

EQUALITIES & ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FORUM

FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2017

CONFERENCE ROOMS 3, VICTORIA QUAY

Present

John Jack (Chair) (JJ)	SEStran
John Ballantine (JB)	SATA
Nikki Boath (NB)	SEStran
Karen Brown (KB)	NHS Lothian
Mark Craske (MC)	NHS Forth Valley
Lesley Crozier (LC)	East & Midlothian Councils
William Dove (WD)	NHS Fife
George Eckton (GE)	SEStran
Danny Gillan (DG)	NHS Lothian
Mike Harrison (MH)	Midlothian Access Panel
John Macdonald (JMacd)	CTA
Andrew McLellan (AMcL)	East Lothian Council
John Moore (JM)	LCTS
Emily Whitters (EW)	SEStran

Apologies

Cllr Lesley Hinds	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Derek Rosie	Midlothian Council
George Curley	NHS Lothian
Elaine Law	Fife Council
Gordon Mungall	West Lothian Access Panel
Moira Mungall	West Lothian Access Panel
Dennis Wilson	

Ref		Actions
1	Introduction	
	JJ welcomed everyone to the meeting and conducted round the table introductions.	
2	Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	Minutes of last meeting were approved.	
	Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:	
	<u>2. Thistle Card Update Including App Development</u>	
	Gordon was not present at the meeting and this action needs to be followed up.	Lisa Freeman
	<u>4. Review of SEStran Liaison Structures</u>	
	This has been done.	

	<p><u>6. Board Diversity/Succession Plan</u> Gordon was not present at the meeting and this action needs to be followed up.</p> <p><u>7. Thistle App</u> KB reported that more information was required for symbols as there are a variety of disability symbols.</p> <p><u>14. AOCB – Waverley Station- Taxis</u> GE reported that he had contacted Network Rail regarding accessibility at Waverley Station and the reason given by Network Rail was security issues. GE stated that an email had been circulated to the Forum before Christmas in relation to this matter.</p>	<p>Emily Whitters</p> <p>Karen Brown/Lisa Freeman</p>
3	Equality Outcomes 2017 – 2021 Progress Report	
	<p>EW presented a progress report. EW highlighted to the Forum the 2 key requests from the Outcomes responses which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • greater inclusion of learning disability groups and local groups • to address information gaps for certain groups who cannot access RTPI and a request for non-technical provision of data. <p>EW requested input from the Forum to consider ways in which SEStran could progress the provision of non technical RTPI data.</p> <p>LC questioned why the socio-economic characteristic has not been included. GE stated that SEStran are awaiting clarification from Scottish Government with regard to this characteristic.</p>	Equalities & Access to Healthcare Forum
4	Scottish Government Consultation on Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill	
	EW presented a paper. EW requested views and comments from the Forum. A general discussion took place and the principles of the paper were fully supported by the Forum.	
5	Board Diversity Succession Plan/Board Observers	
	EW presented a report. JB questioned how many Observers have been appointed to date. GE stated that Gordon Mungall had volunteered to become an Observer as stated in the last Equalities Forum meeting held in October. GE advised that it wasn't appropriate to offer this to Gordon Mungall until a role description had been drawn up. GE also commented that SEStran hope to seek gender balance by appointing one male and one female Board Observer in accordance with Changing the Chemistry.	
6	National Transport Strategy 2 Pre- Consultation	
	GE presented a paper. JM suggested linking SEStran's Equality Outcomes to feed into the National Transport Strategy's outcomes. MH highlighted that SATA will be submitting their own response.	
7	Responsible Parking Consultation	
	GE gave a verbal update. The consultation has not yet been finalised. GE highlighted that as soon as the consultation is available it will be fed back to the Equalities and Access to Healthcare Forum.	
8	SEStran Model 3 Update	
	GE presented a report. JMcD asked if support from all councils was necessary. GE advised that it is the decision of the SEStran Partnership Board. JMcD asked if any other RTPs are looking to change models.	

	GE suggested that Tactran may change their model.	
9	SEStran Projects Update	
	GE gave an update of SEStran Projects on behalf of Lisa Freeman.	
10	Business Plan 2017/18	
	<p>GE offered a verbal report. GE communicated that all Forums are being given the opportunity to put forward ideas and actions to be included in SEStran's Business Plan. One idea put forward by AM was Green Travel Plans.</p> <p>GE highlighted that a letter will be sent out to regional stakeholders outlining and offering SEStran's expertise in Tripsharing, Active Travel, Cycle Training, Travel Planning etc.</p> <p>GE reported that Peter Jackson from Cycling Scotland has been appointed as a Cycling Officer at SEStran. DG requested Peter Jackson's contact details and GE will send these to DG.</p>	George Eckton
11	AOB	
	There was no other business.	
12	Date of Next Meeting	
	A discussion took place regarding the frequency of the Equalities & Access to Healthcare Forum. The general consensus was that 2 meetings should take place this year. The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in due course.	