



*All Party Parliamentary Group on  
Vascular Disease*

## **Minutes of the APPG on Vascular Disease AGM 2:30-3pm, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

# Minutes

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### **Attendees**

Parliamentarians:

Sir Peter Bottomley MP  
Neil Carmichael MP  
Baroness Masham of Ilton  
Chi Onwurah MP  
Tom Tugendhat MP

Non Parliamentary Attendees:

PB Political Consulting – Secretariat to the group (Paul Bristow, Sara Petela and Adam Gilbert)

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### **Welcome**

Neil Carmichael MP opened the meeting with a short introduction on the work and the purpose of the group.

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### **Election of Chair and Officers**

An election of officers was conducted and the following officers were elected:

- Neil Carmichael – Chair
  - Chi Onwurah – Vice- Chair
  - Sir Peter Bottomley- Officer
  - Baroness Masham of Ilton - Officer
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### **Update from the Secretariat**

Paul Bristow of PB Political Consulting discussed the Groups work over the past year and its future plans. It was announced that there are to be three meetings of the group with the dates published in advance. A clinical advisory group will also be appointed to support the APPG.



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## **AOB**

- Baroness Masham raised the issue of Public Health and the need for people to be physically active to prevent diabetes.
  - Neil Carmichael spoke of how the British Heart Foundation had recently published constituency level data on heart disease and obesity. The group agreed that this was an effective tool which could be used to raise awareness of vascular disease amongst parliamentarians.
  - Members also discussed the possibility of using a traffic light system (red, amber, green) to rate the standard of vascular care and patient outcomes in each constituency.
  - Consideration will be given to the development of a public awareness campaign surrounding amputations relating to diabetes.
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## **Meeting Ends**

Feedback on the minutes – please send to Adam Gilbert at [Adam@pbpoliticalconsulting.com](mailto:Adam@pbpoliticalconsulting.com)