

Grwp Trawsbleidiol ar Hosbisau & Gofal Lliniarol – CCB Cross Party Group on Hospices & Palliative Care – AGM

11 Hydref 2017 – 12-13:30, Ystafell Briffio'r Cyfryngau
11 October 2017 – 12-13:30, Media Briefing Room

Minutes

Attendance:

Mark Isherwood AM, Suzy Davies AM, Des Brown (Marie Curie), Kathleen Caper (Hospice UK), Carol Davies (BASW Cymru), Catrin Edwards (Hospice UK), Paul Harding (Marie Curie), Laura Hugman (Paul Sartori Foundation), Toby Jones (Researcher), Carol Killa (Ty Hafan), Tracy Livingstone (Nightingale House Hospice), Trystan Pritchard (St David's Hospice), Greg Pycroft (Macmillan), Monica Reardon (Marie Curie), Emma Saysell (St David's Foundation), Veronica Snow (Welsh Government), Sophie Thomas (Paul Sartori Foundation), Grant Usmar (Hospice of the Valleys), Mike Walsh (City Hospice)

Apologies:

Iain Mitchell (St Kentigern Hospice)

1. Welcome – Chair (MI)

Mark welcomed the Group to the inaugural meeting following registration. It was noted that this meeting was being held during Hospice Care Week.

2. Work plan 2017-18 – Secretariat (CE)

The Group will continue to provide a space for reactive work brought forward by members.

Proactive work will be guided by a year long inquiry: 'Inequalities in access to hospice and palliative care: challenges and opportunities'.

- Open call for written evidence to run end of October-30 November 2017.
- Key stakeholders invited to CPG to provide oral evidence (at the next 2 meetings).

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- Roundtable event – in-depth discussions on emerging themes, to include representation from clinicians.
- Report and recommendations published Summer 2018. This should identify areas for future detailed inquiry as well as actions for the Group to take forward.

The inquiry will cover both children's and adult hospice and palliative care provision.

The inquiry will address cross-border provision; hospices in England serving the population of Wales will be invited to contribute.

CE: Circulate call for evidence to members as soon as possible.

All: Circulate call for evidence amongst contacts.

3. Hospices Cymru update – TP

The group have been looking at common issues to work towards and priorities for the coming year:

- Contribute to the CPG inquiry
- Funding. Adult sector receive an average of 18% from statutory sources, children's sector even less. Need to work towards a sustainable funding arrangement. Outcomes are not always clear for commissioned services.
- Outcome measures: will look to develop meaningful measures. This will provide a clear evidence base when applying for funding. There needs to be better consensus of what's being measured across Wales. Measures should include outcomes for people.
- Widening access for people with a non-cancer diagnosis: paediatric palliative care doing relatively better than adult pc on this front. Will be important to build better relationships with referring professionals.
- Support for carers: crucial in enabling people to die in the place of their choice. Respite – keeping families together. Training needed to support carers to provide care.

4. 'Hospice care in Wales 2017', Hospice UK report – CE

Report shared and presented.

CE: share the report with all Assembly Members.

5. AGM

Mark Isherwood AM was unanimously elected as Chair.

Catrin Edwards, Hospice UK, was elected as Secretary.

6. AOB

MI has been successful in the ballot to present a 90 Second Statement in Plenary. He will be using the opportunity to raise Assembly Members' awareness of Hospice Care Week and the findings of 'Hospice care in Wales 2017'.

7. Next meetings

Wednesday 17 January, 12-13:30, Senedd

Friday 23 March, 12-13:30, Glyndwr University

