

Annual Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Obesity 2023-24

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About the APPG

Officers of the Group -

- Mary Glindon MP (Chair)
- Lord Bethell (Co-Chair)
- Baroness Walmsley (Vice Chair)
- Baroness Jenkin (Vice Chair)
- Yasmin Qureshi MP (Vice Chair)
- Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe (Vice Chair)
- Martyn Day MP (Vice Chair)
- Jo Gideon MP (Vice Chair)

PLMR Healthcomms acts as the secretariat for the APPG on Obesity.

2023 Updated Aims and Objectives

The policy objectives of the APPG on Obesity are to:

- Generate a public policy environment where obesity is recognised and prioritised by politicians and the NHS.
- Work with stakeholders to develop and deliver preventive strategies for people at risk of obesity.
- Hold government to account for the timely delivery of a robust obesity strategy.
- Call for joined up commissioning that addresses all aspects of obesity, and creates a pathway that delivers value for money.
- Use events, debates and other parliamentary means to provide focus across key elements of the pathway for obesity, including prevention and treatment.

Summary of AGM Minutes

The AGM for the APPG on Obesity took place on Tuesday 2nd May 2023, in Room R, Portcullis House, 10:30-11am.

Attendees were:

- Mary Glindon MP
- Jo Gideon MP
- Alexander Stafford MP
- Baroness Walmsley
- Baroness Jenkin

Attendees re-registered Mary Glindon MP as Chair of the Group, with Lord Bethell continuing as Co-Chair.

Additional officers, elected as Vice Chairs are:

- Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe
- Baroness Walmsley
- Baroness Jenkin
- Martyn Day MP
- Jo Gideon MP
- Yasmin Qureshi MP

Attendees then discussed and signed off the Group's 2023 updated aims and objectives, noting the focus on the entire patient pathway to include both prevention and treatment.

Attendees then agreed on the name of the Group, and kept this as the APPG on Obesity. There was discussion regarding the inclusion of prevention within this name, however attendees concluded that the aims and objectives clearly outline the Group's commitment to prevention.

Attendees then voted that they are happy for PLMR Healthcomms to continue as the Secretariat for the Group. The Secretariat noted that we are now known as PLMR Healthcomms, however Healthcomms Consulting Ltd is to remain as the name on the register for the Secretariat, as it is our official trading name.

Mary Glendon MP thanked the Secretariat for their support and work over the last twelve months.

The Secretariat then ran through the financial support for the last reporting year (May 2022-23) and this reporting year (May 2023-May 2024).

The increased amount for the coming reporting year is reflective of the intention to increase activity for this coming year.

Mary Glendon MP, as Chair of the Group, signed the financial forms and these will be submitted to the Registrar.

Attendees then discussed the financial supporters for this reporting year, mentioning their involvement relevant to the patient pathway, and opportunities for future engagement with additional organisations.

The Secretariat then outlined the previous year's activity as well as upcoming activity for the APPG, asking for additional contributions from officers.

The meeting closed with the Secretariat outlining next steps, including submission of all relevant forms to the APPG register.

Annual Financial Report

Previous reporting year (e.g. January 2022-2023) confirmed reporting band: £15,001 - £16,500.

Current reporting year (e.g. January 2022-2023) estimated reporting band: £55,501 - £57,000.

Financial support is provided by the following organisations and is recorded in the APPG register:

- Slimming World provides funding to the APPG at the value of £17,000.

- Eli Lilly provides funding to the APPG at the value of £25,400.
- Johnson and Johnson provides funding to APPG at the value of £14,166.

Key activity undertaken by the APPG this reporting year

In the last reporting year, the APPG on Obesity has:

- Launched its report ‘The role of integrated care systems in supporting people living with obesity’ at a virtual launch event. The event included ICS leads and a patient representative speaking to the report, as well as an open discussion regarding the recommendations of the report.
- Held a parliamentary event on the cost of living crisis and its impact on people living with obesity. This event heard from patient representatives, ICS Leads, the Director of the Obesity Health Alliance and members of the APPGs Strategic Council.
- Published a survey on the impact of the Government’s calorie labelling policy.
- Held an ICS Forum series, hearing from ICS leads across England about patient pathways for obesity.

Focus for activity moving forward

- Roundtable with Chris Van Tulleken to discuss ultra-processed food and his new book:
- Roundtable to discuss and review the successes and failures of the prevention elements of the obesity strategy.
- The APPG are supporting a drop-in session organised by Slimming World.
- The APPG are continuing to deliver the ICS Forum series and will publish a briefing of the key findings from this series.

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