

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross-Party Group for Suicide Prevention

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

Jayne Bryant MS

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

James Evans MS, Altaf Hussain MS, Delyth Jewell MS, Sarah Murphy MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Laura Frayne, Samaritans

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

See list of meeting attendee's

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

19th October 2021

Attendees:

Alun Fletcher (Mental Health Matters Wales), Meryl James (Samaritans), Glenn Page (Mind Cymru), Steve Siddall (RNLI), David Williams (Farming Community Network), Willow

Holloway (Fair Treatment for the Women of Wales/Autistic UK), Dr Alys Cole-King (4 Mental Health), Rabiya Nasir (ONS), Madeline Phillips (Welsh NHS Confederation), David Crews (South Wales Fire and Rescue), Jayne Bell (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Amy Bainton (Barnardo's Cymru), Maggy Corkhill (Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB T4HM Partnership Board/ Co-alc Alliance), Ana Reis-Rogers (Living in Suicide's Shadow), Lisa Hammett (Living in Suicide's Shadow), Emyr John (ONS), Janette Bourne (Cruse Bereavement Care Cymru), Philippa Watkins (Welsh Parliament), Helen Bennett (South Wales Police), Kate Heneghan (Papyrus), Detective Superintendent Phil Sparrow (South Wales Police), David Patel (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board), Claire Cotter (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), Ceri Fowler (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Dr Dave Williams (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board), Emma Kneebone (2 Wish Upon A Star), Peter Thomas (South Wales Police), Caryl Stock (Amber Project), Liz Williams (Royal College of Psychiatrists), Jackie Williams (Public Health Wales), Mark Smith (6699 Project), Gareth Davies (Tir Dewi), Lucy Smith (HMPPS), Professor Ann John (Swansea University), James Radcliffe (Platform), Charlotte Knight (Welsh Parliament), Sarah Murphy MS (Welsh Parliament), Emma Gooding (Samaritans), Sarah Stone (Samaritans), Jayne Bryant MS (Welsh Parliament), Laura Frayne (Samaritans).

Summary of the issues discussed:

This was the first meeting of the group in the new Senedd term. Jayne Bryant MS was elected as Chair, cross-party support for the group was confirmed. Samaritans Cymru were nominated as the secretariat and confirmed. The rest of the meeting focused on setting out the aims of the group and a work programme for the group and areas to focus on at future meeting.

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

19th January 2022

Attendees:

Altaf Hussain MS (Welsh Parliament), Alun Fletcher (Mental Health Matters Wales), Amy Bainton (Barnardo's Cymru), Ana Laing (Samaritans), Ana Reis-Rogers (Living in Suicide's Shadow), Andrea Prevett, Angharad Metcalfe (Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales), Belinda Jones (NHS Wales Collaborative), Bernie Ford (Samaritans), Brody Anderson (Welsh Parliament), Caryl Stock (Church Army), Ceri Fowler (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), Dan Rose (Welsh Parliament), David Patel (NHS Wales Health Collaborative),

David Richards (Gwent Police), Dr Dave Williams (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board), Dr Liz Davies (Welsh Government), Eleri Cubbage (Welsh Parliament), Emma Gooding (Samaritans), Emma Kneebone (2 Wish), Eric Thwaites (SOBS), Faith Reynolds (Gwent Police), Glenn Page (Mind Cymru), Helen Bennett (South Wales Police), Jackie Williams (Public Health Wales), Jamie Kaijaks (Welsh Government), Janet Whiteman (New Horizons Mental Health), Janette Bourne (Cruse Bereavement Support Cymru), Jayne Bell (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Jayne Bryant MS (Welsh Parliament), Jules Twells (Samaritans), Kate Heneghan (Papyrus), Kerina Hanson (NAHT Cymru), Laura Frayne (Samaritans), Laura Tranter (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), Lesley Rose (SOBS), Liza Evans (Hywel Dda University Health Board), Lynda Ormerod (DWP), Lynne Neagle MS (Welsh Government), Madelaine Phillips (Welsh NHS Confederation), Maggy Corkhill (Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB T4HM Partnership Board/ Co-alc Alliance), Hannah Denman (Jacob Abraham Foundation), Matt Downtown (Welsh Government), Meryl James (Samaritans), Natalie Jones (Mental Health Matters Wales), Olga Sullivan (Samaritans), Peter Thomas MBE (South Wales Police), Phil Sparrow (South Wales Police), Philippa Watkins (Welsh Parliament), Professor Ann John (Swansea University), Rahila Hamid (Newport Cultural Hub), Rhun Ap Iorwerth MS (Welsh Parliament), Robert Visintainer (Hafan Cymru), Sarah Stone (Samaritans), Sian Bamford (Dyfed Powys Police), Sophie Chance (North Wales Police), Steve Siddall (RNLI), Suzanne Duval (Diverse Cymru, Willow C Holloway (Autistic UK).

Summary of the issues discussed:

Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Lynne Neagle MS attended and presented to the group on the current Welsh Government work on suicide prevention. Professor Ann John, Clinical Professor in Public Health and Psychiatry, Swansea University & National lead for suicide and self-harm prevention, Public Health Wales also attended the meeting and presented on statistics on suicide and self-harm during the pandemic.

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

30th March 2022

Attendees:

Alex Hughes-Howells (Welsh Parliament), Brody Anderson (Welsh Parliament), Cathy Bevan (Welsh Parliament), Ceri Fowler (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Claire Cotter (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), David Heald (Papyrus), David Patel (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board), David Williams (Farming Community Network), Dewi Jones

(Papyrus), Dr Liz Davies (Welsh Government), Eleri Cubbage (Welsh Parliament), Emma Gooding (Samaritans), Emma Kneebone (2Wish), Ffion Edge (Adferiad Recovery), Helen Bennett (South Wales Police), Janette Bourne (Cruse Bereavement Support Cymru), Jayne Bell (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Laura Frayne (Samaritans), Laura Tranter (Hywel Dda University Health Board), Lisa Hammett (Living in Suicide's Shadow), Liz Hill O'Shea (Welsh Parliament), Nikki Jones (Manon Jones Foundation), Sarah Stone (Samaritans), Sian Bamford (Dyfed Powys Police), Simon Jones (Mind Cymru), Willow C Holloway (Autistic UK).

Summary of the issues discussed:

This meeting was chaired by Delyth Jewell MS in Jayne Bryant's absence. There was a discussion item on the opportunities of the new curriculum led by Mind Cymru.

Meeting 4

Date of meeting: 12th July 2022

Attendee's: Daisy Noot (Royal College of Psychiatrists), Luke Young (Citizens Advice Cymru/ Samaritans Cymru Board), Emma Kneebone (2Wish), Cathy Bevan (for Huw Irranca-Davies MS), Helen Bennett (Office of Police & Crime Commissioner S Wales), Sian Bamford (Dyfed Powys Police), Dr Peter Ilves (4 Mental Health), Madelaine Phillips (Welsh NHS Confederation), Claire O'Shea (Samaritans Cymru Board), Willow C Holloway (Autistic Women's Empowerment Project/Autistic UK/ Disability Wales), Jules Twells (Samaritans), Philippa Watkins (Welsh Parliament), Amy Bainton (Barnardo's Cymru), Emma Coopey (Gwent Police), Eric Thwaites (SOBS), Laura Tranter (Hywel Dda University Health Board), Claire Cotter (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), Olga Sullivan (Samaritans), Anne May (Tir Dewi), Joan Ogonovsky (Aneurin Bevan Gwent Public Health Team), Jayne Bell (Cardiff and Vale UHB), Kate Miles (The DPJ Foundation), Phil Sparrow (South Wales Police), Sarah Stone (Samaritans), Emma Gooding (Samaritans).

Summary of the issues discussed:

Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice attended the meeting and presented on the current work Welsh Government are undertaking to address the link between socioeconomic disadvantage, poor mental health and suicide risk. There was also a presentation by Luke Young, Head of Policy and Campaigns for Citizens Advice Cymru on the cost of living crisis.

Meeting 5

Date of meeting:

23rd November 2022

Attendees: Alun Davies (Police Liaison Unit – Welsh Government), Ana Laing (Samaritans), Ana Reis-Rogers (LiSS – Living in Suicide’s Shadow), Andrew Jenkins (Welsh Parliament), Briony Hunt (Samaritans), Bryn Morgan (The Jacob Abraham Foundation), Ceri Fowler (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Charlotte Knight (Welsh Parliament), Claire Cotter (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), David Mais (ONS), Delyth Jewell MS (Welsh Parliament), Dr Alys Cole-King (4 Mental Health), Dr Bethan Bowden (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board), Emma Gooding (Samaritans), Faith Reynolds (Gwent Police), Gareth Davies (Tir Dewi), George Watkins (Mind Cymru), Ioan Bellin (Welsh Parliament), James Evans MS (Welsh Parliament), Jayne Bryant MS (Welsh Parliament), John Griffiths MS (Welsh Parliament), Laura Frayne (Samaritans), Laura Tranter (Hywel Dda University Health Board), Lauren Revie (ONS), Libby Bradbury, Lynne Neagle MS (Welsh Government), Madelaine Phillips (Welsh NHS Confederation), Maggy Corkhill (Co-alc Alliance), Mathew Norman (Diabetes UK Cymru), Michaela Moore (Mental Health Matters Wales), Olga Sullivan (Samaritans), Phil Sparrow (South Wales Police), Philippa Watkins (Welsh Parliament), Rhys Hughes (Welsh Parliament), Rhys Livesy (Welsh Parliament), Sarah Murphy MS (Welsh Parliament), Shahinoor Alom (Welsh Parliament), Steve Siddall (RNLI), Thomas Hollick (The Wallich), Vicki Keegans (North Wales Police), Yasmin Zahra (Welsh Parliament).

Summary of the issues discussed:

This meeting was the AGM. Jayne Bryant MS was re-elected as Chair and Samaritans were re-elected as the secretariat. The meeting included a presentation by Professor Ann John about trends in suicide and the impacts of recession. Tom Weeks, Senior Research Manager at Trussell Trust also presented to the group on the impact of the cost of living crisis.

Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.

[names of lobbyists/organisations/charities should be included as follows, e.g.]

Name of Organisation:

none

Name of Group:

none

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none

Name of Group:

none

Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross-Party Group on Suicide Prevention

Date:

14/12/22

Name of Chair:

Jayne Bryant MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Laura Frayne, Samaritans

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	None	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods bought	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any financial support or other support.	No financial support was received.	£0.00
Total		£0.00

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
		£0.00
Total		£0.00