



**All-Party Parliamentary Group  
Arts, Health and Wellbeing**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**3.30-4pm**

**House of Lords Committee Room 1**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome**

**Present:**

Lord Berkeley of Knighton

Lord Crisp

Rt Hon. Lord Howarth of Newport, Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing

Chris Ruane MP, Vice-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing

Rt Hon. Ed Vaizey MP, Registered Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing

Alex Coulter, Secretary to the APPG

Alex Pleasants, Researcher to Ed Vaizey MP

**Apologies were received from:**

Baroness Andrews, Treasurer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing

Baroness Greengross

Baroness Lister of Burtesett

Baroness McIntosh

**2. Minutes of the 2018AGM**

The minutes from the AGM in 2018 were approved.

**3. Annual Report 2018 – 19**

The annual report was discussed and it was agreed that the APPG had made excellent progress on the ten recommendations in the *Creative Health* report. There was a discussion about whether the APPG should include social prescribing in its name. However, Social Prescribing covers a lot of activities other than arts and culture. Social prescribing isn't the whole story of arts and culture for health and wellbeing, which also includes work in the acute sector.

Lord Crisp congratulated everyone on the progress since the report. There is a culture change occurring and health is beginning to be seen as a bio-psycho-social phenomenon, not just biological. The activity of the APPG and the impact of the *Creative Health* report have

contributed to this culture change. This area also includes prevention and the non-medical benefits of arts and culture, whereas social prescribing implies a medical model.

Chris Ruane has been considering setting up an APPG on social prescribing. There is a role for MPs to champion it in their communities.

**ACTIONS:**

- APPG to review the aims and objectives of the group and consider whether social prescribing should be included or whether a new APPG should be set up
- AC to share an email with group on the social prescribing round table that was led by Rebecca Pow
- Members of the APPG to prepare a paper (CR, AH, AC and AP)

**4. Finances**

We are waiting for the final installment from Wellcome. Ed Vaizey happy with the financial statement and signed it off.

**5. Election of Officers**

Lord Howarth as Co-Chair, nominated Ed Vaizey as Registered Chair. Ed Vaizey nominated Lord Howarth to be Co-Chair. Baroness Andrews, Treasurer, and Chris Ruane, Vice-Chair, were nominated en bloc and seconded by Ed Vaizey.

**6. AOB**

Round tables work very effectively for those involved but we need to engage more MPs and Peers in the events. Suggestions:

- An evening event with showcasing of work could attract more MPs
- A survey to MPs to ask what work they are aware of in their constituencies
- Joint events with other APPGs can lead to more MPs attending

**ACTIONS:**

- EV applying for a backbench debate in the autumn
- EV to update AC on visit to St Mary's Paddington
- EV to contact Faye Ballard who is on the Arts Committee at Imperial College Hospital
- AC/AP to draft a communications strategy to include debates and other parliamentary activity
- AC to prepare a clear, simple information sheet on the benefits to make the case
- AC to plan a joint event between the various APPGs involved in wellbeing
- AC to prepare draft survey for MPs
- AC to prepare a draft paper for party manifestos
- CR to circulate paper prepared by What Works Centre for Wellbeing on Music and Wellbeing