager role to support its development.

Discussion followed and the group expressed support for the idea of the research hub, and highlighted the importance of:

- an integrated approach to ensure that research is co-ordinated;
- linking up with information sources people use (eg Scottish palliative care guidelines; NHS Inform) so that people are accessing evidenced information.
- taking into account the findings and good practice that can come from Quality Improvement work

Presentation 2: AIIPC Palliative Care Research Network (PowerPoint slides attached)

Karen Charnley, Director,  
Mary Rabbitte, Programme Manager for Research,  
All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care

Karen Charnley and Mary Rabbitte provided an overview of the operation of the All Ireland Institute of Palliative Care Research Network.

Discussion followed, and the group discussed how the PCRN is able to create and capitalise on opportunities for researchers to influence policy, and also for policy makers to understand and be involved in current research. Building collaborative relationships and involving policy makers from the outset is key, as is the ability to navigate different structures and be flexible about ways of working with different colleagues.

**ACTION:** Miles Briggs and Bob Doris will liaise with the SPPC and presenters to explore how they might usefully inform and influence future work in this area.

## Agenda item 4

### Any other competent business

No further business was discussed.

## Agenda item 5

### Future meetings

Future meeting dates will be circulated by email.

UPDATE: The next meeting of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care is on Wednesday 23 February 2022 from 1.00pm – 2.30pm