



**HEALTH INEQUALITIES GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 10TH MAY 2011
IN 13 NEWTOFT STREET, EDINBURGH, EH17 8RG.**

PRESENT

Alistair McIntyre	NHS Lothian, Craighour Community Health Flat
James Ramage	CEC, Children and Families, Early Years and Childcare
Wilma Nelson	Libertus Services
Hilary Roberts	Edinburgh Leisure
Pauline Fordyce	CEC, Children and Families, Community Learning And Development
Jenny Mackrell	S.E.H.L.I.
Jennifer Fairgrieve	S.E. Local Health Partnership (Chairperson)
Madelaine Traynor	CEC, Services for Communities

Guest

Julie Houston	CEC Corporate Services, Edinburgh Equalities Network.
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PAPERS TABLED

Agenda Item 4	Equalities Act 2010 – Summary Guide for Public Sector Organisations Edinburgh Equalities Network Reporting form,
Agenda Item 8	Participant Information Sheet, - Parenting Support and Drug Use Liberton/Gilmerton alcohol/substance initiative (HYPE) Craighour Community Health Flat Report

1 APOLOGIES

Rachael Marriot	VOCAL
Hugo Whittaker	S,.E.H.L.I.
Vivien Hutchison	C.H.P. – Infant Feeding Adviser
Moirra Haston	C.H.P. Oral Health Promotion Specialist
James Brandon	Edinburgh Leisure
Dan Fuller	Libertus Services, Positive Futures
Shirley Green	VOCAL Addictions
Sue Muir	Health Promotion Specialist.
Lesley Baxter	Community Health Partnership.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22ND FEBRUARY 2011

2.1 These were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Para 4.4 Fuel Poverty.** No information had been received from Kate about the level of Fuel Poverty in the area. The group asked that this is pursued.

* Action: Madelaine

3.2 **Para 6.4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN- Men's Health** It was noted that the planned meeting had not yet taken place. Madelaine will contact James, Hugo and Alastair to ask them to develop the case for Men's Health being considered as a priority as a matter of urgency for inclusion in the Health Inequalities Action Plan.

* Action: Madelaine

** Action Hugo/Alastair/ James

3.3 **Para 7.2.6. Proposed Joint Meeting of Neighbourhood Partnership Health Groups** It was noted that a meeting is due to take place to finalise the arrangements for this meeting. Jennifer will circulate information when it becomes available.

* Action: Jennifer

4. EDINBURGH EQUALITIES NETWORK

Some of the conversation reported below has been taken out of order and reported under general headings for ease of understanding of the issues.

4.1 Jennifer welcomed Julie Houston of Corporate Services, Edinburgh Equalities Network. Julie gave the group information on a pilot project with which she is involved to gather qualitative information about people's experience of discrimination or inequalities.

4.2 Julie provided the group with some back group information as follows:-

4.1.2 **Equality Forums** Previously in Edinburgh there had been a range of Equalities Forums. These were Race; Women; Older People; Disability; and Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Trans Gender along with the Inter Faith association.

4.2.2 **Edinburgh Equalities Network** These fora have now been disbanded and replaced with one network called the Edinburgh Equalities Network. The members of the Edinburgh Equalities Network are City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police and the Procurators Fiscal's Office.

4.3.2 The work of the Edinburgh Equalities Network includes the communities of interest and carers. There is also a focus on socio economic factors. The aim is to improve services over time.

4.4.2 The Edinburgh Equalities Network has links into the various communities and seeks to involve them in the processes.

4.5.2 **Pilot Project – Community Interest Bank** The current pilot project with which Julie is involved is the Community Interest Bank. It is intended to gather qualitative information about unreported incidences of encountering inequalities. Julie reminded the group that the law has now changed (please refer to the Equality Act 2010) and that public sector agencies are now required to identify and track “Equalities Outcomes”. This pilot is intended to inform the identification of these Outcomes, by gathering qualitative data to add to the body of quantitative data as evidence. The outcomes have to be set by March 2012.

4.6.2 **Influencing Policy and Practice** Julie gave some examples of how the gathering of equalities data will help to inform future policy and actions. For example, in Edinburgh around 85% of children leave school into a “positive destination”. Research into the remaining 15% showed that a significant number of these children were “looked after” children, ie there was a disproportionate number of looked after children in the NEET Group (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

4.7.2 **Reporting form** It is hoped that people will report on the issues using the form provided, and that Julie will by the end of July have a register of about 500 – 600 reports. These reports will be collated and thus themes and common factors will become clear. Julie informed the group that the reports do not need to be about major events or incidents, but rather could be about small everyday items. She cited two examples.

- (a) Older People often experience problems on public transport when the bus moves off before they have sat down in a seat, or when it brakes fiercely at a bus stop when they are intending to alight.
- (b) A number of women would prefer swimming sessions to be female only. This would encourage increased physical activity.

4.8.2 **.Positive Experience and Good Practice** There was some discussion about the good experiences. Madelaine reminded the group Liberton Gilmerton had a number of positive experiences and good practice which should also be reported. In the discussion which followed a number of examples of good practice were noted, including .

- (a) Chinese Families Health Day
- (b) Saudi Arabian families health sessions (including children’s health)
- (c) Inclusion of Dads in Ante-natal preparation
- (d) Open All Hours – inclusion of children with learning and other disabilities in main stream services.
- (e) Animation workshop with pupils from mainstream schools and Kaimes school.
- (f) Positive Futures which is actively inclusive.

- 4.9.2 **Relationship with other strategies and policies** There was some discussion about how the Edinburgh Equalities Network could join up with other strategies and policies. Jane cited the example of the Children's Services Management Group (part of the Getting It Right For Every Child structures) which is expected to look at Neighbourhood Partnership performance in relation to identified priorities. At the recent meeting of the Children's Services Management Group for Liberton Gilmerton one of the priorities had been identified as "children looked after at home". (Please refer to para 4.6.2.) Jane was keen to explore how the information gathered can be used to support work, and to identify what can be done to make a positive difference.
- 4.10.2 Julie informed the group that the network does outreach work with the equalities communities and groups. She indicated that it may be able to set up meetings with such groups.
- 4.11.2 Julie reported that the pilot has an overall life span of about 6 months, until around September when she will make her report. At the end of that time it is hoped to have a "bank" of reports numbering between 500 – 600. Once collated common themes and issues should emerge. She indicated that it is essential to gather this qualitative evidence and to use it. The information gathered will be shared. Quality assurance checks will be put in place.
- 4.12.2 The project does not have a budget as such, although some key groups were funded in order to participate in the process. Julie indicated that the information gathered can be useful at all levels, eg the new taxi tendering process for services for older people and/or children, now takes account of the need for people to be assisted from the door of their home to the taxi and that wheelchairs are adequately secured within the taxi. Account was also taken on what happens when a vulnerable person discloses information in the taxi.
- 4.13.2 **Discussion** There was some discussion about the change in the understanding of "equalities" which has moved from an understanding about various communities and groupings to a fuller concept about inclusion and discrimination.
- 4.14.2 There was some concern that in asking people to respond to this pilot project, expectations would be raised which could not be met. It was noted, for example, that a number of public buildings in the area are not suitable for disabled people, yet there is no funding to further adapt these buildings. Similarly some people who could benefit from services offered locally are unable to do so, because their home may need adaptations, eg a ramp, but again no funding is available to install them

4.15.2 Julie reminded the group that while the individual reports within the pilot cannot be acted upon, collectively they will have an influence. She indicated that she hoped this would be a very inclusive consultation and information gathering process. However, Wilma indicated that despite the philosophy of inclusion, the current financial and resources situation means that many people are now being excluded from services as the criteria for funding of services now lay down clear guidelines for provision. Many people with less severe needs are now unable to access services, and thus the preventative, early intervention approach is not available.

4.16.2 **Actions:-**

- (a) * Wilma will undertake group work with Libertus Service users and get some completed forms.
- (b) * Alastair will return seek forms from the Craighour Community Health Flat Men's Health Group.
- (c) *James Brandon of Edinburgh Leisure will be able to help to obtain completed forms.
- (d) Julie will send an electronic copy of the form and Madelaine will circulate electronically in order that people can complete.

4.17.2 Julie concluded the conversation by informing the group that if the pilot is continued as a project it will have a 10 year lifespan during which time it will hope to enhance knowledge, understanding and networking and by so-doing will positively influence equalities related work and improve people's lives.

4.3 Jennifer invited Julie to attend the next meeting of the Health Inequalities Group and to report back as far as she is able on the project with particular reference to Liberton Gilmerton. This was agreed.

5. **REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

5.1 Madelaine informed the group that a consultation process was currently underway in which the Health Inequalities Group has a special interest. The Edinburgh Community Health Partnership (Health Inequalities Standing Group) was consulting on its **Strategic Framework for Reducing Health Inequalities in Edinburgh 2011 – 2021**. The closing date of the consultation is June 10th 2011.

5.2 A consultation document had been provided and this had been circulated electronically to the Health Inequalities Group members. Madelaine reported that she understood that the consultation document was to be condensed and simplified to encourage more people to take part in the consultation. However, she had no further knowledge of this.

5.3 A consultation event is taking place on Monday 16th May at 5.30 (for 6.00 pm) in the Training Suite, Waverley Court, 4 East Market St. Edinburgh EH8 8BG. This is a meeting for Neighbourhood Partnership members.

- 5.4 The group members were encouraged to contribute to the consultation process since this was a long term strategy, something which the group had long advocated rather than short-term approaches.

6. COMMUNITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- 6.1 Madelaine reminded the group that there are 2 principal strands which the Health Inequalities Group will have responsibility for overseeing and developing ie the Parenting Priority and Older People's Services Priority, under the overall Priority of tackling Health Inequalities.
- 6.2 **Oral Health** With regard to oral health in young children, this has now been subsumed into the Parenting Priority since any improvement in infant dental health is almost entirely dependent upon parental involvement and activity. Madelaine reported that she hopes the data around dental health at Primary 1 level will be available for the next meeting of the Health Inequalities Group. Thereafter the Parenting Priority Working Group will consider what steps need to be taken to progress work on this.
- 6.3 **Parenting** Jane had prepared a report for the composite report. She indicated that the work of the Parenting Priority was on-going and that the group would be meeting again in mid-June when further development of the action plan would be undertaken. (A copy of the report is attached as an appendix at the end of the minute for information.)
- 6.4 **Older People's Services Priority** It was noted that although there is a South East (Local Health Partnership Area) Older People's Services Group there is also a need for a small working group of local practitioners to meet in the fairly near future to discuss the issues and develop an action plan around Older People.
- 6.5 Madelaine indicated that she would need to meet in the near future with the principle officers of the both the Parenting Priority Working Group and the Older People's Services Priority Working Group in order to develop outline action plans and identify appropriate indicators and base line data.

* **Action: Madelaine**

7. SOUTH EDINBURGH PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

7.1 Election of Representative(s) .

7.1.1 It was noted that following the resignation of Hazel Rendall (formerly of VOCAL) who has now moved on to another post, there is a vacancy for a representative to the South Edinburgh Public Partnership Forum. Further, although Jason Lee is a representative on behalf of this group, he does not attend the Health Inequalities Group. It is understood that he has made a presentation to the SEPPF which was very warmly received.

7.2.1 It was noted that the meetings are bi-monthly. Following some discussion it was agreed that :-

- (a) Wilma will discuss whether Jason wishes to remain as representative. In the event he is unable to do so, Wilma will attend as representative. In the event he wishes to remain as representative, consideration will need to be given to how he is mandated on behalf of the group and also how he reports back.
- (b) Alastair McIntyre agreed to be the other representative, nominated by Jane Ramage and seconded by Wilma Nelson.

7.3.1 It was agreed that Madelaine would contact Lesley Baxter to obtain the dates of future meetings and also to obtain a "brief" for representatives of the S.E.P.P.F.

*** Action: Madelaine/Lesley Baxter**

7.2 Mandating Representatives

7.1.2 It was agreed that it was important that the representatives take appropriate issues to the SEPPF and thus should have a mandate from the group. It was also agreed it was important to get routine feedback from the SEPPF meetings and this should, therefore, be a standing agenda item for the Health Inequalities Group.

*** Action: Madelaine/Jennifer**

7.2.2 With regard to the mandate it was agreed that this should be in written format for the representatives. It was noted that when the representatives are at the SEPPF, they are not representing their employer or interest group, but rather are the representative of the Liberton Gilmerton Health Inequalities Group. This is to ensure that there is no conflict of interest or lack of clarity of role. It is intended that a mandate will reduce any such problems. This mandate would need to be devised at the meeting and prepared immediately following it.

*** Action: Madelaine/ Jennifer/ Lesley Baxter**

8. COMPOSITE REPORT AND UPDATES

8.1 Composite Report

8.1.1 The composite report had been prepared for which there were five insertions. Alastair McIntyre of Craigour Community Health Flat also tabled his report. The group were keen to continue to use the composite reports and members were encouraged to continue to use the mechanism since it creates a reference tool for future use.

8.2.1 Madelaine reminded the group that the Liberton Gilmerton Health Inequalities Group also hosted and services three groups which served the South East Local Health Partnership area and indeed beyond. These groups are the Drugs and Alcohol Practitioners' Forum, the Mental Health and Well Being Forum and the Older People's Services Group.

8.3.1 Madelaine reported that she would send out the minutes of these groups for information but suggested that it was not necessary to print them out unless necessary.

*** Action: Madelaine**

8.2 Drugs and Alcohol Practitioners' Forum

8.1.2 Madelaine reported that the Drugs and Alcohol Practitioners Forum is in a state of flux at present. In the past the meetings were held at lunchtime but since the meeting now takes place in the afternoon, the attendance has been lower and less regular. At present she and Jennifer were trying to identify the most suitable time.

8.2.2 The next meeting of the group is due to take place on **Thursday 12th MAY 2011 at 2.00 pm** at Gracemount. Madelaine invited members of the group, for whom drugs and alcohol may be part of their workload, to attend the meeting. She indicated that there would be a focus on **Getting It Right for Every Child**, and children and young people in general. Another focus would be on Services and Issues for South Central area. However, Madelaine was keen that there should be an examination of issues and services for Older People with Drugs and Alcohol related problems. This was acknowledged by the group as a hidden but serious issue.

8.3 Mental Health and Well Being Forum

8.1.3 The last meeting of the Mental Health and Well Being Forum had taken place on 9th March 2011 and had been a special meeting to hear about the reprovisioning of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

8.2.3 In essence the Royal Edinburgh Hospital will remain on site and will not be moving to the Little France site as had been suggested. Some buildings will be demolished, some will be refurbished and there will be some new build. A comprehensive array of services will be provided from the site and it is possible that some general services will also be located on the Morningside complex.

8.3.3 It was noted that the intention is to retain as much of the rural atmosphere of the site as possible as it was understood that many patients find the grounds therapeutic in themselves.

8.4.3 The Mental Health and Well being Group had acknowledged that the issues are so vast that it would be sensible to prioritise on issues which were of specific relevance to the area. With this in mind, 4 priorities or areas of interest had been agreed as follows:-

- (a) The reprovisioning of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital and the impact on local service provision
- (b) Welfare Rights and Benefits for people with mental health problems

- (c) Care in the Community for people with continuing needs (for people with mental health problems). (This relates to the “changing shape of care”, ie the policy and practice of returning people from institutions or hospital to home or the community. This is of special interest in respect not only of people with mental health difficulties but also for older people. In the conversation which took place around this item , concern was raised about how effective and appropriate back up for patients could be ensured. The overall issue is about how beds are best used, but there are also concerns that people could become isolated in their own homes.)
- (d) Implementation of the final version of the Sense of Belonging Mental Health Strategy would also be of keen interest to the Mental Health and Well Being Forum

8.5.3 Alastair McIntyre will be making a presentation to the next meeting of the Mental Health and Well Being Forum.

8.4 **South East Older People’s Group.**

8.1.4 This group last met on 23rd February 2011. This had been a far reaching meeting in the context of considerable structural change in the management of services etc. The group will need to elect a new chair person as Sylvia Latona has now moved to a different sector in Edinburgh. The group hopes to welcome Jenny McCallum who is her replacement to the group. Jenny will, of course, be welcomed to the Health Inequalities Group also.

8.2.4 Julie Houston will attend the next meeting which is due to take place on **Wednesday 1st June, 2011 at 2.00 pm in 13 Newtoft Street, Edinburgh, EH17 8RG.**

9. **A.O.C.B.**

9.1 **Free Water Colour Course** Valley Park Community Centre is about to commence free watercolour painting courses. Pauline will provide a copy of the poster for circulation to the HIG network and beyond.

*** Action: Pauline**

9.2 **ARTse Inch Summer Saturday** Pauline informed the group the group that ARTse will be holding a special event on Saturday 25th June in Inch Park and Inch House. They will be providing a wide range of activities and will be linking with Inch Park Community Sports Club and the Active Schools Coordinator. The event will essentially be targeted to families and there will be a band and a café. However, Pauline is looking at the budget to see if she could arrange transport for older people to attend. Pauline will provide information for circulation as it becomes available.

*** Action: Pauline**

- 9.3 **Libertus Services** Wilma reported that this is the 30th Anniversary of the project, (formerly known as LAHA). A week of celebrations is planned for late September. They will be looking at successes, the present and what the future holds. Wilma will send information as it becomes available.

*** Action: Wilma**

- 9.4 **Edinburgh Leisure – Open All Hours** Hilary reported that this year will see the 10th anniversary of Open All Hours at Gracemount Leisure. An event is planned for October and information will be provided nearer the time.

*** Action: Hilary**

- 9.5 **Parent Information Café at Moredun Library** Jenny informed the group that the third Parent Information Café had been held recently at Moredun Library, but this had been poorly attended. Jenny informed the group that there was a need to look again at the format and purpose of these cafés since a huge amount of work and effort went into their provision. She will be reviewing these with Hugo Whittaker, the manager of SEHLI.

- 9.6 **SEHLI** Jenny informed the group that SEHLI's summer programme has now been published. Jenny agreed to provide Madelaine with the details in order that they can be circulated to the HIG and its networks.

*** Action: Jenny**

- 9.7 **Craigour Community Health Flat – Polish Open Day** Alistair informed the group that plans are currently being prepared for a Polish Open Day which is due to take place on July 6th 2011 in the flat. Alistair is working with CLAN (City Literacy and Numeracy) SEHLI (South Edinburgh Healthy Living Initiative) Get On (an employment support service) and others to provide stalls, and information on the day. Alistair will provide information as soon as possible in order that it can be cascaded to the HIG networks.

*** Action: Alistair**

10. DATE AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Tuesday 23rd August 2011 at 9.30 am in 13 Newtoft Street, Edinburgh, EH17 8RG
- Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 9.30 am in 13 Newtoft Street, Edinburgh, EH17 8RG

HEALTH INEQUALITIES GROUP

REPORTING FORM

For Meeting of

Tuesday 10th May 2011

Agency / Project	Jane Ramage
Location	Children and Families
Principal Area Of Work	Parenting Sub Group
Background	Parenting is a priority for the Liberton Gilmerton NP
Report	<p>For period from March 2011 to May 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful re-launch of Parent Information Point in Moredun Library, on 7th March. About 300 parents and children attended the event. A number of people whom agencies would not normally have been able to access and engage with had attended eg a number of Dads. Information packs had been supplied and it was understood these had been drawn together largely by SEHLI. A number of agencies had provided information stalls, eg SEHLI, NHS Lothian Community Dental Health, Working for Families etc • Successful Information Event took place on 18th March at Valley Park Community Centre – 85 parents attended. Information gathered from this event will be brought together to inform the NP consultation process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altogether Better (Part Of SEHLI) • Gilmerton Child and Family Centre • Edinburgh Families Project • Homelink Befriending • CHILDREN 1ST • Bfriends (A project of CHILDREN 1ST) • Action for CHILDREN • VOCAL • Intensive Family Support Services • Dad's Club. • Edinburgh Community Food Initiative. • Discussions taking place about the future direction of 1-1 support – there has been a withdrawal from organisations who had been willing to identify resources to deliver earlier 1-1 support to families – we are looking at how this might be revitalised and exploring how this work should best be co-ordinated without developing alternative structures for this purpose. We are also exploring the link between this area of work and the parent information points.

Potential for further Partnership Working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a timeline identifying partnership delivery of parenting programmes – e.g. PEEP; Incredible Years. • Identification of increased partnership to deliver early intervention 1-1 support • Development of a further information event to coincide with National Families Week in May.
Burning Issues	
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