

Action Points of the Cross Party Group on Chronic Pain, 16/06/2010

4. It was discussed that parliamentary questions would be framed around the issues of assisted suicide and the end of life choices lecture.

Dorothy Grace Elder suggested a number of possible questions that could be addressed

“What steps have been taken regarding the GRIPS report on chronic pain in general?”

“Have the report actions been implemented since it was published in 2007?”

The main issues identified were of the need to be precise in the phrasing of the questions addressing the inequality in pain services.

As highlighted by **Prof Marie Fallon**, there is an issue of the availability, integration of services and the sustainability of the delivery. **Dorothy Grace Elder** suggested that we are guided by **Prof. Marie Fallon** and **Dr. Lesley Colvin**

6. **Dr. Gavin Gordon** to email answer to **Dorothy Grace Elder**'s question: “Do you know what the budget is for his (Pete McKenzie) job and does he get any ancillary help for it?”

7. (b) **Alison Given from Grünenthal** referred to the importance of the European Active Citizen Charter point 11 (www.activecitizenship.net). She also spoke of the changing standards in Italy and of Prof. Finelli's work.

Mary Scanlon has asked **Alison Given** to email a parliamentary question on the former matter and to give her an update on Finelli's work and the changing standards and legislation in Italy.

8. Mary Scanlon Anything that people want to raise (e.g. parliamentary questions and ideas for guest speakers for the Spring and/or Summer meetings) should email either **me** or **Heather Wallace**. She also asked the **co-secretaries** to arrange 3 meetings a year (1 in Autumn, 1 around (Feb/Mar) and 1 in Summer (May/June)).

Potential ideas for Guest Speakers

Heather Wallace: Ceri Philips is willing to come and talk to us on the economics.

Steve Gilbert: Mike Basler has been involved in and has a keen interest in, is pain and disability.

Anne Simpson suggests that a talk regarding chronic pain in musculoskeletal conditions would be very interesting.

FULL MINUTES TO FOLLOW.