

DRUG DEATHS TASKFORCE: MINUTE OF MEETING TWENTY TWO

Wednesday 25 May 2022

In Person Meeting – Atlantic Quay, Glasgow

10:00 – 13:00

Taskforce Members:

David Strang (Chair)	
Fiona McQueen (Vice Chair)	
Carole Hunter	Royal Pharmaceutical Society (Scotland)
Colin Hutcheon	Families Representative
Gary Rutherford	Scottish Ambulance Service
Jason Wallace	Lived/Living Experience Representative
Rebecca Wood	Lived Experience Representative
Kenny Donnelly	Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
Tara Shivaji	Public Health Scotland
Diane McCulloch	Social Work Scotland

Attendees:

Hilary Sloan (deputy)	Police Scotland
Lauren Sloey	Scottish Ambulance Service
Henry Acres	Drug Deaths Taskforce Support Team
Roz Currie	Drug Deaths Taskforce Support Team Scottish Government:
Kim Paterson	Drug Deaths Taskforce Support Team
Nicola Hood	Drug Deaths Taskforce Support Team Scottish Government:
Julie Allison	Drug Deaths Taskforce Support Team
Lee-Ann Wilson	Drug Deaths Taskforce Support Team
Charlotte Graves-Morris	Drug Deaths Taskforce Communications Lead
Alison Crocket	Scottish Government: Unit Head for Whole Systems Unit

Apologies:

Alison Munro	Academic Representative
Ewen Stewart	Royal College of General Practitioners
Susanna Galea-Singer	Royal College of Psychiatrists
Emma Bond	Police Scotland
Fiona Doig	Borders ADP and Health Improvement

Introduction

1. The Chair welcomed members to the 22nd meeting of the Taskforce and explained the purpose of the meeting. The meeting focussed on reviewing the content of the final report.
2. The Chair updated the Taskforce on resourcing and the communications plan over the next two months, before introducing new colleagues who have joined the team to help structure the report.

3. The Chair asked members to confirm if they were content with the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were agreed and these will be published on the Drug Deaths Taskforce website. The Chair noted that the 50 remaining kits discussed in the March meeting could not be distributed as outlined because of use by dates.

Overall Core Messages

4. The Chair asked Taskforce members to look at the core messages that were identified at the previous conference held April 13, 2022. The Taskforce had a private discussion, considering the structure of the recommendations and the best approach for the report, before collectively agreeing them.

Discussion on Report Chapters

5. The Taskforce had a private discussion regarding the content within each of the report chapters. Feedback was recorded by the Drug Deaths Taskforce Support Team and the final report will be updated to reflect this.

Discussion on Publication Date and Plan for the Launch of Reports

9. The Chair proposed a publication date for the report. The Taskforce were content with this.

Summary and Any Other Business

10. The Chair thanked all members for attending the meeting and drew the meeting to a close by providing a summary and covering any other business:

- The Taskforce noted the proposal from Paul Sweeney MSP to establish a Scottish Drug Death Council, but noted that the Taskforce would have concluded long before this had progressed through Parliament.

The next meeting of the Taskforce will take place on Wednesday 6th July 2022.