



Officers' meeting minutes

APPG on Breast Cancer

18 July 2018 10am-10.30am, Room U, Portcullis House

Present	
Craig Tracey MP	Ailar Hashemzadeh, Breast Cancer Now
Thangam Debbonaire MP	Eleanor Thompson, Breast Cancer Now
Nick Thomas-Symmonds MP	Hannah Blackburn, Breast Cancer Care
Tim Farron MP	Mhairi Threlfall (with Thangam Debbonaire MP)
Damien Moore MP	Apologies
Jude Telford (for Philippa Whitford MP)	Philippa Whitford MP
	Sharon Hodgson MP

1. Election of Officers

Craig Tracey MP and Thangam Debbonaire MP were elected as Co-chairs. Philippa Whitford MP who was elected Co-Chair in absentia.

Sharon Hodgson MP was elected as Vice Chair in absentia.

It was proposed that the next officers' meeting be held as an EGM to enable those of the former Vice Chairs who wish to remain in their roles to be elected to them again.

Action: AH to organise an officers' meeting in September

2. Update from Secretariat

Ailar Hashemzadeh ran through the group's achievements for the year, including the publication and launch of the Inquiry into Geographical Inequalities, the influencing that has supported that publication, and the panel discussion celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Thangam Debbonaire MP thanked Breast Cancer Now for their hard work as secretariat.

3. Next steps

Thangam Debbonaire MP highlighted the misconception that breast cancer is a solved problem, and suggested prevention as a key area for work in future, Craig Tracey MP mentioned that he would like the group to do some work on breast density. Thangam also stressed the importance of data in the breast screening invitation error and wanted to keep on top of the progress of the inquiry.

The group also discussed work with Matt Hancock MP in his new role as Health Secretary and resolved to send a welcome note highlighting PPRS, workforce, and providing a hard copy of the report.

For Breast Cancer Awareness Month it was proposed that the group hold the planned roundtable with Cancer Alliances and a presentation on data from Philippa Whitford MP

Action: Craig to share notes from his meeting with patient rep Joanne

Action: Group to send PPRS/Welcome letter to Matt Hancock

Action: AH to set October date for Cancer Alliances roundtable