

All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer

Officers Meeting minutes

Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 3pm, Room W1 (off Westminster Hall)

Present:

John Baron MP
Nic Dakin MP
Jo Churchill MP
Collen Fletcher MP
Baroness Morgan

Apologies:

Mark Durkan MP
Grahame Morris MP

Secretariat:

Ayesha Ahmed, Macmillan Cancer Support
Charlotte Nicholls, Macmillan Cancer Support

Other:

Benjamin Yates, Parliamentary Researcher
James Shield, Macmillan Cancer Support
Lucy Simpson, Macmillan Cancer Support
Jane Lyons, Cancer52
Teresa-Rae Morton, Cancer Research UK
Isabel Wilkinson, Teenage Cancer Trust
Elyse James, Teenage Cancer Trust
Alison Stone, use MY data

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman John Baron MP welcomed everyone

2. Presentation from James Shield, Macmillan Cancer Support

3. APPGC's activities and priorities including:

a. Roundtable Discussion

John spoke about the upcoming roundtable discussion event, which he hopes will build on initiatives for early diagnosis, citing that

John noted that the breakfast roundtable would be used to ask charities to discuss progress and make more noise about, noting an absence of this in the media.

b. Summer Reception

The date for the APPGC's annual Summer Reception has been fixed and will be taking place on **5th July, 4-6pm**. Community Health and Care Minister, David Mowat MP, will be addressing the Reception and the APPGC will again be recognising those twenty Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) who have shown most improvement in their one-year cancer survival figures, with John noting that initiatives

c. Inquiry into the England Cancer Strategy

John and the Secretariat briefly talked through the 'Progress into the implementation of the England Cancer Strategy: One year on' inquiry last year. John noted that the APPGC will be looking to hold another inquiry into progress on the England Cancer Strategy – focusing on two years on. The Secretariat gave a brief detail on potential timings of the inquiry. It will be taking place in the second half of the year to coincide with the half-way mark of delivering the Cancer Strategy for England. As last year, it will include a call for written submissions from across the cancer community and the APPGC will aim to hold oral evidence sessions in September (before Party Conference recess).

d. Backbench Business Debate

Chairman John began by thanking fellow APPGC Officer, Nic Dakin MP, for speaking and leading the last Backbench Business Debate that took place on 8th December 2016. Nic shared his thanks with other colleagues who spoke and briefly gave an overview of the debate, noting that it received good cross party support and that the Minister's response suggested he was engaged with the issues. One of the strongest themes of the debate, he said, had been cancer workforce and planning, and John noted that the APPGC will be looking to monitor and focus on this going forward.

e. Britain Against Cancer

4. AOB

- a. Jane Lyons asked a question about the Breakfast Roundtable event
- b. Jo Churchill MP ask about workforce and what the APPGC can do
- c. Baroness Morgan also spoke about life sciences and how the APPGC can support this
- d. John expressed his gratitude to Secretariat to the APPGC, Ayesha Ahmed, who is leaving Macmillan and the APPGC,