

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Health

Inaugural General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Health

Minutes of the IGM held at 2:00pm on 8th October 2024 in Portcullis House, Room Q

Parliamentarians in attendance:

Gill Furniss MP
Baroness Shields
Baroness Anelay of St Johns
Kirith Entwistle MP
Lucy Rigby MP
Rachel Gilmour MP
Alice Macdonald MP
Lauren Edwards MP
Emily Darlington MP
Sonia Kumar MP
Helena Dollimore MP
Vikki Slade MP
Paul Kohler MP
Caroline Voaden MP
Maya Ellis MP

Meeting:

1. WELCOME

Gill Furniss MP welcomed parliamentary colleagues and guests to the IGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Health.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following individuals were elected as Officers of the Group:

- Gill Furniss MP, Labour MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough – Chair (and registered contact)
- Kirith Entwistle MP, Labour MP for Bolton Northeast
- Jo Platt MP, Labour (Co-op) MP for Leigh and Atherton
- Caroline Dineage MP, Conservative MP for Gosport

3. STATEMENT OF FINANCES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE GROUP

The Group's statement and income expenditure forms were agreed by those present.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

Healthcomms Consulting Ltd as part of the PLMR Group was reappointed as Secretariat.

5. AOB

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- The Officers and Members discussed the APPGs work programme for the coming year.
- There was a focus on the Women's Health Strategy and the prevention agenda, Women's Health Hubs and Ambassadors and health inequalities.
- The Group discussed various issues including fertility and IVF, mental health, and different health conditions affecting women.
- The Secretariat agreed to circulate a work programme to the Officers and Members of the group.