



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 Annual General Meeting held at 8:30am on 5th February 2013 in The Churchill Room, Palace of Westminster

PRESENT

MEMBERS – Neil Carmichael MP (Chair), John Pugh MP, Baroness Masham, Lord Ribeiro

OTHERS – Professor Matt Thompson, Mr Jonathan Earnshaw, Dr Damian Jenkinson, Dare Seriki, Colin Bicknell, Sam Perera, Porvee Patel, Amanda Schofield, Professor Gill Furze, Dr Elika Kashef, Rebecca Wilkinson, Steven Duckworth, Lucy Grothier, Belinda Boulton, Teresa Wilson, Daryll Baker, Meryl Davis, Kevin Burnand, Monica Fletcher, Obi Agu, Amitava Banerjee, Raman Uberoi, Spencer Jones, Adrian Boston, Nathalie Verin, David Dawson, Paul Hughes, Zoe Eckstein, Ros Meek, David Feldman, Heather White, Alex Gandhi, Victoria Winstanley

SECRETARIAT – Paul Bristow

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Chi Onwurah MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Graham Evans MP, Robert Walter MP, Jim Dobbin MP, Anne Marie Morris MP, Nicola Blackwood MP, Elfyn Llwyd MP, Andrew Lansley MP, Laura Sandys MP, Seema Malhotra MP, Barry Sheerman MP, Lord Darzi, Lord Glenarthur, Baroness Ford, Lord Davies of Coity, Baroness Cumberlege, Kidney Alliance, Cliff Shearman, Mark Cook, Hilary Walker, Jenni Jones, Betty McBride, Professor Hamilton, Sam Gallop, Steve McNeice, Patrick Olszowski, Paul Hayes, Wendy Hayes, Dr Jonathan Hopkins, Professor Amanda Howe, Professor Mike Pringle, Simon Hardy, Hisham Rashid and Professor Edmonds.

1. INTRODUCTION FROM NEIL CARMICHAEL

Short explanation of the group's activity since it was founded. Neil discussed the oral question that he had asked Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health, and received confirmation that Jeremy Hunt will attend one of the group's meetings.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of the following officers took place:

Chair: Neil Carmichael MP

Vice Chairs: Chi Onwurah MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP

3. UPDATE ON THE NHS AAA SCREENING PROGRAMME

Mr Jonothan Earnshaw gave the group an update on the NHS AAA Screening Programme and answered questions:

- The programme will be completed in Spring 2013. There are only 4 local programmes that are yet to be fully implemented.
- A gradual roll out of the programme was the most practical way of achieving effective full implementation – there was a reluctance to publicise the programme until full roll out
- Now moved to Phase Four of the programme – the final phase
- Aim to achieve 50 high quality hospitals in this specialism
- There is a further aim to update screening procedures

Baroness Masham asked a question on aneurysms in women. Mr Earnshaw explained that women are much less likely to suffer from aneurysms for a variety of reasons.

Professor Matt Thompson asked a question on publicity for the programme. Mr Earnshaw stated that there would be publicity and that they were waiting for the whole of the UK to be ready for the programme. The date of the launch would be the 5th July to coincide with the 65th birthday of the NHS.

4. CONTRIBUTION FROM PROFESSOR MATT THOMPSON

Professor Thompson made the following remarks on Specialised Commissioning, the NHS Commissioning Board and the Clinical Reference Group on Vascular Services.

- Brief discussion on the origin of specialised commissioning and clinical reference groups
- The clinical reference group on vascular disease – the challenges and difficulties with service provision

- The geographical variations in outcomes and different specialization of vascular services at regional centres
- The need for centralisation but the problem of its unpopularity with certain groups

There were three questions put to Professor Matt Thompson. Firstly about the issue of measuring results, one on the issue of technology use and one on the application procedure to become a specialist centre.

5. CONTRIBUTION FROM DR DAMIAN JENKINSON – NATIONAL CLINICAL DIRECTOR FOR STROKE

Dr Damian Jenkinson gave the group an update on the Cardiovascular Disease Outcomes Strategy which is being compiled by the Department of Health. Dr Damian Jenkinson made the following points:

- 70% of what the All Party Parliamentary Group on Vascular Disease had recommended in their report will be included
- A focus on the need to integrate and provide joined up care within vascular services
- Despite the falling death rate in the past decade in CHD there is a need to actively stop the death rate worsening again
- The need for a change in acute care, care for those patients living with CVD, and end of life care
- Need for specialist and rehab centres

Question on the issue of programmes being cut, and Dr Jenkinson acknowledged this as an issue. There was also a question on intervention times for TIA's.

6. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were questions on integration and referral rate between primary and secondary care. The importance of public awareness and information available was also stressed.

7. AOB

There being no further business the meeting then terminated.

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