



ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP  
ON CANCER

# All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer Meeting minutes

Wednesday 20 January 2016, 10.00am-11.00am, Room P, Portcullis House

**Present:**

John Baron MP  
Mark Durkan MP  
Danny Kinahan MP  
Callum Kerr MP  
Jo Churchill MP  
Baroness Hooper  
Jim Shannon MP  
Baroness Walmsley

**Apologies:**

Baroness Morgan, APPGC Officer  
Baroness Finlay, APPGC Officer  
Guto Bebb MP, APPGC Officer  
Nic Dakin MP, APPGC Officer

**Parliamentary researchers:**

Ben Yates (BY), Parliamentary Researcher

**Secretariat:**

Rebecca Leech, Macmillan Cancer Support  
Rebecca Steventon, Macmillan Cancer Support

**Guests:**

Chris Carrigan, Head of the National Cancer  
Intelligence Network  
Tamara Sandoul, Breast Cancer Now (as an  
observer)

1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>
2.	<b>Presentation from Chris Carrigan, Head of the National Cancer Intelligence Network</b>  Chris Carrigan set out how the new CCG Assurance Framework (formerly known as the CCG Scorecard) will fit within the context of current NHS data collection. The Framework will not introduce any new measures, but will bring current metrics together in a more accessible way, and allow CCGs to be held to account against them.  Jo Churchill raised the importance of early diagnosis, particularly of targeting late diagnosis at A&E; training more radiographers; and updating radiotherapy machines. Baroness Hooper agreed and stated it was also important to develop GPs' skills to improve early diagnosis. John Baron then highlighted the importance of primary care diagnostics and holding Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to account to drive up one-year survival figures.

	<p>Chris Carrigan moved on to stress the role he believes MPs should be playing to protect the Cancer Registry, which systematically collects cancer data. Carrigan explained people who opted out of having their details shared after the launch of Care.Data last January have potentially also unknowingly opted out of the Cancer Registry, which will affect the completeness of the data.</p> <p>John Baron set out what the APPGC has done on the issue, including meeting with Jane Ellison to express its concerns. He agreed to share the follow up letter and continue to raise the issue. Jo Churchill proposed the sector should be more open about the benefits of data sharing.</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Overview of APPGC plans</b></p> <p>John Baron gave an overview of the APPGC’s work in 2015, including engaging with the Cancer Strategy and the CCG Assurance Framework; hosting two Parliamentary debates; and hosting Britain Against Cancer. He then moved on to set out the APPGC’s priorities for 2016, and the Group’s plans for the year.</p> <p><b>Priorities</b></p> <p>The APPGC will keep a watching brief on early diagnosis and make sure one year cancer survival rates remain a priority, but it will also prioritise other issues. These priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving accountability</li> <li>• Improving support for people living with and beyond cancer</li> <li>• Rarer cancers</li> </ul> <p>As well as these priorities, the APPGC will also be continuing to look at issues it has focused on in the past including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the Cancer Drugs Fund</li> <li>○ data access</li> <li>○ older people</li> <li>○ Patient experience</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <p>In 2016, the APPGC will work together with the other cancer-related APPGs more in Parliament, and will focus on cross-border working to better represent all four Nations of the UK. Mark Durkan suggested that the APPGC should look at ways to engage with Ministers to discuss the key issues across cancer care.</p> <p>The Group will be holding a Summer Reception again, as well as the annual Britain Against Cancer conference. The Group will be publishing a report on the Britain Against Cancer conference in the Spring, and will also look for opportunities to monitor progress of the new Cancer Strategy.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Thank you and close.</b></p>