

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 Cymru

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:

24th May 2023

Attendees:

Neil Ingham (Samaritans), Emma Gooding (Samaritans), Laura Frayne (Samaritans), Hannah Swirsky (Samaritans), Jayne Bryant MS (Senedd), Gemma Moeller (South Wales Police),

Claire Cotter (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), Ceri Fowler (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), Olga Sullivan (Samaritans), Andrea Sullivan (Cardiff & Vale University Health Board), Claire Thomas (South Wales Police), Tara Robinson (Cardiff & Vale University Health Board), Bethan Hodges (Samaritans), Vicki Keegans (North Wales Police), Philippa Watkins (Welsh Parliament), Sian Bamford (Dyfed Powys Police), Ana Laing (Samaritans), Sarah Rushworth (SOBS), Rachael Robins (4 Mental Health), Gwenno Thomas (Ofcom Wales), Sonia Giga (Ofcom), Peter Allchurch (Diverse Cymru), Willow C Holloway (FTWW/Autistic UK), Steve Siddall (RNLI), Jemma Rees (NHS Wales Health Collaborative), Briony Hunt (Samaritans), Maggy Corkhill (Co-alc Alliance), Phil Sparrow (South Wales Police), Madelaine Phillips (NHS Confederation Wales), Professor Ann John (Swansea University)

Summary of the issues discussed:

The meeting included a presentation from Hannah Swirsky, Samaritans Public Affairs Manager. The presentation focussed on Samaritans work on the Online Safety Bill and their policy recommendations to the UK Government. Maggy Corkhill Co-Alc Alliance Project Co-ordinator presented on the work of the Co-Alc Alliance and Cocaethylene related suicides/sudden deaths and how more needs to be done to raise awareness of this issue.

Actions from the meeting were for Jayne Bryant MS to put Maggy in touch with the CPG on substance misuse and also for Jayne to write to the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing to ask for more research into the impact of cocaethylene.

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Attendees:

Neil Ingham (Samaritans), Emma Gooding (Samaritans), Briony Hunt (Samaritans), Jayne Bryant MS (Senedd), Lynne Neagle MS (Welsh Government), Olga Sullivan (Samaritans), Tara Robinson (Cardiff and Vale University HB), Christina Witney (Church Army - The Amber Project), Matt Downton (Welsh Government), Andrea Sullivan (Cardiff UHB), Ceri Lovell (Cardiff and Vale UHB), Dr Dave Williams (Aneurin Bevan UHB), David Heald (Papyrus), Lesley Rose (SOBS), Emma Kneebone (2 Wish), Deborah Job (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board), Rich Williams (Hywel Dda UHB), Briony Hunt (Samaritans), Vicki Keegans (North Wales Police), Caroline Currie (North Wales Police), Paula Timms (Kidscape), Maxine Johnson (Cruse Bereavement Support), Steve Siddall (RNLI), Jayne Bell

(Cardiff and Vale UHB), Jackie Williams (Aneurin Bevan UHB), Paul Francis (South Wales Police), Jemma Rees (NHS Wales Executive), Chelsea Fraser (Member support staff), Charlotte Knight (Member Support staff), Ceri Fowler (NHS Wales Executive), Paul Allchurch (Diverse Cymru)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Lynne Neagle MS attended the meeting and provided an update on the development of the new suicide and self-harm prevention strategy. Shane Mills, Clinical Director for the National Collaborative Commissioning Unit gave a presentation to the group on the NHS 111 press 2 mental health support service.

Actions from the meeting were for Matt Downton from Welsh Government to speak to Jayne Bryant MS about how the CPG could support with the development of the suicide and self-harm prevention strategy when it is out for consultation.

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Attendees:

Jayne Bryant MS, Neil Ingham (Samaritans), Emma Gooding (Samaritans), Amelia Cahill (Samaritans) Claire Cotter (NHS Wales Executive), Lynne Neagle MS, Professor Ann John (Swansea University), David Heald (Papyrus) Deborah Job (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board), Sian Bamford (Dyfed Powys Police), Jess Read (4 Mental Health), Willow Holloway (Disability Wales/Autistic UK/FTWW), Laura Tranter (Hywel Dda University Health Board), Ceri Lovell (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), George Watkins (Mind Cymru), Debbie Shaffer (FTWW), Bethan Hodges (Samaritans), Emma Kneebone (2Wish), Jenny Prow (SOBS), Dafydd Curry (North Wales Police), Jayne Bell (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Jackie Williams (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board), Ceri Fowler (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Hannah Wenden (NHS Wales Executive), Dr David Williams (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board), Clare Sturman (The Sammy-sized GAP), Paul Allchurch (Diverse Cymru), Maggy Corkhill (Co-Alc Alliance), Kay Helyar (DPJ Foundation), Jemma Rees (NHS Wales Executive), Roger Bassett-Jones (Advocacy Support Cymru), Briony Hunt (Samaritans), Gareth Davies (Tir Dewi), Christina Gwyther (Samaritans), Becky Twose (Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner), Oliver Townsend (Platform), Matthew Belcher (EYST), Kate Miles (DPJ Foundation), Karen Wescombe (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board), Charlotte Knight (Senedd), Jillian Purvis (Senedd).

Summary of the issues discussed:

This meeting included the AGM for the group. Jayne Bryant MS was re-elected as Chair and Samaritans Cymru were confirmed to continue as secretariat.

The meeting included a presentation from Emma Gooding, Samaritans Policy and Communications Manager who discussed the latest Office of National Statistics suicide statistics for Wales. Claire Cotter, NHS Executive National Programme Lead for Suicide and self-harm prevention gave a presentation to the group discussing strategic objectives, data and research.

There were no actions from the meeting.

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

Name of Organisation:

none

Name of Group:

none

Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross-Party Group on Suicide Prevention

Date:

23/02/24

Name of Chair:

Jayne Bryant MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Laura Frayne, Samaritans Cymru

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	Lunches and refreshments for meetings	£388.92
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		£388.92

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
24.5.2023	Senedd Catering - Compass Group – ESS Support Services Worldwide	£166.62

26.09.2023	Senedd Catering - Compass Group – ESS Support Services Worldwide	£186.66
30.01.2024	Senedd Catering - Compass Group – ESS Support Services Worldwide	£35.64
Total		£388.92