

# Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

12.30 pm to 2.15 pm

David Livingstone Room (Committee Room 6), The Scottish Parliament

## Agenda

### Theme of meeting: Spotlight on Research into Health Inequalities

*Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival*

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015
3. Proposed new members:

Applications have been received from: Changeworks; Changing Faces; Energy Action Scotland; Shelter Scotland; Fife Society for the Blind; and the Centre for Health Policy, University of Strathclyde.

4. **Research Matters: What can NHS Scotland do to Prevent and Rescue Health Inequalities?** Presentation by:

**Stewart Mercer, Professor of Primary Care Research, University of Glasgow and Director of the Scottish School of Primary Care**

**Graham Watt, Professor of General Practice, University of Glasgow and Co-ordinator of General Practitioners at the Deep End**

This presentation will look at how existing health inequalities can be mitigated by the NHS – policies which could improve health in disadvantaged areas, close the gap and reduce health inequalities in the shorter term. The aim is to highlight an agenda of outstanding research questions, and the barriers that exist to carrying out such research.

5. **Update on research in to health inequalities in the sight loss sector.** Short presentation by:

**Gozie Joe Adigwe, Senior Eye Health and Equalities Officer, RNIB Scotland**

6. Any other business
7. Next meeting: on the dissolution of Parliament at 00.01 on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 all Cross Party Groups cease to exist. After the election on 5<sup>th</sup> May, as Secretariat of the CPG on Health Inequalities VHS will re-register the group in line with the Code of Conduct, and will then advise members when the next meeting date is.