

Cross-Party Group Annual Report 2024

Cross Party Group on Dementia

1. Group membership and office holders

Chair – Luke Fletcher MS

Secretariat – Matthew Hawkins, Alzheimer's Society

Members

Luke Fletcher MS (Chair)

Rhun ap Iorwerth MS

Mike Hedges MS

Altaf Hussain MS

Mark Isherwood MS

David Rees MS

Rhys ab Owen MS

Mabon ap Gwynfor MS

2. Previous group meetings since last AGM

Meeting 1

Meeting date: 17th July 2024

Attendees:

Luke Fletcher MS (Chair), Eleri Morgan (Translation), Mark Isherwood MS, Catrin Hedd Jones, Dafydd Huw, Farukh Navabjan, Gemma Emile, George Parish-Wallace, Heather Wenban, Helen Cunliffe, Helen Twidle, Ian Dovaston, Kevin Duff, Lowri Morgan, Luke Pickering-Jones, Matthew Hawkins, Megan Anderson, Melanie Sillett, Natalie Elliott, Nigel Hullah, Polly Winn, Rebecca Cicero, Rosslyn Offord, Tina Oakes, Valerie Billingham, Versa Shood

Summary of issues discussed

- Discussion on Welsh language and dementia care – Hywel Iorwerth
- Discussion of barriers to care for older people – Valerie Billingham
- Discussion on future of the CPG – Luke Fletcher

Meeting 2

Meeting date: 25th September 2024

Attendees:

Luke Fletcher MS (Chair), Andrew Woodhead, Catrin Hedd Jones, Cerilynne Higgins, Claire George, Clara Gibbs, Dafydd Huw, Gemma Roberts, George Parish-Wallace, Helen Cunliffe, Hywel Iorwerth, Kerry Coles, Matthew Hawkins, Melanie Sillett, Nigel Hullah, Ross Saunders, Sam Young, Steven Crane-Jenkins, Valerie Billingham, Versa Shood

Summary of issues discussed

- Discussion on system preparedness in Wales – George Parish-Wallaces
- Discussion on future of CPG – Luke Fletcher
- Update on stakeholder engagement of CPG – Matthew Hawkins

Meeting 3 (AGM)

Meeting date: 03 December 2024

Attendees:

Luke Fletcher MS (Chair), Altaf Hussain MS, Amanda Whent, Catrin Hedd Jones, Cerilynne Higgins, Clara Gibbs, David Rees MS, Emily Hindle, Gemma Roberts, George Parish-Wallace, Heather Wenban, Jayne Goodrick, Jon Day, Kirsty Rees, Mabon ap Gwynfor MS, Malayka Rahman-Amin, Mark Isherwood MS, Matthew Hawkins, Megan Anderson, Natalie Elliott, Nigel Hullah, Ross Saunders, Samantha Baron, Tina Oakes, Tracey Williamson, Valerie Billingham, Versha Sood

Summary of issues discussed

- Luke Fletcher re-elected as Chair of the Group, Alzheimer's Society re-elected as Secretariat of the Group
- Discussed proposals for an inquiry undertaken by the group
- Discussion on dementia training for the social care workforce – Emily Hindle & Malayka Rahman-Amin
- Discussion on different kinds of dementia training – Dr Catrin Hedd Jones

3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

None