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## Foreword

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This has been a very successful first year for the APPG during which the Group has established itself as a forum for important discussions and the publisher of a very well received review.

As this annual report shows, we have hosted meetings on topics such as maternal health and prioritising in healthcare, provided a platform for the Zambian Government to launch its health strategy globally and produced a report on health workers, *All the Talents*, which shows how new roles and better teamwork can release potential and improve health services.

Global health is a cross-government issue and I believe that our unique contribution has been to bring together government departments (e.g. DFID and the Department of Health), different APPGs (from Africa to PICTFOR) and the broader global health community in the UK and globally (including universities and civil society) to help create a more joined up approach to these cross-cutting health issues. This will inform our activities for the future.

The Group tries wherever possible to undertake its work in conjunction with other All Party Groups and has co-hosted large scale meetings with the Elders and with the Dalai Lama alongside other APPGs interested in global health and development.

I believe that we have started to build a very positive reputation and developed good relationships within Government and Parliament, with other APPGs and with our sponsors and external organisations. This provides a very good foundation for the future.

I wish to express my gratitude to my fellow Committee members: Rt Hon Alun Michael MP, Meg Hillier MP, Daniel Poulter MP and Lord Kakkar. I am particularly grateful to Alun for the wisdom and experience which he brought to bear in setting up the Group and for co-chairing the Group until he left Parliament in the autumn. I am delighted that Meg Hillier has agreed to join me as co-chair. I would also congratulate Dan Poulter on his appointment as a Minister in the Department of Health and thank him for his support and enthusiasm for this cause.

The Group has been very ably supported by Dr Oliver Johnson, the Policy Director; Vanessa Halipi, the Coordinator; and by three interns, Helen Fry, Tom Hird and Dr Katie MacDonald.

Finally, we are all extremely grateful to our sponsors which all take leading roles in global health and have provided us with the financial resources we have needed for our activities.



Lord Crisp  
Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health

## Overview of the APPG Global Health

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At a time of rapid globalization and growing instability, global health is emerging as an important concept and has been adopted as a key policy theme by the UK Government. The APPG on Global Health connects parliamentarians with a growing global health community of academics and civil society groups and to inform and improve policy in this area.

It recognises that:

- **Health is global and interdependent** – it is no longer possible to separate health issues between countries. We increasingly face the same global threats and rely on the same people and technologies for solutions.
- **Policies that most affect health are not always health policies** – other policies have enormous impact on health determinants and solutions.
- **Health needs collaboration** – between countries, sectors, departments and organisations. Cross-sectoral collaboration on global health is critical.

The APPG focuses on these underlying cross-cutting health issues which affect us all wherever we live and seeks to work with other APPGs dealing with health and development issues.

The Group offers policy recommendations and advice to Parliament and the Government on these key issues, drawing on the interest and knowledge of its members and the expertise of the wider global health community, undertaking three main types of activity:

- Commissioning evidence-based reports on topical global health issues.
- Hosting a range of high-profile events with external partners.
- Providing ad-hoc briefings to APPG Members on emerging global health issues.

## Officers

### Chairs

Lord Crisp (Crossbench)  
Rt Hon Alun Michael MP (Labour) *nb retired from Parliament in July 2012*

### Vice Chairs

Kevin Barron MP (Labour)                      Hugh Bayley MP (Labour)  
Lord Darzi (Labour)                              Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP (Conservative)  
Lord Ribeiro (Conservative)                  Baroness Tonge (Liberal Democrat)

### Treasurer

Lord Kakkar (Crossbench)

### Secretaries

Meg Hillier MP (Labour)  
Dr Dan Poulter MP (Conservative) *nb became Health Services Minister in Sept 2012*

The executive committee consists of the Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary.

## Staff

<b>Policy Director</b>	Dr Oliver Johnson
<b>Coordinator</b>	Vanessa Halipi
<b>Interns</b>	Helen Fry, Tom Hird, Dr Katie Macdonald

## Report 2011-2012

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### All The Talents – how new roles and better teamwork can release potential and improve health services

This report had a very simple message. There is enormous scope to make far better use of the potential and talents of all the people working in healthcare – and we need to do so at a time of health worker shortages and financial constraints.

The Millennium Development Goals will not be met and improvements won't be made in the NHS without making much better use of the most valuable asset of all – people and their energy, skills and passion.

The report provided many examples from around the world where unqualified health workers have safely taken on wider roles in healthcare and performed them well, where nurses and other professionals have successfully taken on extended roles, and where patients and carers have become vital parts of the healthcare team. They have, depending on the particular example, improved access to services, improved quality or reduced costs – or sometimes all three.

It recognised that there are potential dangers and difficulties in this approach and that changing and extending roles, if done badly, can result in poor quality and, even, dangerous care. However, there is now enough evidence to demonstrate what can be done and to identify the *success factors*. The keys to success are good leadership and planning, appropriate job design and recruitment, formal training and scope for progression, supervision and referral systems, and recognition for health workers and good teamwork.

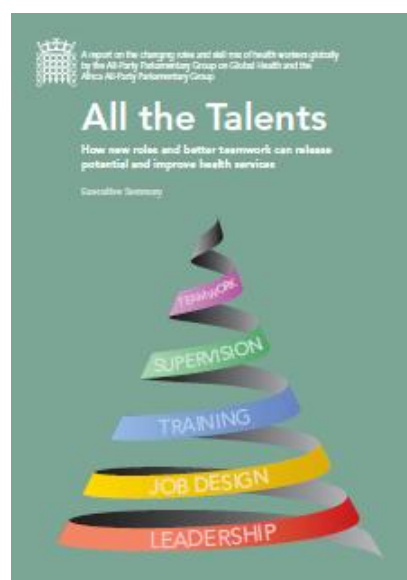
The primary recommendation was that professionals, governments and institutions alike must give much higher priority to creating the right workforce and developing and supporting the talents of health workers and others so that they can achieve their potential and play their full part in healthcare.

### The Review Process

This review was undertaken in collaboration with the Africa APPG, chaired by Hugh Bayley MP. Members who took part in the review included Baroness Armstrong, Viscount Eccles, Baroness Emerton, Pat Glass MP, Meg Hillier MP, Baroness Jolly, Lord Kakkar, Dan Poulter MP, Baroness Prashar, Lord Ribeiro, Lord Sandwich, Lord Swinfen and Baroness Tonge.

Evidence for the report was collected through an extensive review of the published literature, two witness sessions and submissions of written evidence.

The report was launched at a reception in Parliament on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and the APPG Global Health is continuing to promote the report and follow up on its recommendations by meeting with key individuals and organisations and asking questions in Parliament. Copies of the full report and transcripts of sessions are available to download at [www.appg-globalhealth.org.uk](http://www.appg-globalhealth.org.uk)



## Events 2011-2012

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### Parliamentary Reception to launch the **Zambian National Health Strategy Plan internationally** Tuesday 7th February 2012

In collaboration with APPG Zambia & Malawi we hosted a parliamentary reception for the **Zambian Ministry of Health** to launch their **National Health Strategy Plan 2012-2015**.



The **Zambian Ministry of Health** presented a briefing of their **National health Strategic Plan** to a big audience of 20 parliamentarians and over 50 guests including the **Zambian High Commission** and the **Zambia UK Health Work Force Alliance**. This was followed by a warm reception.

### **Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health Policy Summit** Thursday 8th March 2012

In conjunction with **Aspen Global Health and Development & UK APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health**, the APPG Global Health hosted at an **International Women's Day Policy Dialogue on Investments in Family Planning – Social and Economic Dividends**



Speakers included **Stephen O'Brien MP**, **Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development** and **Members of The Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health** featuring **The Honourable Mary Robinson** joined by **Ambassador Jan Eliasson**, **Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, **The Honourable Joy Phumaphi** and **Dr Fred Sai**. The event was attended by over 90 people.

### **Launch of NICE International & Centre for Global Development Report on Priority Setting Institutions for Health** Monday 11th June 2012

A fundamental challenge for all health systems is to allocate finite resources across the unlimited demand for health services - and the work of NICE has established the UK as a global leader in this field.



This event launched a joint report between **NICE International** and the **Centre for Global Development** on how NICE's pioneering approach could be adopted by international agencies and by developing countries to help increase cost effectiveness at a time of growing austerity and resource-constraint.

### **Roundtable discussion on Telemedicine** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The APPG, in collaboration with the **Parliamentary ICT Forum**, hosted an **ICT/telemedicine roundtable discussion** in which experts, researchers, parliamentarians, civil society and the **ICT industry members** explored the potential of **ICT** to make major impacts in improving health and wellbeing, especially amongst poor and marginalized populations where it would combat poverty and encourage sustainable development and governance.

## Finances

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### Income 2011-2012

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	£5,000
Cambridge University Health Partners	£5,000
Imperial College London	£5,000
King's Health Partners	£5,000
The Lancet	£3,000
The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	£5,000
Manchester University AHSC	£5,000
University of Oxford	outstanding
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£33,000</b>

### Expenses from February 2012 to date:

Salaries	
Policy Director	£11,353.89
Coordinator	£3,883.33
Travel Expenses (interns & witnesses)	£250.60
Report publication	£6,366.00
Report launch	£414.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£22,268.03</b>

Balance to date: £10,739.52

## Sponsors

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The APPG on Global Health is supported by a number of universities and other organisations that play a leading role in global health, who provide financing and other support to the group.

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