



## All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer

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Dear Maja,

Welcome to the latest All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer newsletter. Please read on to find out all about how our fifteenth annual Britain Against Cancer went, and what we have been doing to build support for our important recommendations in Parliament.

### The best Britain Against Cancer ever!

On Tuesday 10 December 2013, the APPGC hosted the fifteenth annual Britain Against Cancer (BAC) conference at Central Hall Westminster. With over 450 delegates attending, record numbers of exhibitors and speeches from prominent speakers, 2013's BAC was the most successful yet.

The [keynote speeches](#) of the Secretary of State for Health, the Shadow Secretary of State and the National Clinical Director for cancer focused on the challenge of cancer in the new health service and the need to improve care and services. This year's [breakout sessions](#) covered the entire cancer journey, looking at the priorities for the NHS in order to improve outcomes for people affected by cancer.



At BAC, we launched our great new report, [Cancer across the Domains](#), which identifies 18 key recommendations to make sure that cancer services and outcomes are prioritised in the new NHS. We were particularly happy to hear Sean Duffy, the National Clinical Director for cancer, welcome the report. We will be working with him and others at NHS England, and wider, on the realisation of our recommendations. You can read more about this below.

We have also captured the day with an [online photo gallery](#). Why not check it out?

### "Excellent report" *Cancer across the Domains* debated in Parliament

Throughout 2013, the APPGC was working hard to collect evidence on what the cancer priorities in the new NHS structure should be. We spoke to people affected by cancer, charities, expert professionals and commissioners, to make sure that the recommendations that were included in the report reflected the views of the whole cancer community. The result was *Cancer across the Domains*, which outlines 18 crucial recommendations for NHS England.

Throughout 2014 the APPGC will be taking these forward in Parliament and with NHS England. We hope that this will lead to the recommendations being implemented and improved outcomes for people affected by cancer.

On 13 February, our Chair, John Baron MP, tabled a debate in the Main Chamber of the House of Commons. During the debate, key themes in the report were brought up, including the absolute need to improve cancer survival rates and patients' experiences of cancer care. You can [read our highlights of the debate online](#).

We were greatly encouraged that, as a result of the debate, the Minister (Jane Ellison MP) committed to responding to the recommendations in the report formally. Having described *Cancer across the Domains* as "excellent", we look forward to seeing the Minister's response and working with her to see our recommendations implemented.



### Next time

In our next newsletter, we'll be letting you know what we've been doing to take *Cancer across the Domains* forward, as well as giving you a preview of what to expect at this year's Britain Against Cancer. For now, hold the date: **Tuesday 9 December 2014**.

### More information

If you would like to find out more about the APPGC on Cancer please contact the Secretariat Tim Nicholls at [TNicholls@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:TNicholls@macmillan.org.uk) or visit us at [www.appg-cancer.org.uk](http://www.appg-cancer.org.uk).

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