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**ASPEP Executive Meeting**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (10.00 – 13.00)**  
**(Raploch Community Campus)**

**Agenda**

1. **Present:** Carolyn Brown (Chair), Frank Coletta, Shona Crawford, Barry Syme (Minutes), Jacqui Ward, Sharron Harper, Roslyn Redpath, Kate Watson, Rodger Barrow  
**Apologies:** Fergal Doherty
2. Previous minutes- executive meeting 6.2.15  
Minutes accepted as accurate and should be put on web site **BS**
3. Matters arising  
Item 6 Roles and Responsibilities Paper- feedback proforma agreed and to be circulated at next main meeting. Representatives on national groups to use this to inform the Executive on developments / work that will impact on ASPEP.  
Item 11 Due to ongoing updates on GIRFEC it was agreed that the revision of the Confidentiality Position Paper should be put on hold.  
Mental Health Position Paper- Information on the Mental Health innovation Fund to be sent to Exec Members. Barry and Carolyn to look at response from ASPEP to Penny Curtis at Scottish Government. **CB /BS**
4. Standing items:
  - a. Treasurer's Update- The accounts were circulated by Frank and accepted by the meeting. Subscriptions for 2015-16 are due in May and will be raised to £50. Based on current membership numbers the accounts are looking healthy.
  - b. Website Updates- Barry provided an update, VSE Guidance and web links have recently been added along with a link to the SDEP Talking Heads video.
  - c. Correspondence –
    - i)Govan Law Centre email- Barry raised a recent e-mail from Ian Nisbet at Govan Law Centre in relation to a possible meeting between ASPEP members, Let's Talk ASN and private psychologists. This was discussed and it was felt inappropriate for ASPEP to engage in this. There was further discussion around how the profession could work with the ASNTS and the Convenors, particularly since ASPEP had presented at their annual training conference. It was proposed that

ASPEP requests a meeting with the Convenor of the Tribunal to look at the possibility of a seminar or ways of looking at dispute prevention. Carolyn to draft a response to Ian Nisbet at Govan Law Centre. **CB**  
Barry to contact the Convenor of the ASNTS to look at a possible future meeting. **BS**

ii) Response noted from Professor Bryan McGregor (Chair of Post Graduate Working Group) to Carolyn's submission re WFP. ASPEP to maintain an open dialogue with this group.

iii) Dr Laura Ann Currie's response re AA selection was noted as being very helpful. This should be mentioned at the next main meeting **CB**

iv) Email from Sarah Jamieson in relation to the recruitment to Principal Post in rural and island authorities was discussed. This will be raised at the main meeting under Work Force Planning. ASPEP to take to NSSGEP meeting. **CB/BS**

v) Email from SDEP on New Consultation: (HCPC) Consultation on revised standards of conduct, performance and ethics. Agreed that this should be a joint response and Shona to take forward through the QRG and link with Heather Beaumont at SDEP. **SC**

vi) Consultation on Child Impact on Parental Imprisonment Bill- this had been brought to our attention by Fergal, this is an important paper and it was agreed that ASPEP should respond to this, Jacqui, Rodger and Carolyn agreed to work on this. **JW/RB/CB**

vii) Email from Pagoda relating to a forthcoming meeting with David Stewart MSP and the British Psychological Society. It is unclear if SDEP have been involved in this. A discussion with Fiona Yarrow, Chair SDEP is required. **CB**

5. Chair's report for May's main meeting- Carolyn will circulate a draft to the exec in advance of Friday's main meeting for comment. **CB**
6. Draft agenda and format for next main meeting- Outline of agenda for the main meeting was discussed, Barry to circulate draft next week and final agenda will go out on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 along with relevant papers. **BS**
7. Nomination of Officer Bearers- Barry to send out a list of when members were elected onto current Executive. There is the possibility that several current Exec members could stand down if there was interest from the wider membership. Carolyn commented that she felt that the present Executive committee worked very well together. The position of the next ASPEP Secretary needs to be agreed. Jacqui is willing to be considered as future secretary and the executive will propose this at the main meeting in May **BS/CB**
8. Roles and Responsibilities Paper – SDEP and ASPEP: The revised paper was circulated and agreed; it will go out to membership and go on website after main meeting. **BS**

9. WFP- update from Laura Ann Currie and Linzi McCorkell on staffing survey and event sampling exercise (from 11am) Laura Anne Currie and Linzi McCorkell gave a presentation on the planned event sampling exercise that will take place on week beginning 11.5.15 to 15.5.15. Following discussion it was agreed that this exercise will be completed by all grades of EP including Principals and Deputes as well as Trainees. There remain issues about the timing of this exercise however it is likely that it will be carried out again in November 2015, possible w/b 2.11.15. Paperwork will go out to services via the Principal on Monday 27.4.15. It was agreed that for any service that is undergoing VSE that week or any Associate Assessor involved then the sampling exercise would be put back and the Principal would inform Linzi and Laura Ann.

There was a helpful discussion around how the event sampling could capture the amount of work that EPs undertake in regard to Mental Health and wellbeing. Linzi requested that EPs take time to complete the qualitative feedback on the last page of the recording sheet. The Executive recognise that there remain issues with the sampling exercise in terms of the time of year, using the Currie functions however it is a start of a process and will be refined over time.

10. Scottish Government Behaviour Survey into Scottish Schools research- Carolyn has forwarded information on this. Carolyn and Maura Kearney attended a meeting with Maggie Fallon at Education Scotland. The next survey will be in 2016 and the profession has been asked to be part of this. A research proposal will be circulated at a later date; however the role of services in this remains vague. Carolyn to circulate papers once she has received them from the survey coordinator. **CB**
11. Education Scotland Bill call for submissions- Roslyn has completed a response to this consultation on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council. Agreed a joint response along with SDEP, Carolyn to discuss with Fiona Yarrow. The deadline for submission is 18.5.15. Barry to send out a request to membership for any comments to be sent to Carolyn. **CB / BS**
12. VSE update, benchmarking request- Sharron provided a brief update on Dumfries and Galloway Psychological Service's trial of the online VSE tool developed by Western Isles Council. Feedback has been provided to Calum Urquhart who developed it. **SH**  
An e-mail from Shannon Finlayson, Western Isles EPS relating to benchmarking data was discussed. It was agreed that this should be taken to the main meeting. **BS**
13. Training Course update including email from Lynn Carter- e-mail from Lynn was noted. 16 trainees have accepted a place on the next Strathclyde M.Sc. Course. The ASPEP sub group on the training course content is due to meet and will report back.
14. Review of Position Papers – Confidentiality Paper is on hold, Mental Health and Wellbeing Paper is still out for consultation.
15. VSE Reference Group: Rodger to write to Laura Ann Currie to request a meeting of the group following the first phase of VSE. **RB**

16. AOCB

RAPPS Register- Roslyn raised the issue of the amount of work required to get onto the RAPPS register. Shona clarified that if you are supervising a trainee then there is no cost. It was agreed that Roslyn would formally write to Shona as the chair of the QRG so that this can be discussed with Martin Gemmell. There is a potential risk that services might not agree to interview probationer educational psychologists if the cost of supervision was so high.

**RR/SC**

Email on Dyslexia Friendly Schools Event was received by Rodger and circulated to the exec. Kate and Rodger will be attending this event on behalf of ASPEP. Rodger to discuss with Melanie Rice to ensure there is no overlap.

Dates for future ASPEP Executive meetings and main meetings are

Exec Meeting Friday 4th September 2015 10am to 1pm Room 2  
Main Meeting Friday 20th November 2015 9:30 am to 3:30pm Room 4 & 5  
Exec Meeting Friday 11th December 2015 10am to 1pm Room 2  
Exec Meeting Friday 5th February 2016 10am to 1pm Room 2  
Exec Meeting Friday 22nd April 2016 10am to 1pm Room 2  
Main Meeting Friday 6th May 2016 9:30am to 3:30pm Room 4 & 5  
Exec and Joint SDEP Meeting Friday 17th June 2016 10am to 4pm Room 2

DONM Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 10am -1pm, Joint Meeting with SDEP 1:30pm to 3:30pm