



ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
ON CANCER

All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer Meeting minutes

Wednesday 16 March 2016, 10.00am-11.00am, Room U, Portcullis House

Present:

John Baron MP
Mark Durkan MP
Nic Dakin MP
David Tredinnick
Baroness Masham
Baroness Finlay

Apologies:

Jo Churchill MP

Parliamentary researchers:

Ben Yates, Parliamentary Researcher

Secretariat:

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

Other:

Professor Sean Duffy, Advisor to the APPGC
Chris Carrigan, Head of the National Cancer
Intelligence Network
Kate Room, Head of Customer Diversity &
Vulnerability, Nationwide
Jenny MacLeod, The Rarer Cancers Foundation
Alison Stone, National Cancer Intelligence Network
Sarah Hynes, Policy and Campaigns Coordinator,
Prostate Cancer UK
Isabel Wilkinson, Policy Executive, Teenage
Cancer Trust

1.	Welcome and apologies Chair John Baron MP welcomed Sean Duffy to the meeting and announced he would take on a role as Special Advisor to the APPGC.
2.	Overview of the APPGC's recent activity and plans for 2016 John Baron updated the Group on the APPGC's recent activity and plans for 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Britain Against Cancer report The APPGC produced a report providing an overview of the 2015 Britain Against Cancer conference which sets out the APPGC's position on its key themes. The report will be circulated to Officers of the APPGC soon for comment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer Strategy Inquiry The APPGC is holding an Inquiry one year on from the publication of the Cancer Strategy this June. There will be a call for evidence followed by two hearings with experts from the cancer community. Afterwards the APPGC will produce a short report. Invitations will be shared with the Officers shortly. • Summer Reception The APPGC will hold its annual Summer Reception on 6 July 2016 to present the preliminary findings from the Cancer Strategy Inquiry and update MPs on their local CCG's one year cancer survival rates. The APPGC will invite Public Health Minister Jane Ellison MP to speak..
2.	<p>Update on data access</p> <p>John Baron invited Chris Carrigan, the Head of the National Cancer Intelligence Network, to update on the future of access to cancer data.</p> <p>Chris Carrigan explained 900,000 people opted out of sharing their data after the mishandling of the Care.Data programme, and there are now concerns these opt outs will apply to the Cancer Registry as well, which will mean it can no longer give a complete picture of cancer in the UK.</p> <p>The APPGC Secretariat will produce a short update on data access for the group.</p>
3.	<p>One year cancer survival figures released</p> <p>John Baron reminded the Officers about the APPGC's success ensuring one year cancer survival figures are "in the DNA of the NHS" including the CCG Scorecard and the Cancer Strategy. He explained the APPGC must now move on to hold CCGs to account for their local figures.</p> <p>The APPGC will produce a quarterly briefing and press release for colleagues including key questions to ask their CCG about local one year survival.</p>
4.	<p>Suggestions for future plans and campaigns</p> <p>Baroness Finlay suggested the APPGC should investigate carcinogenic chemicals and David Tredinnick MP highlighted that he was still waiting for a response from the Government to the Report on the Regulation of Herbal Medicines and Practitioners.</p>
5.	<p>External Speaker: Nationwide programme supporting people affected by cancer</p> <p>The APPGC heard from Kate Room, the Nationwide Head of Customer Vulnerability & Diversity about the Building Society's programme of support for people affected by cancer.</p> <p>Nationwide created a Specialist Support Service to support customers and their families individually, which they hope will inspire other building societies and banks.</p> <p>Nationwide is now rolling the service out to people with other conditions and sharing best practice with the sector.</p> <p>John Baron commended Nationwide on the scheme, and proposed that the APPGC will inform Parliamentarians about the service in its inaugural quarterly report.</p>
6.	<p>Private session: APPGC accounts</p> <p>The Officers of the APPGC considered the APPGC's 2015 Accounts and officially</p>

	signed them off.
7.	Close and AOB