



All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer

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Dear Libby,

It has been a busy few months for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer since the General Election. Following our successful campaign to have one year survival included in the Delivery Dashboard of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Assurance Framework in the last Parliament, we are keen to ensure the focus on cancer continues in this Parliament. We will keep on pushing for improvements across the cancer pathway, and will look to work with the NHS, Government and Parliamentarians to achieve this.

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The APPGC's AGM: Reforming the Group post-Election

The APPGC's AGM reconstituted the Group following the General Election, and 10 MPs attended the meeting along with members of the Secretariat. This was hosted by John Baron MP as incumbent APPGC Chair, and featured a presentation by Juliet Bouverie, Macmillan's Director of Services and Influencing, who talked about the current cancer policy landscape.

John Baron MP also gave an overview of the APPGC's work and highlighted upcoming events such as Britain Against Cancer. He also discussed the Group's successful campaign to see one year survival on CCG dashboards, before general discussion took place on possible activities and priorities for the group for the year ahead.

The AGM also saw the election of the Group's Officers. John Baron MP was unanimously re-elected as Chair of the APPGC, and the following Members were selected as Vice-Chairs: Grahame Morris MP, Baroness Masham of Ilton,

Baroness Morgan of Drefelin, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Nic Dakin MP, Albert Owen MP, David Tredinnick MP, Guto Bebb MP, and Jo Churchill MP.

You can read [full minutes of the meeting](#).

APPGC report on one year survival rates: Measuring Progress

In July, the APPGC launched its new report, Measuring Progress, which explores the progress of one year survival rates and what CCGs are doing to improve these. It explores what impacts on one year survival, including early diagnosis, access to treatment and post-treatment support, and what MPs can do to support improvements. Read the [full report](#).

The APPGC's Summer Reception

In July, the APPGC's summer reception took place in House of Commons. As well as being an opportunity for the cancer community to come together, the event saw the launch of the Measuring Progress report, along with a suite of materials for Parliamentarians to use within their constituencies to encourage relevant CCGs to improve one year survival rates.

Approximately 60 Parliamentarians from across the political spectrum attended (including Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt MP), along with charities, NHS representatives, and people affected by cancer. Attendees heard from John Baron MP as Chair of the APPGC, as well as Macmillan's Chief Executive, Lynda Thomas, and Health Minister Jane Ellison MP. The Minister used the event to update the audience on key issues within cancer, and encouraged Parliamentarians to use the suite of resources available to them at the event with regard to one year survival.

The publication of Achieving World-Class cancer Outcomes: A Strategy for England 2015-2020

July saw the publication of the report of the Independent Cancer Taskforce. The report contains a range of recommendations that aim to create improvements across the cancer care pathway. These fall under six strategic priorities for the next five years, which relate to issues including earlier diagnosis, living with and beyond cancer, and patient experience.

The Taskforce believes that, if implemented, the strategy could result in a further

30,000 people each year surviving cancer for 10 years or more by 2020. You can find the Strategy, along with its [executive summary](#). The APPGC will be responding to the strategy in due course.

Save the date - Britain Against Cancer 2015

This year's Britain Against Cancer will be taking place on **Tuesday 8 December**, in Central Hall, Westminster. This annual conference is the APPGC's flagship event, and is an opportunity for the cancer community to come together and discuss key current issues, and to hear from key figures within policy and Government. There will also be a range of workshops to participate in, an exhibition, and time to network with colleagues from across sectors.

Please save the date and join us for this important event. More details will be available on how to register. If you think that your organisation might be interested in exhibiting at the conference this year, please email Ayesha.Ahmed@macmillan.org.uk

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