

**All Party Parliamentary Group for Parkinson's Disease**  
**4 pm, 24 February 2009, Committee Room 15, House of Commons**

**1. Welcome:**

Baroness Gale welcomed members of the APPG

**2. Attendees and Apologies:**

Attendees:

Baroness Gale, Mark Hunter MP, Anne Milton MP, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Lord Walton of Detchant, Baroness Masham of Ilton, Baroness Howells of St Davids, Lord Cobbold, Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville.

Val Buxton, Clare Moonan, Helen Kirrane, Anjuli Veall, Emily Cogbill – Parkinson's Disease Society.

Robert Preston – Consultant to the Parkinson's Disease Society.  
Helen Pyper – Breakthrough Breast Cancer  
Margaret Gilbert – Eddie O'Hara MP's office.

Apologies:

Jeremy Browne MP, Paul Burstow MP, Madeleine Moon MP, Albert Owen MP, Baroness Howe, David Evennett MP, Dr Evan Harris MP, Eric Martlew MP, Rt Hon Hilary Armstrong MP, Jim Dobbin MP, Kelvin Hopkins MP, Phil Willis MP, Roger Gale MP, Richard Younger Ross MP, Roger Williams MP, Baroness Wilkins, Eddie O'Hara, Andrew George MP, Angela Browning MP, Tim Boswell MP, Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, Jeremy Wright MP

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes were approved for the meeting of 8 October 2008.

**4. Update on Inquiry and discussion of submissions of evidence:**

Anjuli Veall and Robert Preston updated the Group on the written submissions the Inquiry has received to date and discussed the key themes emerging from the submissions.

**5. Plans for oral evidence sessions and responsibility for the Inquiry:**

Emily Cogbill updated the group on the plans for the oral evidence sessions for the Inquiry and went through the potential witnesses the Inquiry planned to call to give evidence.

Baroness Howells felt that ethnic minority group should be contacted to ask for their experiences of accessing services for people with Parkinson's and their carers.

**ACTION: The Group agreed that the PDS as Secretariat should contact groups representing ethnic minorities in order to gain evidence of their experiences.**

Members agreed to give responsibility for the Report and Inquiry generally to the oral evidence hearing panel.

## **6. Discussion of how to launch the Inquiry Report in July 2009:**

Emily Cogbill gave a brief overview of an event proposal for the launch of the APPG Report in July 2009. Members were invited to discuss the launch proposal.

Members agreed that the event should be a joint APPG and PDS event but that it must be clear that the Report is an APPG report.

In terms of the proposal, it was agreed that the panel should be made up of Health Spokespeople, with other people to be confirmed nearer the time.

Members suggested that the date for the launch should be fixed as soon as possible to ensure attendance.

**ACTION: the PDS as Secretariat to arrange a date and meeting room for a launch event in July.**

**ACTION: the PDS was invited to alter the event proposal inline with the discussions which took place.**

## **7. Future Meetings:**

Baroness Gale suggested that the next meeting of the Group is the AGM in June 2009. **ACTION: Date to be circulated shortly for June meeting.**

## **8. AOB:**

Clare Moonan informed the Group about the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PDS this year.

Following a point raised by the PDS, it was agreed that if it was considered necessary for any information received in submissions to the Inquiry to be circulated outside the APPG prior to publication of the Inquiry Report in July, this would be examined on a case-by-case basis by the Inquiry panel.