

**Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament  
on Palliative Care**

**Convener**  
Michael McMahon MSP

**Vice-Conveners**  
Jamie McGrigor MSP  
Dennis Robertson MSP

**Secretary**  
Mark Hazelwood

**Approved minute of the meeting of the Cross-Party Group  
in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care**

**Wednesday 12 September 2012 at 5.45pm  
Committee Room 4, Scottish Parliament**

<b>Present:</b>	Michael McMahon MSP Dennis Robertson MSP  Jackie Bell Sandra Campbell Rev Stuart Coates Shirley Fife Dr Belinda Hacking Elaine MacLean Dr Sandra McConnell Maria McGill Professor Scott Murray Tanith Muller Euan Paterson Dr Juliet Spiller Dr Chris Sugden	Member for Uddingston and Bellshill Member for Aberdeenshire West  General Medical Council RCN Palliative Care Group Association of Palliative Care Chaplains NHS Lothian NHS Lothian Care Inspectorate Ardgowan Hospice CHAS University of Edinburgh Parkinson's UK RCGP (Scotland) NHS Lothian St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mark Hazelwood Derek Blues Pauline Britton Peter McLoughlin Jackie Whigham Margaret Colquhoun	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care NHS Lothian Marie Curie Cancer Care St Columba's Hospice
<b>Apologies:</b>	Fiona McLeod MSP  Matt Barclay Jaqqi Carney Lynsey Cleland Josaleen Connolly Helen Dryden Joy Elliott Dr Cameron Fergus Jackie Husband Dr Peter Kiehlmann Kate Lennon Dr Gordon McLaren Bruce Nicol Sally Paul Naomi Phillips Anne Robb Geoff Sage Ros Scott	Strathkelvin & Bearsden  Community Pharmacy Scotland Highland Hospice General Pharmaceutical Council NHS Ayrshire and Arran NHS Tayside ACCORD Hospice NHS Borders Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice NHS Grampian St Vincent's Hospice NHS Fife Marie Curie Cancer Care NHS Forth Valley General Pharmaceutical Council NHS Tayside St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie CHAS

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## Action

**1. Welcome, introductions & apologies:**

Michael McMahon MSP welcomed members to the meeting and noted that Dennis Robertson MSP would chair the presentation and discussion section of the meeting due to a constituency commitment.

**2. Minute of Previous meeting on 20 June 2012**

The minute of the meeting dated 20 June 2012 was reviewed and considered for approval. There were no amendments and the minute was agreed.

Proposed by Michael McMahon MSP and Seconded by Mark Hazelwood.

**3. Matters arising from the previous meeting on 20 June 2012**

There were no matters arising from the meeting of 21 March 2012 not already covered on the agenda.

Michael McMahon MSP left the meeting at this time to attend to constituency matters. Dennis Robertson took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**4. Presentation and discussion: *The Lothian Advanced Care Planning Project***

Margaret Colquhoun, Jackie Whigham & Peter McLoughlin presented the findings of the Lothian Advanced Care Planning project. Key points to note as follows;

- The aim of the project was to implement Advance Care Planning in 2 adult care homes, 1 acute stroke unit and 1 primary care practice.
- A learning needs analysis identified that work to both understand the ACP terminology and to identify which patients might be appropriate was required.
- A supportive educational approach was developed and drew on a variety of different resources, meetings and information sharing approaches to help with development and implementation of ACP. The LISTEN poem was very powerfully delivered by Margaret.
- Case studies, evaluation of the education and staff feedback showed that the use of ACP was having a positive impact on patient care.
- A series of recommendations for educators, for Lothian Health Board and for clinical settings was developed to reinforce the use of ACP in Lothian.
- Going forward, the challenges are to continue to support the use of ACP, keeping it simple and aligning with other local and national strategy and action plans.

At the conclusion of the presentation, members present discussed a number of aspects of ACP including the use of hand held ACP records, the importance of staff confidence in using the ACP, the use of effective communication skills when commencing the ACP, the challenges sometimes associated with the ePCS, the difficulty that busy clinicians might perceive in having to also do ACP alongside everything else and the possible implementation costs.

Peter closed the session by outlining the possibilities for making savings in acute

hospital bed days allowing patient centred care (in the desired place of care) and the associated improvements in practice of those who had taken part.

Dennis Robertson thanked the presenters for their interesting and informative session and thanked the members present for participating in a lively debate.

Please note that copies of the presentation slides are available on request from SPPC.

**5. Any other competent business:**

**5.1 Margo MacDonald MSP's Proposed Assisted Suicide Bill**

Mark Hazelwood noted that consultation on the Bill had now closed and that further developments were awaited.

**5.2 Proposed Apologies (Scotland) Bill**

Mark Hazelwood noted that this bill was currently open for consultation and that members may wish to review the proposed bill and make comment.

**5.3 SPPC Annual Conference and AGM 2012**

Mark Hazelwood noted the date of the SPPC annual conference as Thursday 11 October 2012 and that the programme and details of that discounted booking rates for members and groups were available through the SPPC website at:

[http://www.palliativecarescotland.org.uk/content/annual\\_conference\\_2012/](http://www.palliativecarescotland.org.uk/content/annual_conference_2012/)

**5.4 BHF Symposium : An update on the management of Advanced Heart Failure with a focus on Palliative Care**

Mark Hazelwood noted that this free symposium was taking place on Thursday 22 November 2012 at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow. Details of the event would be included in the next SPPC e-bulletin.

**5. Date of next meeting:**

- 12 December 2012, Committee Room 4 at 1745

On behalf of members of the Cross Party Group, Mark Hazelwood thanked Dennis Robertson MSP for chairing the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:25