



All Party Parliamentary Group Arts, Health and Wellbeing

Annual Report 2014-2015

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing's inaugural meeting was held on January 15th 2014. Twelve Peers and MPs attended the meeting. The purpose of the Group and Terms of Reference were discussed and agreed.

The Officers were elected as follows:

Rt Hon Paul Burstow MP, Co-Chair
Rt Hon Lord Howarth of Newport CBE, Co-Chair
Sarah Newton MP, Co-Chair
Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, Vice-Chair
Rt Hon Frank Dobson MP, Vice-Chair

It was agreed that the National Alliance for Arts, Health and Wellbeing would support the group and that Alexandra Coulter, Director of Arts & Health South West would provide the secretariat for the Group on their behalf.

Subsequent to this meeting the names of the Officer's and 20 Qualifying Members from both houses and the three main parties were recorded in the Register of All-Party Groups.

There are currently 55 parliamentarians who are either Qualifying Members or who have expressed an interest in the Group. They are invited to all events and a monthly newsletter informs them of the Group's activities and significant relevant developments nationally and internationally. Events are advertised on the All Party Notices and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Qualifying Members 2014-15

Government Party:

Paul Burstow
Lord Crathorne
Stephen Dorrell
Jason McCartney
Sarah Newton
Jesse Norman
Dr Matthew Offord
Lord Phillips of Sudbury

Sir Andrew Stunell
Dr Sarah Wollaston

Main Opposition Party:

Lord Bragg
Frank Dobson
Lord Howarth of Newport
Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall
Chris Ruane
Valerie Vaz

Other:

Lord Berkeley of Knighton
Lord Crisp
Baroness Finlay of Llandaff
Baroness Greengross

Events and Officers' Meetings

Events with guest speakers:

July 2nd

Event, chaired by Rt Hon Lord Howarth of Newport, on The Care Act: how the arts and culture can contribute to improving the quality of life following the Francis Inquiry. The speakers were Sir Robert Francis QC; Dr Ellen Storm, trainee paediatrician and winner of the Hippocrates Prize for Poetry and Medicine; Nicky Crane, Head of Arts Strategy at Guy's and St Thomas' Charity; and Dr Suzy Willson, Artistic Director of Clod Ensemble. The event was attended by 30 people (10 parliamentarians).

November 5th

Joint event with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Wellbeing Economics, chaired by Rt Hon Paul Burstow MP, on The Care Act: commissioning arts and culture for wellbeing. Speakers were: Rt Hon David Lammy MP; Helen Goodman MP; Valerie Little, formerly Director of Public Health, Dudley; Steven Michael, CEO South West Yorkshire NHS Foundation Trust; and John Nawrockyi, Director of Adult and Social Care, Borough of Greenwich. The event was attended by 31 people (8 parliamentarians).

Officers' Meetings:

Officers' planning meetings were held on **February 11th** and **June 25th**.

On **7th April** the Officers attended a roundtable on Arts and Health convened and chaired by Ed Vaizey, Minister for the Arts.

On **July 17th** the Officers met with the Secretary of State for Health. As a result of this meeting the Department of Health commissioned Public Health England to prepare an evidence review on Arts and Health.

On **December 15th** the Officers met with Dr Justin Varney, National Lead Adult Health and Wellbeing PHE, to discuss progress of the evidence review and practice guidance for the Care Act.

Financial Statement

The funding for the secretariat is provided by the National Alliance for Arts, Health and Wellbeing (NAAHW). The NAAHW is managed by the London Arts in Health Forum (LAHF). For the period 2012-15 LAHF was a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) of Arts Council England (ACE) and as such received core funding from ACE. Part of their responsibility as an NPO is to support the NAAHW. The NAAHW agreed to support the APPG on Arts, Health and Wellbeing with a proportion of their annual allocation. LAHF has successfully reapplied to be an ACE NPO for the period 2015-18 and there is a commitment to continue funding the APPG for 2015-18. The NAAHW is made up of representatives from the nine regions of England and has delegated responsibility for the secretariat for the APPG to one of the representatives, Arts & Health South West.

Income:

Arts Council funding to LAHF for NAAHW allocated to APPG 2013-14	£2000
Arts Council funding to LAHF for NAAHW allocated to APPG 2014-15	£2000
Total	£4000

Expenditure:

Fee to Arts & Health South West for set up period 2013-14	£1500
Fee to Arts & Health South West for financial year 2014-15	£1500
Expenses (to date)	£465.10
Total	£3465.10
Balance	£534.90

Expenses breakdown:

Travel to London (AC)	£362.10
Travel for speakers	£79.70
Photocopying and postage	£23.30
Total	£465.10