

SSWG Listening Event

The final event organised by SSWG was a 'Listening Event' held in Perth in April 2005. This was intended to garner members views as to the usefulness of SSWG's various activities over the years and to formulate a strategy for the group's future. Robert Farley introduced the day by presenting the history of SSWG, the membership profile of SSWG, the reasons for the day and the format for the day.

Four options for the future were considered by those present. These were: -

1. to remain as we are
2. to widen the remit to embrace all Assistive Technology
3. to fold, possibly becoming a Scottish branch of another group
4. to become a user focused campaigning organisation

After considerable structured discussion, a consensus was reached that the group would continue with a similar programme of events and activities, though with a stated aim to move on from the previous NHS focus, to include *all* those working within the field of posture and mobility, whether within NHS, Social Work, Education, the charitable sector, the commercial sector, academia, or elsewhere.

A name change and changes to the constitution were regarded as important steps and the committee was charged with formulating a proposition to put to the membership in a postal ballot, with a threshold for adoption of 2/3 of those voting for the proposition. The proposed changes to the name and the constitution were subsequently adopted by the membership, and the Scottish Posture and Mobility Network was born.