



All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer

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Dear APPGC Members,

Hello and welcome to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer's (APPGC) first newsletter of 2013.

Here you will find all the information about the Group's activities in Parliament, news of recent events and plans for the coming year.

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Britain Against Cancer conference 2012 – bigger and better than ever!

The APPGC's flagship annual conference attracted more delegates than ever before. Over 460 attendees heard the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP, and the Shadow Secretary of State, Andy Burnham MP, outline their priorities for cancer services. There was also a presentation by National Clinical Director for Cancer, Professor Sir Mike Richards, which was followed by a lively Q&A with our panel of experts.

The conference also saw APPGC Chair, John Baron MP, launch our new report, [An effective transition? Cancer commissioning in the new NHS](#). Introducing the report, John Baron set out the Group's assessment of the progress made in cancer services in 2012 and what more needs to be done in 2013.

A summary of the day with links to all the presentations can be found [here](#). There is also a short film about the APPGC and the conference.

Thank you to all those who attended the conference. Planning has already begun for Britain Against Cancer 2013, so please keep a space free in your diaries on **Tuesday 10 December** for this year's conference.

Successes in 2012

The APPGC spent much of 2012 campaigning to ensure that the new NHS delivers high quality cancer services. In December the NHS Commissioning Board published the [Clinical Commissioning Group Outcomes Indicators Set \(CCG OIS\)](#), which will be used to hold CCGs to account for their performance. Following extensive campaigning by the APPGC and the cancer community we are delighted that the final framework includes indicators for 1 and 5 year survival rates for all cancers and for lung, breast and bowel cancers combined. This will encourage providers to invest in early diagnosis and will help the NHS to meet the Government's ambition of saving an additional 5,000 lives a year from cancer by 2014/15.

Following the progress made in 2012, attention has now turned to how the Outcomes Frameworks

will work in practice. During Health Questions, John Baron MP, asked the Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt MP, [what action will be taken against underperforming CCGs](#). The Secretary of State stated that the NHS Commissioning Board will have responsibility for CCG performance, and he expects them to 'clamp down hard' on underperforming CCGs. The APPGC will continue to scrutinise the Government on NHS performance, to ensure that outcomes for cancer patients continue to improve.

APPGC in 2013

A key role of the APPGC is to provide a platform for the cancer community to come together and share ideas. We intend to continue to play this vital role in 2013. This year, we are planning a series of meetings with the key players in the new NHS. Our primary focus will be on whether the NHS Commissioning Board is suitably set up to deliver world leading cancer services. Further information about this programme of work will be shared shortly, so please watch this space.

More information

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Best regards,

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