



APPG on Stem Cell Transplantation

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Stem Cell Transplantation Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 14 September 2016
3.30pm – 4pm, Portcullis House atrium

Mark Tami MP, Co-Chair, APPG on Stem Cell Transplantation
Colleen Fletcher MP
Jason McCartney MP
Richard Burden MP
Daniel Zeichner MP
Simon Butler, Anthony Nolan – Secretariat
Cassie Staines, Anthony Nolan – Secretariat (minutes)

SUMMARY OF 2015/16 ACTIVITY

The Group reviewed activity in 2016:

- *September 2015*: Adjournment debate on Life Sciences and Stem Cells, looking at how we can promote further research into stem cell transplantation
- *December 2015*: APPG meeting with the Minister for Life Sciences looking at the importance of having a clinical trials platform.
- *March 2016*: APPG meeting on the need to improve the provision of BAME donors, attended by the Minister for Public Health.
- *July 2016*: APPG Summer Reception, celebrating a successful year in recruitment of stem cell donors to the register.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

David Burrowes MP and Mark Tami MP were re-elected as Co-Chairs of the Group.

John Woodcock MP and Baroness Masham of Ilton were re-elected as officers.

Colleen Fletcher MP and Jason McCartney MP were welcomed as officers of the group.

UPDATE ON SECOND STEM CELL TRANSPLANTS

The group discussed the issue of funding for second stem cell transplants, following the decision in July 2016 by NHS England that they would no longer routinely fund second stem cell transplants in patients who relapse. The group noted that the clinical prioritisation process was being re-run in the next two months. Members discussed ways in which to fully represent the concerns of the clinical and patient community, including a meeting and further Parliamentary activity.

PRIORITIES FOR THE 2016/17 SESSION

Autumn 2016

An APPG meeting looking at access to stem cell transplantation, with a focus on funding for second stem cell transplants.

Winter/Spring 2016/17

A meeting to consider the provision of post-transplant care.

Summer 2017

An annual summer reception to raise awareness of the stem cell donor register, and to celebrate achievements in stem cell transplantation.

Other issues:

The group also agreed that it would be helpful to have a meeting on the recent developments in research around the wider uses of stem cell transplantation, for example the possible use of autologous stem cell transplants for treatment of Multiple Sclerosis. This could be a joint meeting with another APPG.