

Minutes of the AGM of the APPG on Dementia

26th April 2022, 3pm-4pm

Attendees

Members: Debbie Abrahams MP, Liz Saville-Roberts MP, Thangam Debbonnaire MP, Baroness Greengross, Jessica Morden MP, Judith Cummins MP, Rob Butler MP, Kerry McCarthy MP, Jeremy Wright MP

Staffers: Abigail Dickson, Laurence Robertson's office; Elliott Banks, Rob Butler's office; Elisabeth Aaron-Beloten, Jeremy Wright's office

Secretariat: Alex Osborne, Dan Simpson

Guests: Sarah Greenwood from the Alzheimer's Society and Sophie Levin, the Football Association

Minutes

- Alex Osborne welcomed attendees on behalf of Debbie Abrahams MP, co-chair of the APPG. Baroness Greengross followed with an introduction, explaining the work of the APPG over the last year, including its letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer ahead of last year's budget and the inquiries it has held this year.
- Debbie Abrahams MP removed herself from the chair for the purpose of the election of co-chairs. Kerry McCarthy MP took the chair. Nominations for the position of chair were taken. **Debbie Abrahams MP nominated Baroness Greengross and herself as co-chairs, which was seconded by Jeremy Wright MP and Liz Saville-Roberts MP. Debbie Abrahams MP and Baroness Greengross were duly elected co-chairs.**
- Debbie Abrahams MP retook the chair and took nominations for vice chairs. Alex Osborne read the nominations that had been made: **for the position of Vice Chair, Baroness Ilora Finlay, Baroness Margaret Ritchie, Dr James Davies MP, Elliot Colburn MP, Jeremy Wright MP, Judith Cummins MP, Marie Rimmer MP, Mark Menzies MP, Simon Baynes MP, Lord David Blunkett, Lord Philip Hunt, Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, Liz Saville-Roberts MP, and Laurence Robertson MP; and for the position of member: Dr Lisa Cameron MP. These nominations were seconded by Members on the call and all Members were duly elected.**
- Debbie Abrahams MP continued laying out the work of the APPG over the last year, before asking Alex Osborne to outline the plan of work for the coming year, including potential inquiries into dementia diagnosis rates and prioritizing dementia.
- Baroness Greengross suggested writing to the Minister for Care to push the government to publish the National Dementia Strategy on time. Debbie also suggested an international dimension to the proposed future inquiries, particularly around diagnosis rates.
- The APPG on Dementia then heard from the Football Association about dementia, football, and their partnership with Alzheimer's Society.
- Debbie Abrahams highlighted Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Action Week parliamentary event on 18 May.
- The meeting was brought to a close at 15:55.

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