

EQUALITIES AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FORUM
10:00am Thursday 26th September 2024

Present:

Doreen Steele (Chair) (DS)	NCM
Cllr Colin Cassidy (CC)	Midlothian Council
Rhianne Forrest (RF)	Children's Health Scotland
Douglas Bryce (DB)	Disability Equality Scotland
Tony McRae (TMcR)	Fife Council
Anne Cowan (AC)	Fife Council
Kirstie Henderson (KH)	RNIB Scotland
Mark Craske (MC)	NHS Forth Valley
Ewan Doyle (ED)	Scottish Borders Council
Mahdi Saki (MS)	The Mental Health Foundation
Naghat Ahmed (NA) (in place of Linda Bamford)	MACS
Iona Chandler (IC)	Urban Tide
Steven Revill (SR)	Urban Tide
Brian Butler (BB)	SEStran
Keith Fiskin (KF)	SEStran
Michael Melton (MM)	SEStran
Rebecca Smith (RS)	SEStran
Nikki Boath (Minutes) (NB)	SEStran

Apologies:

Cllr Margaret Anslow	Falkirk Council
Cllr Jane Cox	Scottish Borders Council
Cllr Jenny Linehan	Scottish Borders Council
Cllr Ian Cameron	Fife Council
Steven Dora	Transport Scotland
Linda Bamford	Non-Councillor Member

Ref.		Actions
1.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	DS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	MINUTES FROM WEDNESDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024	
	The minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
	<u>Actions arising from the minutes of the last meeting</u>	

	Jennifer Watson to send link for the DES Evaluation Report to Rachael Murphy to circulate.	JW/RM
	Cllr McMillan to forward his questions to Jennifer Watson directly regarding Blue Badge application process.	Cllr McMillan
3.	TRAVEL TO HEALTHCARE	
	<p>KF provided an update. The key points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEStran has engaged with a number of organisations - Health Boards, NHS Assure, Scottish Ambulance Service, Community Transport Association, Youth Scotland and other stakeholder groups. KF stressed the benefits that have arisen from the group meetings as the organisations have had the opportunity to begin to develop ideas. • SEStran has met with health boards every six weeks as a group, giving them the chance to get to know each other and hearing from other projects about local solutions. • From forming this group, SEStran is going to work with health boards to see what opportunities there are to work together on collaborative interventions in the region. 	
4.	RURAL ACCELERATOR PROJECT	
	<p>KF introduced Iona Chandler, Partnership Manager at UrbanTide.</p> <p>IC presented a pilot project which UrbanTide are leading on, in collaboration with SEStran and NHS Scotland Assure for the Rural Transport Innovation Accelerator Project. This pilot will use UrbanTide's AI transport and data modelling to provide insights to Transport to Healthcare journeys.</p> <p>IC explained that the current iteration of the tool is very much a prototype, and that the next step will be detailed consultation with a range of stakeholders to better understand their needs, availability of data etc</p> <p>IC highlighted that the location chosen for the trial was Fife. IC explained the challenges, solutions and objectives in this trial.</p> <p>IC also explained the data and analysis used and the potential outcomes.</p> <p>RF asked if children's data has been specifically looked at. SR said that this has not been done yet.</p> <p>TMcR asked IC if UrbanTide had engaged with Fife Council in this exercise. SR explained that UrbanTide will be contacting Fife Council directly as the next step. TMcR highlighted to SR that he is the Fife Council contact. TMcR will provide SR & IC with RVS contacts for Fife region.</p> <p>KH asked if UrbanTide had looked at "Did Not Attend" data. SR explained that, although there has been research done regarding this data, UrbanTide have not got access to that data yet. SR mentioned that NHS partners are currently looking to obtain this information. However SR highlighted</p>	TMcR

	<p>that due to data protection, it may impossible to access this information.</p> <p>MS provided a link to a report that Mental Health Foundation has conducted. The journey to wellbeing - Refugees, transport, and mental health Mental Health Foundation</p> <p>MC will contact KH & BB to arrange a meeting to discuss an idea he has had in relation to Do Not Attend transport data. MC will forward a paper to KF & BB to read.</p> <p>AC asked if Blue Badge concessionary travel and travel for cancer treatment data has been collected. SR explained that this data has not been collected yet. However, SR suggested that research will be conducted in relation to these topics.</p> <p>DB suggested sharing this research with disabled people due to the various challenges faced by them on a daily basis eg level boarding and disabled spaces availability. SR agreed that this would be very useful and will arrange to discuss this with DB.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>SR/DB</p>
5.	ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL FRAMEWORK DELIVERY PLAN	
	KF provided a written update from Accessible Travel team. NB will circulate their slide to the Forum along with the full slide pack.	NB
6.	BUS STRATEGY UPDATE	
	<p>KF explained that the Case for Change has been completed and key themes have been identified. The key themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and customer feedback • Good interchange and bus stops • Safety, security and inclusion • Customer charter for the region <p>From these themes, a strategy is being developed. The next steps are stakeholder engagement which will be commencing in coming weeks. Thereafter, policy objectives will be developed and these will be taken to SEStran Partnership Board for approval. An update will be provided to this Forum at the next meeting.</p>	
7.	TERMS OF REFERENCE	
	<p>BB presented the slides. BB outlined the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution and Context • Remit • Proposal • Draft Purpose <p>BB proposed that a short-term working group be set up to discuss proposals within the next 2-3 weeks. BB asked if anyone who would like to be part of the group to email him – brian.butler@sestran.gov.uk</p> <p>DS agreed that this was a good proposal.</p>	Forum Members
8.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.	

Action Status Report

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Minute/Date	Agenda Item	Action	Person	Date Initiated	Due Date	Current Status	Date Completed
31/03/22	LOOKING AHEAD – EARLY ENGAGEMENT WITH NHS ON FUTURE PLANS AFFECTING TRANSPORT	Flag up that NHS Lothian need to link up with RTPs and members of this group regarding movement of services.	IS	31/03/22		Outstanding, Iain Sneddon did not attend on 12th October 2022. Iain Sneddon did not attend on 28th February 2023. Email sent Aug 23	
28/09/23	ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL FRAMEWORK ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN	Steven Dora to link up Rhianne Forrest from Children's Health Scotland to discuss the Blue Badge.	SD	28/09/23		Steven Dora put his email in the chat facility of the forum.	
28/09/23	ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL FRAMEWORK ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN	Steven Dora to look into the way that the Blue Badge is allocated.	SD	28/09/23			
28/09/23	THISTLE ASSISTANCE UPDATE	Keith Fiske to link up with Andrew McLellan from East Lothian Council regarding the VoyagaAR app.	KF & AMc	28/09/23		RM to speak to KF for update following EAH meeting on 29/2/24	
28/09/23	MOBILITY AND ACCESS COMMITTEE FOR SCOTLAND (MACS) TRANSPORT TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE REPORT	Steven Dora agreed to invite Doreen Steele to the Accessible Travel Framework Steering Group, specifically for transport to health and social care issues.	SD	28/09/23			
29/2/24	TRAVEL TO HEALTHCARE	Mark Craske will forward presentation slides from an	MC/NB	29/2/24		Completed	

		Active Travel conference. Nikki Boath to circulate					
29/2/24	TRAVEL TO HEALTHCARE	Rachael Murphy will arrange a meeting with Rhianne Forrest.	RM	29/2/24		Completed	
29/2/24	TRAVEL TO HEALTHCARE	Rachael Murphy will send Mark Craske a copy of the Scottish Government Transport to Health Delivery Plan.	RM	29/2/24		Completed	
29/2/24	ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL FRAMEWORK DELIVERY PLAN	Jennifer Watson to send link for the DES Evaluation Report to Rachael Murphy to circulate.	JW & RM	29/2/24		NB to speak to RM to establish if this has been done.	Report circulated on 16/10/24
29/2/24	ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL FRAMEWORK DELIVERY PLAN	Cllr McMillan raised a concern about the Blue Badge application process. Cllr McMillan will forward his questions directly to Jennifer Watson.	Cllr McMillan	29/2/24		NB emailed JW to find out if Cllr McMillan has been in touch. Still awaiting reply from JW	
26/9/24	RURAL ACCELERATOR PROJECT	Tony McRae will provide Steven Revill & Iona Chandler with RVS contacts for Fife region.	Tony McRae	26/9/24			

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26/9/24	ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL FRAMEWORK DELIVERY PLAN	NB to circulate Accessible Travel Framework slide to Forum Members.	Nikki Boath	26/9/24			
26/9/24	TERMS OF REFERENCE	BB would like to create a short-term working group to revise Terms of Reference for this Forum. Forum members to contact Brian Butler – brian.butler@sestran.gov.uk	Forum Members	26/9/24			