

Agenda

Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities

Thursday 30th March 2017

***** new time*** 3pm to 5.15pm**

Committee Room 5, The Scottish Parliament

Theme of meeting: Health Inequalities and the Built Environment

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival with the meeting to commence at 1pm

Meeting chair: Donald Cameron MSP

1. **Welcome, introductions and apologies**
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January 2017**
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **Proposed new members:**

Applications have been received from:

Paths for All, British Dental Association Scotland, Alcohol Focus Scotland, Ingeus, Voluntary Action Scotland, Cycling Scotland, VOX Scotland

5. **Professor Jamie Pearce, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh**

Research evidence on the built environment and health:

- Local green spaces and outcomes including cognitive ageing, childhood development and birth outcomes.
- Tobacco and alcohol environments (including retailing provision) and influences on inequalities in related behaviours and outcomes for children and adults.

6. **James Jopling, Executive Director for Scotland, Samaritans**

Samaritans Report: *Dying from Inequality* explores the link between socioeconomic disadvantage and suicidal behaviour.

- The report notes the importance of place in terms of suicide risk, whether at a housing or community level.
- The findings suggest that the combination of what a place is like and who lives there can help to explain why suicide risk differs between areas of high and low deprivation

7. **Next meeting:**

Thursday 15th June, 12.40 pm to 2.15 pm, Committee Room 3. Proposed Chair: Clare Haughey MSP. Proposed topic: Health Inequalities and prison experience. Proposed speakers: Sarah Atherton, RCN and Pete White, Positive Prison? Positive Futures