



All Party Parliamentary Group for Radiotherapy

APPGRT Manifesto Launch – Academy of Medical Sciences, Portland Place London

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It is so positive to see the work of the APPG for Radiotherapy working collaboratively alongside all of you here today.

It is crucial to the future success of services that we all contribute to raising awareness to government stakeholders about the importance of ongoing investment in Radiotherapy services, in particular in our workforce, so that with successful team working we can achieve a better model of care for our patients as we strive towards the delivery of world class services for patients.

Therapeutic radiographers are in short supply and we need to invest to support the pipeline of pre-registration student training.

We are pleased to support the work of CRUK and the principles for Radiotherapy. We welcome the APPG drive in flagging the resource needed to support the NHS England goals as outlined in the document A Vision for Radiotherapy.

We are very active in the work of the Clinical Reference Group working with NHS England in defining what's required for world class delivery- to support this investment in connectivity will be essential. We support the APPG drive in flagging the resource required to support this NHS England goal.

There must be funding to deliver the ongoing education and development and training needed at post graduate advanced and consultant practice level and also entry level study we are pleased that the APPG manifesto supports this goal.

The late Jo Cox MP from my hometown would have been happy to hear me say that we are stronger together and this Manifesto demonstrates this so very well.