

MEETING OF THE PREVENTION SUB-GROUP OF THE MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON TOBACCO CONTROL – WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2019

**SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE, HIGH STREET, EDINBURGH
10.15 AM – 12.00 P.M.**

Present:

Chair

Mr Morris Fraser, Scottish Government (Deputising For George Dodds)

Membership

Emma Papakyriakou, Action For Health (ASH) Scotland

Ms Anna Bennett, Young Scot

Mr Alastair MacKinnon, Fast Forward

Mr Phil Alcock, Scottish Government

Mrs Debbie Sigerson, NHS Health Scotland

Ms Kay Samson, NHS Fife

Secretariat

Mr Stephen Young, Scottish Government

In Attendance

Mr John Glen, Scottish Government

Apologies

Mr George Dodds, NHS Health Scotland

Mr John Watson, Action For Health (ASH) Scotland

Professor Amanda Amos, University of Edinburgh

Mr Frank Toner, BLF

Ms Elaine Mitchell, Scottish Government

Note of Meeting

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

1. **Morris Fraser** welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Sub-Group and around the table introductions took place.
2. A welcome was extended to **Kay Samson** who along with **Lesley Reid**, will represent the Smoking Cessation Coordinators group at future meetings, and of which their participation will add value to the group.
3. Minutes from the last meeting were already agreed by email, and therefore were accepted in full.

Agenda Item 2: Revised Terms of Reference and Remit

4. The group had a brief discussion around the latest revisions to the group's Terms of Reference and Remit. It was agreed that, although these latest amendments added value, clarity was still required around a couple of objectives to maintain a universal and targeted approach.

Action: It was agreed that **Debbie Sigerson** would revise the Objectives as per the agreed suggestions, and share this electronically with the wider group for agreement.

Agenda Item 3: Actions and Priorities For The Sub-Group

5. The Five-year action plan sets out interventions and policies to help reduce the use of and associated harms from using tobacco in Scotland, with an ambition to achieve a reduction in smoking rates to five per cent or less by 2034 remaining the key objective.

6. It is recognised that there is a lot of good progress already being made, with the third sector working collaboratively with other partners or other successful projects (NHS Fife was held up as an example of good practice). It was felt however, it would be of value to get a snapshot of where other organisations are currently placed in relation to smoking cessation support and prevention, with the Scottish Government best placed to take this forward.

7. There was enthusiasm from the organisations present towards this and a keenness to link into this valuable data, in particular covering the 16 – 24 age groups. The findings of which would help highlight any gaps in cessation support and prevention in Board/Local Authority Areas. This information could also be helpful in any future discussions around the implementation of the 'minimum standards.

8. The group noted that there will be a forum taking place in November, attended by key stakeholders.

9. **Emma Papakyriakou** noted that this was something that ASH Scotland could helpfully assist with, along with other stakeholders present, and was content to attend a future meeting with the **Tobacco Control Team** when forum arrangements progress.

Action: Morris Fraser/John Glen to undertake a stocktaking exercise, approaching Boards and thereafter other key partners .e.g. Health, Education, Mental Health, Substance Misuse, to determine out the current Scottish position.

Action: John Glen to circulate to the group a short summary of action already taken on prevention activities.

Agenda Item 4: AOB & Date of Next Meeting

10. **Emma Papakyriakou** gave an update to the group on projects being taken forward by ASH Scotland, in particular working collaboratively with other third sector organisations.

11. **Debbie Sigerson** also summarised the work currently being progressed by NHS Health Scotland, including a project to do software led modelling on price and availability, and a forthcoming e-learning module on tobacco, launched in June.

12. Consideration was given to the next meeting of the group. It was agreed that with the holiday period coming up, it would make sense for the group to meet again after the summer break to ensure attendance by the majority of the group.

Action: It was agreed that a doodle poll will follow with potential dates for the next group meeting.

Stephen Young
Tobacco Control Team
9 May 2019