

Scottish NHS and HSCP Gypsy / Traveller Forum

Terms of Reference (October 2019)

1. The Forum is for those in NHS Boards and Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP) who have a lead role in tackling health inequalities and improving the health and well-being of Gypsy / Travellers.
2. The purpose of the Forum is to:
 - Identify good practice and assist in the sharing of such practices across Scotland, at an NHS Board, HSCP and locality level, as well as with Gypsy /Traveller led organisations and relevant third sector organisations e.g. MECOPP
 - Identify connections, potential partnerships and opportunities for joint working, sharing learning and undertaking research¹
 - Play an active role in influencing NHS and HSCP policy and service responses as they develop at a national and local level to ensure the Rights, Health and Well-being of Gypsy / Travellers are protected and promoted.
3. In order to maintain a meaningful watching brief, members will seek to share (as early as they can) updates on forthcoming policy, research and operational developments.
4. The Forum will meet by agreement, approximately two to three times a year. Meetings will try to offer opportunities for joining by tele-conference or video-conference. The meetings will be chaired by a member of the Forum (or Director of Public Health) and supported by the Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN).
5. The members of the Forum will include an NHS or HSCP representative nominated by their Steering Group or Public Health Team. Members are responsible for keeping their Group or Team updated on Forum activities and priorities.
New members of the Group will be invited subject to agreement by members.
6. ScotPHN will support the Forum to provide an annual update to the Scottish Government's Gypsy / Traveller Action Plan and Health and Social Care Delivery Plan.

¹ This may include any formal gathering of data, information and facts for advancing knowledge about the health and well-being of Gypsy Travellers