

MEETING OF THE PREVENTION SUB-GROUP OF THE MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON TOBACCO CONTROL – TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2019

NEW REGISTER HOUSE DOME, EDINBURGH

10.15 AM – 12.00 P.M.

Present:

Chair

Mr George Dodds, NHS Health Scotland

Membership

Professor Amanda Amos, University of Edinburgh
Mr Colin Lumsdaine, NHS Lothian
Mr John Watson, Action For Health (ASH) Scotland
Ms Anna Bennett, Young Scot
Mr Alastair MacKinnon, Fast Forward
Mr Phil Alcock, Scottish Government
Mr Morris Fraser, Scottish Government
Mrs Debbie Sigerson, NHS Health Scotland

Secretariat

Mr Stephen Young, Scottish Government

In Attendance

Mr John Glen, Scottish Government

Apologies

Ms Elaine Mitchell, Scottish Government

Note of Meeting

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

1. **George Dodds** welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Sub-Group and around the table introductions took place.
2. He gave a background to the group for those newly attending and gave thanks for the opportunity to chair the group, looking forward to chairing the group going forward.
3. Minutes from the last meeting were already agreed by email, there were no outstanding actions and therefore were accepted in full.

Agenda Item 2: Terms of Reference and Remit

4. The group were given the opportunity to consider the latest terms of reference, remit for the group. The feedback received was positive, and confirmed it was still relevant.
5. However, after discussion and to offer currency to the content, it was agreed that there requires to be a small number of amendments made to the 'objectives' and membership within the Terms of Reference to maintain a universal and targeted approach.

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

Agenda Item 3: New Tobacco Control Action Plan – Specific Prevention Actions

6. **Morris Fraser** updated the group on preventative actions to be taken forward as included in the Strategy - Raising Scotland's tobacco-free generation: our tobacco control action plan 2018 which was published in June last year. 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 our key objective.

7. The Scottish Government are currently working collaboratively with a number of Government and Third Sector organisations to achieve this ambition .i.e. No Smoking Day, and to raise awareness within health and educational settings .i.e. ASH Scotland #notafavour or 'Choices For Life'.

Agenda Item 4: Focus, actions and priorities for the Sub-Group in addition to those in Action Plan

8. **Anna Bennett** gave an update to the group. Young Scot are designing a 3 Year Strategy to engage, work with schools and are out and about raising awareness. There has been a strong interest and engagement from educational settings towards this.

9. The Group noted that many of the actions included in the Action Plan were aspirational. It was agreed that it would be helpful if the group could consider assisting with the delivery of these actions.

Action: **Morris Fraser** to amend the appendix to include specific timescales and responsibilities and share this electronically with the group.

Agenda Item 5: AOB & Date of Next Meeting

10. **John Glen** and **George Dodds**, gave thanks to **Colin Lumsdaine**, NHS Lothian who will shortly be retiring, for his contributions and support to the tobacco control agenda over the past number of years. Colin also thanked the group for their continued support during this time.

Action: It was agreed that **George Dodds** would consider options as to a suitable replacement for a position on the group, as well as the addition of any new representatives that would add value to the group.

11. Consideration was given to the group meeting on a regular basis instead of twice yearly as per the Terms of Reference. After discussion it was agreed that the next meeting should take place in 6 to 8 weeks and on a quarterly basis thereafter.

Action: It was agreed that a doodle poll will follow with potential dates for the next and future meetings of the group.

Stephen Young
Tobacco Control Team
7 March 2019