



## **Minutes**

APPGBC Bi-Monthly Officers' Meeting

Thursday 20 April 2017, 12:30 to 13:30, Room N, Portcullis House

### **Attendees:**

Philippa Whitford MP (PW); Sharon Hodgson MP (SH); Sam Nicholls (SN); Melanie Sturtevant (APPG on Breast Cancer) (MS); Ailar Hashemzadeh (APPG on Breast Cancer) (AH); Sarah Osborn (APPG on Breast Cancer) (SO).

### **Apologies:**

Craig Tracey MP; Jo Churchill MP; Baroness Massey of Darwen; Emma Lavelle (Breast Cancer Care).

### **1. Welcome and introduction to Ailar**

### **2. Inquiry update – including forthcoming oral evidence sessions in light of General Election announcement**

- The third oral evidence session (24 May) would need to be rescheduled until after the upcoming general election. MS recommended that the second session (25 April) was also postponed. In order for the inquiry report to be produced before the end of the year, MS recommended that the oral evidence sessions be held before summer recess, in late June or July. SH and PW were in agreement.
- Given the delay caused by the general election, MS said the report was likely to be ready in November or December.
- The APPG will need to be re-registered, with officers elected again, in the new Parliament. MS suggested that an AGM could be held to elect officers immediately before the next oral evidence session.

### **ACTION:**

- SN to look into room bookings for oral evidence sessions in late June/July.

### **3. Update on drugs – Kadcyla, Perjeta, budget impact test**

- MS said that NICE is meeting to discuss Kadcyla and Perjeta again on 9 May. Decisions should be announced over the summer. NICE was meeting to discuss Palbociclib on 8 June. A decision on Palbociclib may not be announced until September.
- Due to purdah, no drugs decisions will be announced until after the election.
- Breast Cancer Now and other charities remain very concerned about the budget impact test that had now been implemented by NICE and NHS England. Amendments proposed to the Medical Supplies Bill were providing an opportunity to raise these concerns.

### **ACTION:**



- MS to send MPs further briefings on budget impact test.

#### **4. Process for sign off regarding statements on behalf of APPG**

- AH asked whether officers want to issue statements on key drugs decisions as an APPG. SH and PW said they would like the APPG to issue statements on decisions and issues the Group has been working on.
- As the Secretariat will hear drugs decisions early under embargo, MS and AH said they could draft statements in advance of a drug decision being announced. The day a decision is announced, a statement would be ready for sign-off by the APPG.
- AH stated that the Secretariat would prefer it if all APPG officers, both chairs and vice chairs, approved a statement before it was released. PW and SH agreed with this, and SH suggested contacting all officers with a deadline for responding on statements. If the deadline passes and some officers have agreed to the statement but we have not heard back from others, the Secretariat will release the statement. This will ensure that statements can be issued promptly.

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