

Summary of Deep End activity in 2013

REPORTS

All reports and documents can be accessed at www.gla.ac.uk/deepend.

- *What can NHS Scotland do to prevent and reduce health inequalities?*
The definitive Deep End Report, containing a package of proposals, including an additional GP session per week per 1000 patients living in the 15% most deprived Scottish data zones.
- Report 18 *Integrated care*
The RCGP requested permission to include the summary of this report in The 2020 GP: Compendium of Evidence.
- Report 19 *Access to specialists*
- Report 21 *GP experience of welfare reforms in very deprived areas* (highlighted in the Daily Record and BMA News)
- RCGP Occasional Paper 89, *General Practitioners at the Deep End. The experience and views of general practitioners working in the most severely deprived areas of Scotland*, including 13 Deep End articles in the BJGP, with forewords by Richard Horton and Julian Tudor Hart, is now available on line and free of charge.

HOLYROOD COMMITTEES

- Peter Cawston, Susan Langridge, Anne Mullin and Graham Watt gave evidence to the Public Audit Committee, the Health and Sport Committee and the Child Care/Joint Bills Committee at the Scottish Parliament.
- There is an ongoing correspondence with the Public Audit Committee and now the Health and Sport Committee, on GP manpower in very deprived areas.

MEETINGS WITH POLITICIANS

Meetings have been held with:

- Alex Neil MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health;
- Neil Findlay MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Health;
- Aileen McLeod MSP, SNP Parliamentary Liaison Officer for Health.

MEETINGS WITH CIVIL SERVANTS

- Dr Frances Elliot, Deputy CMO, attended a Deep End steering group meeting in September.

- Dr Bill Gunnyeon, CMO at the Department of Work and Pensions in London, met Deep End GPS in January and followed this up with visits to the Edinburgh Homeless practice and the Keppoch Medical Centre in Glasgow.
- Professor Graham Watt has provided Deep End input to the Welsh Government's Inverse Care Law Programme.

TALKS

- Jim O'Neill spoke at the Annual Conference of Scottish Directors of Social Work
- Petra Sambale spoke at the RCGP International Conference on City Health
- Andrea Williamson attends meetings of the Poverty and Truth Commission

POLICY RESPONSES

- The Scottish Government's route map to the 20/20 Vision for Health and Social Care stated: "The successful approach developed in the "Deep End" GP practices will be rolled out more widely across relevant areas of Scotland". It is still not clear what this means.
- Peter Cawston represents the Deep End group on the GGC Primary Care Deprivation Group.
- John Budd represents the Deep End group on the Lothian Deprivation Interest Group.

PROJECTS

- The Bridge Project was completed, linking elderly patients with community resources for social and physical activity and involving three Deep End practices. The report is available on the website.
- Eight Deep End practices have been taking part in the Care Plus study, involving a RCT of extra time for consultations with patients with complex problems. Results are expected early in 2014.
- SGHD has funded a two year Link Workers Project, involving the Health and Social Care Alliance and the Deep End, and will provide seven Deep End practices with the opportunity to take part, receiving £35K over two years, an attached full-time link worker and collegiate support. Peter Cawston is the GP lead for this project, which has a well-funded evaluative component.
- An integrated care proposal has been developed with four Deep End practices at Govan Health Centre, involving attached social workers, plus most of the elements of the "Deep End package". It is not clear yet whether and how this might be funded.
- A joint meeting was held with Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland to explore the possibility of a joint project.

DEEP END STEERING GROUP

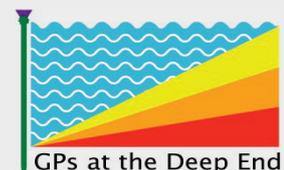
There have been eight meetings of the steering group, from 7.00 to 9.00pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, mostly at the LMC Office in Glasgow. Steering group meetings are open to all Deep End GPs and new members are always welcome. Those attending in 2014 (*for the first time) were:

- Hannah Beresford*, Muirhouse, Edinburgh
- David Blane, Glasgow University and Maryhill Health Centre
- Iain Brown*, Fernbank Practice, Springburn
- John Budd, Edinburgh Homeless practice
- Peter Cawston, Drumchapel Health Centre
- Margaret Craig, Allander Surgery, Possilpark
- Kirsteen Duffy*, Mill Practice, Dundee
- Susan Langridge, Possilpark Health Centre
- Andrew Lyon, (chair), International Futures Forum
- Lisa McIntyre*, Gorbals Health Centre
- Catriona Morton, Craigmillar Health Centre, Edinburgh
- Anne Mullin, Govan Health Centre
- Michael Norbury, Craigmillar Heath Centre, Edinburgh
- Cathy Norton*, Gorbals Health Centre
- Jim O'Neil, Lightburn Medical Centre
- Raymond Orr*, Glenmill Practice, Royston
- Euan Paterson, Govan Health Centre
- Petra Sambale, Keppoch Medical Centre, Possilpark
- Graham Watt, University of Glasgow
- David Willox, Croftfoot Practice
- Andrea Williamson, Glasgow Homeless Practice

Professor Graham CM Watt

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"General Practitioners at the Deep End" work in 100 general practices, serving the most socio-economically deprived populations in Scotland. The activities of the group are supported by the Scottish Government Health Department, the Royal College of General Practitioners, and General Practice and Primary Care at the University of Glasgow.



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