



## All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer

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Dear Maja,

**Welcome to this season's All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer newsletter. While we are busy putting the final touches to this year's Britain Against Cancer conference, please read on to find out about the APPGC's work, including on its new report *Cancer Across the Domains*.**

### Last chance to book!

Tickets for this year's Britain Against Cancer conference are selling fast. We have a great day planned, including speeches from the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt MP and the Shadow Secretary of State for Health Andy Burnham MP. There will be six breakout sessions covering each domain of the new NHS structure, and more, as well as two lunchtime fringes. Some of these are nearing or at capacity, so take a look at our [programme](#) and [sign up now](#) to avoid disappointment!



There's a vibrant exhibition space, as well as great networking sessions and an opportunity to discuss the findings of the *Cancer Across the Domains* report with colleagues and friends, old and new.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the BAC team via [BAC@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:BAC@macmillan.org.uk).

### Cancer Across the Domains

As you know, we have been working on our project developing a set of cancer priorities for NHS England, the new body responsible for NHS care in England. Many of you will have participated in the APPGC's workshops and the online consultation: thank you for your time and your input. We look forward to working with NHS England over the next two to three years to ensure that health services continue to deliver the best possible outcomes for people living with cancer.

The report is being launched at the Britain Against Cancer conference, so [sign up to attend now](#) to get your chance to discuss its important findings.

For more information on our Cancer Across the Domains project visit the [APPG website](#), or contact Tim Windle at Macmillan Cancer Support, via [TWindle@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:TWindle@macmillan.org.uk).

### Improving cancer patients' experiences

On 30 October, James Clappison MP (Officer of the APPGC) hosted a debate on cancer patient experience. During this wide-ranging discussion, several other members of the Group, including John Baron MP (Chair), Nic Dakin MP and Eric Ollerenshaw MP, added their voices to the call for improved patient experiences of care. Across the parties, MPs called for a stronger focus from NHS England on "relational care", highlighting its importance to patients and clinical outcomes.

Responding, the new Minister for Public Health, Jane Ellison MP, emphasised the need to put patient experience at the heart of the NHS and highlighted the recent introduction of patients as part of hospital inspection teams.

You can [watch a recording of the debate online](#), or [read the transcript](#) in full.

### Next year

In our next newsletter, in the New Year, we will be letting you know about everything we have planned and all the ways that you can get involved. Watch this space for more information.

### More information

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

Kind regards,  
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