



All-Party Parliamentary Group Arts, Health and Wellbeing

EGM

Tuesday 14th December 2021 9-10am

Minutes

1. Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected:

Chair and Registered Contact: Tracey Crouch MP

Co-Chair: Lord Howarth of Newport

Vice-Chair: Rachel Hopkins MP

Vice-Chair: Baroness Meacher

Vice-Chair: Baroness Morgan of Cotes

Treasurer: Baroness Andrews

2. Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat

The secretariat is provided by the National Centre for Creative Health (NCCH) and the webpages for the Group are provided by the Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance (CHWA). The NCCH is the Data Processor for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing (APPG).

A Memorandum of Understanding between the APPG and the NCCH was agreed and will be signed by Tracey Crouch MP on behalf of the APPG.

3. Programme for 2022

A programme was discussed. Suggestions were:

- A meeting to introduce members of the APPG to the work of the NCCH, CHWA and the Lived Experience Network (LENs)
- A round table on research. It was proposed that Baroness Blackwood should be invited to contribute.
- A Westminster Hall debate
- Joint work with a group of APPGs interested in Wellbeing. The secretariat for this is being provided by the National Academy for Social Prescribing (NASP)

4. Any Other Business

The Health and Care Bill was discussed. Lord Howarth is tabling amendments for Committee Stage. Baroness Morgan suggested a briefing paper for the House of Lords would be welcome.

A letter to the Secretary of State for Health making the case for Creative Health was discussed. Tracey Crouch proposed an article for The Times or Telegraph. Content from this can be also be used for a letter to the Secretary of State and for the briefing for the House of Lords.

ACTION: Alex Coulter and Victoria Hume to draft an article before Christmas.

Lord Howarth proposed the APPG as a signatory along with CHWA, LENS and University College London, on a submission to the consultation on the revised NICE guidelines on Depression in adults: treatment and management. This was agreed.