



Co-chairs meeting
APPG on Breast Cancer
11 September 2018 9am-10am,

Present	Apologies
Philippa Whitford MP	Craig Tracey MP
Thangam Debbonaire MP	
Eleanor Thompson, Campaigns and Public Affairs Manager	
Ailar Hashemzadeh, Public Affairs Officer	

1. Introduction

2. Meeting with Cancer Alliances and Minister Steve Brine

AH updated co-chairs on the meeting between APPGBC co-chairs, Minister Steve Brine and Cancer Alliance leads. The meeting has been scheduled for two hours in the morning of 31 October 2018 and will also be attended by David Fitzgerald, Senior Programme Director for the National Cancer Programme. It was agreed PW would chair the session.

The Secretariat discussed a proposed agenda for the meeting with co-chairs. TD and PW agreed with the structure of the event and made minor amendments to timing and naming of sessions. TD and PW also emphasised that they would like the Minister to leave the meeting with actions to carry out as follow up and therefore would like presenters to propose tangible solutions to the issues. .

It was agreed that each session would be introduced by an expert on that topic and TD and PW approved Secretariat to approach suggested speakers. PW agreed to present on how data is used in Scotland for quality improvement. AH committed to fully brief the co-chairs on the key issues under each topic area ahead of the event.

ACTION: AH to send CT proposed agenda for comment and sign-off.

ACTION: AH to send co-chairs more detailed event plan by the end of the month.

3. Breast Cancer Now's work on long-term NHS funding for breast cancer

ET updated co-chairs on Breast Cancer Now's work and upcoming campaign *55000 Reasons* on long-term NHS funding including risk-stratified screening, geographical inequalities and reaching international standards. Co-chairs were interested in this work and emphasised that prevention was another area that they wished to see prioritised in the work of the APPGBC. AH said that Secretariat had been approached by various organisations about joint events which could be rolled into a bigger event on prevention. It was agreed that as prevention is a broader issue that involves interventions at school and in the community this should be pitched beyond the NHS and include stakeholders from PHE, DCLG and DfE.

ACTION: AH to send co-chairs a draft letter for Simon Stevens on long-term economic plan.

ACTION: AH to send proposal for APPGBC event next year on prevention.

4. Health Oral Questions

AH discussed sending suggested questions to officers before Health Oral Questions to raise more awareness about breast cancer issues.

ACTION: AH to send officers suggested and supplementary questions before Health Oral Questions (ongoing).

5. AOB

The secretariat also highlighted upcoming work in Parliament including:

- A possible backbench business debate on the future of breast cancer which has been submitted to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month by Karen Lee's office
- A joint event for the women of Parliament (staff, researchers, MPs and Peers) with Jo's Trust emphasising the importance of breast and cervical screening led by Diana Johnson MP and scheduled for February.