



All Party Parliamentary Group on Vascular Disease

To raise awareness of vascular disease and to encourage actions to promote a greater priority for its prevention and treatment; to encourage research into the causes of vascular disease; to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health; and to inform parliamentarians of the work of medical professionals and those who provide support services for patients and their relatives.

Minutes of the Meeting held at 12:15 on 18th April 2012 at the House of Commons Terrace, Palace of Westminster

PRESENT

MEMBERS – Neil Carmichael MP (Chair), Rt Hon Simon Burns MP, Sir Bob Russell MP, John Barron MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Andrew George MP, Julie Hilling MP, Paul Goggins MP, John Leech MP, Mary Creagh MP, Gordon Marsden MP, Dr John Pugh MP, Rob Wilson MP, Jonathan Lord MP, Baroness Masham of Ilton

OTHERS – 150 guests invited

SECRETARIAT – Paul Bristow

- 1. INTRODUCTION BY NEIL CARMICHAEL, CHAIR OF THE ALL PARLY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON VASCULAR DISEASE**
- 2. ADDRESS BY RT HON SIMON BURNS, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
- 3. PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR CLIFF SHEARMAN**

Professor Cliff Shearman gave a presentation on the changes in Vascular Services, specifically focusing on the need for change to services for people with Peripheral Arterial Disease.

4. PRESENTATION BY HISHAM RASHID

Hisham Rashid gave a presentation to the group on an overview of Vascular Disease and Amputation Prevention. There was a focus on the current unnecessary high rates of amputation and the need to reduce this number.

5. NETWORKING AND MINGLING

Feedback on the minutes – please send to Paul Bristow at paul@pbpoliticalconsulting.com