

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Radiotherapy | Annual General Meeting | Minutes

Wednesday 30th March 2022 | 10:00

Attendees

- Tim Farron MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Radiotherapy
- Lord Rennard, Vice- Chair
- Baroness Golding, Vice-Chair
- Cait Maloney, Office of Grahame Morris MP, Vice-Chair
- Sam Khan, Office of Sharon Hodgson MP
- F McKeever, Office of Selaine Saxby MP
- Bea Morrison, Office of Feryal Clarke MP
- Professor Pat Price, Radiotherapy UK (Secretariat)
- Sarah Quinlan, Radiotherapy UK (Secretariat)
- Lynsey Rice, Radiotherapy UK (Secretariat)
- Daniel Laing, Radiotherapy4Life
- Peter Carroll, Radiotherapy4Life
- Siân Lloyd, Radiotherapy4Life
- Maurice Robering, Radiotherapy4Life
- Subodh Tailor, Hanover on behalf of CATTs
- David Levey, Macmillan

Agenda chaired by Tim Farron MP

1. Introduction from the Chair
2. Short APPG RT AGM
 - a. Election of officers
 - b. Approval of Income and Expenditure Statement
3. The cancer backlog is still unsolved – update on the urgent situation in radiotherapy services
4. Action needed in 10-year cancer plan – how parliamentarians can support
5. Next steps and actions
6. AOB

Introduction from Chair

- Chair of the APPG Tim Farron MP introduced the AGM.
- He provided a bit of background on the APPG and said that he was proud to represent the radiotherapy profession and fight for patients past, present and future.

Election of Officers

- It was agreed that Tim Farron would stay on as Chair. All current Vice-Chairs were also re-elected:
 - Grahame Morris MP
 - Henry Smith MP
 - Derek Thomas MP
 - Baroness Golding
 - Lord Rennard

Approval of income and expenditure statement

- Professor Pat Price gave an update on the income and expenditure of the APPG.
- This was approved.

Update on the cancer backlog and urgent situation in radiotherapy services

- Professor Pat Price provided a summary of the current situation regarding the cancer backlog.
- She also highlighted the potential of radiotherapy in clearing the backlog but explained it was being held back by lack of investment and bureaucracy.
- Both Tim Farron and Professor Price highlighted issues with the current tariff system in particular.

Action needed in 10-year cancer plan – how parliamentarians can support

- Daniel Laing gave an update on opportunities for engagement including ensuring radiotherapy isn't overlooked in the 10 Year Cancer Plan consultation.
- He asked Parliamentarians at the meeting how, from the Radiotherapy4Life Campaign's point of view, the importance of radiotherapy can be put to the right people.
- Baroness Golding said there was significant pushing power in the House of Lords and Lord Renard suggested approaching Lord Kamall, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Technology, Innovation and Life Sciences at the Department of Health and Social Care.
- Tim Farron called for those in the Commons to use debates and PQs as opportunities to ask the Sajid Javid to meet with group. He also suggested formally writing to Sajid Javid.
- Tim Farron also said that after Easter the group should look at the possibility of a Westminster Hall or adjournment debate.

Next Steps

- The Group will seek to ensure radiotherapy is included in the 10 Year Cancer Plan.
- They will also seek a meeting with Sajid Javid to discuss radiotherapy.
- Members of the House of Lords will approach Lord Kamall to request a meeting on the issue. The most opportune moment will be in a few weeks once Lord Kamall is no longer preoccupied with the Health and Care Bill. The Secretariat will provide the necessary briefings for this.
- Members of the House of Commons will use upcoming debates and PQs to raise awareness of the issue and request a meeting with Sajid Javid. After Easter, they will try for a Westminster Hall or Adjournment Debate.
- The Group will write formally to Sajid Javid to request a meeting.