

CPG on Women's Health

Minutes of re-establishment meeting

11am, 01 October 2021

Attendees

Name	Organisation/Individual	Member
Monica Lennon MSP	MSP	Yes
Rachael Hamilton MSP	MSP	Yes
Sue Webber MSP	MSP	No
Emma Roddick MSP	MSP	Yes
Stephanie Callaghan MSP	MSP	Yes
Carol Mochan MSP	MSP	Yes
Collette Stevenson MSP	MSP	No
Kate Sang	Individual	Yes
Correne Fulton	Office of Monica Lennon MSP	No
Daniela Rondina	Amnesty International - Linkedin	No
Lisa Lyte	Queen's Nursing Institute	Yes
Amy McMonagle	Tbc	Tbc
Jenny Constable	Tbc	Tbc
Sinead Griffin	Individual	Yes
Catrin Hughes	FSRH	Yes but Tbc
Jonathan Sher	Queen's Nursing Institute	Yes

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Election of office bearers
3. Topics for future meetings
4. AOB

Minutes

Item 1. Welcome

- Monica Lennon (ML) welcomed attendees to the meeting.
- ML paid tribute to the late Emma Ritch for her contribution to championing women's issues, including women's health.
- ML confirmed that the purpose of the CPG is "To inform Parliament and policymakers on a range of health issues which only, predominantly or disproportionately affect women; to consider the impact which gender and inequalities has on women's health and their ability to access healthcare and treatment and to empower women to make informed choices about their health and ensure they are treated with dignity and respect."

Item 2. Election of office bearers

- Monica Lennon MSP was re-elected Convener of the group.
- Rachael Hamilton MSP was elected Deputy Convener of the group.
- It was agreed that the Secretariat will be appointed at a subsequent meeting.

Item 3. Topics for future meetings

- ML noted that in the last session, the CPG covered the following topics:
 - My Body Back project (cervical screening, contraceptive care, STI testing and maternity care for people who've experienced sexual violence.
 - Menopause and the workplace
 - Endometriosis
 - Lipoedema
 - Heart health
 - Pause programme and conditional healthcare
 - The impact of the pandemic on women's health
 - Miscarriage care
 - The healthcare experience of Black and Minority Ethnic women
 - Heart Health (joint meeting with CPG on Heart & Stroke)
 - Mental health
- There were a number of suggestions from the group about future topics, including:
 - Scrutiny of the SG Women's Health Plan, including the exploration of the need for legislative underpinning
 - Menopause in the workplace (It was noted that Collette Stevenson MSP is currently seeking a member's debate on this topic)
 - Peri-menopause
 - Mental health link with menstrual health
 - Lack of funding for research into women's health
 - Women's health links with un/employment
 - Women's health for women in rural and remote areas

- **Actions arising:**

- Convener to invite Minister to next meeting
- Convener to initiate inquiry for piece of in-depth work
- Convener/Secretariat to work closely with APPG on Women's Health via the secretariat, FSRH
- Convener/Secretariat to consider Survey Monkey to agree focus of the group's future meetings
- Convener/Secretariat to ensure that future meetings track progress of the Women's Health Plan at future meetings

Item 4. AOB

- n/a