



ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON SOCIAL CARE

Annual General Meeting

5.00 pm, 25 June 2007

Room W3, House of Commons

Attendees

Joan Humble (chair)
Tom Clarke
Julie Morgan
Paul Burstow
Madeleine Moon
Janet Dean

Andy Keast-Marriott, CSCI
William Flowers (GSCC)
Don Brand (SCIE)
Jane Carlson (SCIE)
Iris Steen (SCIE)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Peter Bottomley
- Anne Coffey

Apologies were also received from the following non-members:

- Helen Goodman
- Anne Milton
- Eleanor Laing
- Grant Shapps
- Lord Rix
- Lord Clement Jones
- Tim Boswell

2. Election of officers

Tom Clarke proposed reappointment of all existing officers en bloc.

Janet Dean seconded the proposal and all existing officers were duly reappointed as follows:

Chair	Joan Humble (Lab)
Vice Chairs	Paul Burstow (LD) and Mark Pritchard (Con)
Treasurer	Julie Morgan (Lab)
Secretary	Anne Coffey (Lab)

3. Programme for 2007/08

The Group discussed proposals for the work programme in 2007/08.

It was agreed that carer's issues – although central to social care – would already be covered by the carers' APPG.

It was agreed to focus on a series of approximately three meetings on social care workforce issues. This series could follow a similar format to the inquiry into the White

Paper carried out in 2006, and should involve submissions of evidence from a range of key agencies/individuals, production of a final report, discussion and presentation by the Minister.

It was agreed that the inquiry would receive oral evidence from a key group of organisations/individuals, and written evidence from a wider group. A proforma, with specific headings and word counts, should be provided to all organisations invited to submit evidence.

The first meeting should be held prior to summer recess and SCIE should invite Dame Denise Platt to present the workforce proposals outlined in her recent report, *Social Care – A Status Report 2006*. Draft terms of reference for the workforce inquiry, including a list of potential contributors, should also be considered at the first meeting. It was agreed that the inquiry should be focused on very specific issues.

It may be valuable to have an overview of current situation (eg the Children's Workforce Development Council will be publishing a revised workforce strategy for children's services in October 2007; the social work review and developments in commissioning health and social care).

Madeleine Moon highlighted that forthcoming changes to EU import tariffs will increase the price of assistive technology. The Treasury is due to produce a paper for suppliers in July. SCIE will research the issue further and report back to the APPG on whether it may be an issue for the group in future. It may be appropriate to develop work in partnership with the APPG on disabilities.

4. Any other business

An article on the future of long-term care by Joan Humble was published in Parliamentary Monitor. This may be an issue that the Group wishes to return to in future.

Janet Dean is now co-chair of the newly formed APPG on Dual Diagnosis and Complex Needs.

5. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed – likely to be in July prior to summer recess.