

APPG for Diabetes Inaugural General Meeting

12 February 2025, 12:30pm – Room T, Portcullis House

Supported by Tom Gordon MP, Diabetes UK and Breakthrough T1D

Attendees

Parliamentarians: Tom Gordon MP (Liberal Democrats), Sarah Bool MP (Conservative), Josh Newbury (Labour), Alex McIntyre (Labour), The Lord Rennard (Liberal Democrat)

Parliamentary Staff: Alicia Kernaghan and Kit Elvins (Office of Tom Gordon MP)

Secretariat: Rachael Chrisp (Breakthrough T1D) and Jack Ashby (Diabetes UK)

Agenda

1. Introductions and confirming attendance

Introduction from Tom Gordon MP, secretariat and attending members.

Agreed Statement of Purpose: APPGD is a cross-party group within Westminster that provides a conduit for diabetes charities, researchers and experts to parliamentarians. It will facilitate discussions about policy, research and treatment of diabetes.

The Group agreed that Breakthrough T1D and Diabetes UK would share the secretariat role for the APPG.

2. Election of Officers

The following were elected unanimously

- Tom Gordon MP – Chair and Registered Contact
- Sarah Bool MP – Vice – Chair (Conservative)
- Alex McIntyre MP – Officer (Labour)
- The Lord Rennard MBE – Officer (Liberal Democrats)
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3. Agreement of topics for future meetings

A discussion was held about key topics that the Group would prioritise for the year ahead.

It was decided that the first meeting should focus on diabetes research looking at an update on the current situation and where next?

Other topics discussed were:

- Type 1 Disordered Eating services – Next steps from the inquiry

- Josh Newbury - T1DE funding has not been officially announced, concerns about possible impact on uptake.
 - Racheal – NHSE has only just confirmed with the pilot schemes. Breakthrough T1D are following up with NHSE.
- Early detection for type 1 diabetes, screening and immunotherapy
- Keeping people with diabetes well and able to work
- Improving primary and community care (potential joint meeting with other APPG)
 - Josh Newbury mentioned specific example of issues with diabetes nursing in Birmingham area.
 - Average age of Diabetes nurses is 59 and largely made up of ethnic minorities. There needs to be a workforce plan to mitigate the possible impacts.
- Improving diabetes pregnancy outcomes for women – possibly examining outcomes in black and ethnic minority populations (potential joint meeting with other APPG eg APPG Black Maternal Health)
- Ending diabetes stigma
- Access to technology – ensuring equal access for T2.
- T2 prevention - particularly national roll out for path to remission programme and inclusion of pre-diabetic range.

4. AOB

Future meetings:

It was agreed that meetings should be no more than two months apart to maintain momentum.

Proposed date for next meeting: **Wednesday 7th May, 13:00 to 14:00** (extra time has been given between these meetings to account for recesses, local elections and other parliamentary business).

Breakthrough T1D's report into Ageing with Type 1 Parliament Diabetes will be released in June invites to be circulated nearer the time.

5. Actions

- Letter to be sent to Minister to inform them that APPG has been reformed and would like to work collaboratively – TG/AK
- Book room for next meeting (12:30-14:00 7/5/2025) – AK
- Agree topics for focus this year – All, please express via email if there are any topics you are particularly keen to be focus this year.

Appendix

Appendix 1. IGM Rules

To become an All-Party Parliamentary Group, a group must first hold an inaugural meeting. The requirements for an inaugural meeting are as follows:

- a. Decision on the name of the group and its purpose; and
- b. Election of officers.
 - i. A Group must have four registered officers (and no more), including at least one from the government party (or parties) and at least one from the main opposition party. At least two officers must be from the Commons.
 - ii. The Group must have a Commons Chair and Registered Contact. Peers elected as a co-chair but cannot be the formal chair of an APPG.
 - iii. The Chair is responsible for the Group's compliance with parliamentary rules and must be the group's Registered Contact.
 - iv. A Member of the House of Commons may be an officer of a maximum of six Groups.
- c. An APPG must have at least 20 members of either House.

The group must then submit to the Registry Office within 28 days of that meeting, a register entry for inclusion in the APPG Register.