



Minutes of the AGM of the APPG for the 12 Step Programme for Recovery from Addictions

March 2nd 2021 5-5.30pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Dr Lisa Cameron MP

Lord Clive Brooke

Lord Benjamin Mancroft

Dr Samantha Duggan

Mr Fraser McIntyre

Mr Cian Duggan

Apologies:

Fiona Bruce MP

Item 1. Welcome & Introductions

Introductions from Dr Samantha Duggan

Item 2. Election of Officers

Chair: Dr Lisa Cameron MP

Co-Chair: Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe

Vice Chair: Fiona Bruce MP

Treasurer: Lord Benjamin Mancroft

Secretary: Dr Samantha Duggan

Item 3. Name and Purpose of the Group

No change.

4 key goals were adopted for the coming year:

- a. Create prospectus in order to generate donations to fund 2021 goals
- b. Gather data on UK treatment centres and funding thereof (research assistant)
- c. Create website
- d. Organise National Welcome service (Autumn '21) and progress initiative beyond RC and CofE

Item 4. Financial expenditure



Lord Brooke reported that from his own resources there had been expenditure for research, design and establishment of a web site for the APPG.

Item 5. AOB

Research Assistant:

Dr Cameron is working with Baroness Hollins on replicating the successful Psychiatry Parliamentary Scholars programme within the field of clinical psychology. Three London Universities have already committed to funding one scholar each per year.

The possibility of ring-fencing one of the scholars as an assistant for the APPG was discussed.

Lord Brooke has been a recipient of the psychiatry scholars programme and can provide assistance and parliamentary training. Dr Cameron will provide clinical supervision and guidance.

ACTION: LC to progress initiative alongside BH with a view to having a clinical psychology Scholar in place to assist the APPG this Autumn.

Financial Needs:

The need for funding to pay for the creation of a website and contribute to the Secretariat and other goals was discussed. Mr Fraser McIntyre (formerly Goldman Sachs) has volunteered to help professionalise this goal.

ACTION: FM and CD to create prospectus

National Welcome:

This initiative continues to progress.

ACTION: CB to seek date for ecumenical National Welcome Back service at St Margarets

Scottish Drug Deaths:

LC suggested writing to the Scottish Government to notify of the existence of the APPG 12 steps and for information on how drug and alcohol treatment funding is changing.

ACTION 1: SD to liaise with RK to draft suitable letter

ACTION 2: CB / SD to follow up with Dr Ed Day & Dr Eric Carlin re treatment centre funding





12 Step Members writing local MP:

Discussed creating a template for 12 step fellowship members to write their local MP (following fellowship traditions), encouraging them to get involved with the APPG and / or raising awareness around 12 step recovery.

ACTION 1: SD to draft letter

ACTION 2: CD to investigate inclusion of this on the website

APPG meeting June 2021

Next APPG meeting will be on June 30th 5-6pm via Zoom, where Prof Keith Humphreys will address the group. Invitations to be extended widely.

ACTION: All please send any invitee names and emails to SD for inclusion