



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health

Annual Report

1st December 2012 – 30th November 2013



Foreword

The APPG on Global Health was established to bring together the impact and experience of parliamentarians with the knowledge and expertise of the wider global health community. In our second year of operation we have developed considerably in our performance of this role and our ambitions of what can be achieved through it.

The group has continued to grow its reputation for timely, insightful policy reviews and has strengthened its links inside and outside of Parliament. We have also begun to see practical results from the work we undertake, particularly through the very favourable reception received by our report on overseas volunteering.

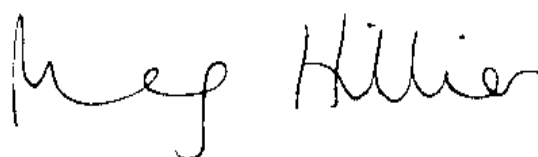
As this annual report outlines, the group's activities have continued and expanded on those of our foundation year. We have delivered another programme of popular, insightful events showcasing new developments in global health and hearing from prominent leaders in government, academia and civil society. We have published another policy report – *Improving health at home and abroad* – which focuses on the contribution of British health volunteers overseas and highlights the many important benefits brought back to the UK as a result. This has been very well received and we are already seeing several of the report's recommendations being taken up. The group has also engaged further with the activities of others in Parliament – sponsoring debates in both Houses, producing a submission on global health to the Select Committee on Soft Power and the UK's Influence, and helping to coordinate an open letter from parliamentarians to the World Trade Organisation.

One of the most important roles the group continues to develop is as a catalyst for coordination between other health and development-related APPGs. We are pleased to be working in partnership with five other All Party Groups on our latest policy review, which looks at patient empowerment around the world.

Moving into our third year, we look forward to extending the APPG's role further – developing closer links with Government, Parliament and leading institutions, bringing innovative ideas into policy and looking for more opportunities to improve and expand the UK's role in global health.

We would like to thank our members for their continuing support of the group and interest in our work – in particular our Treasurer Lord Kakkar and Vice Chairs. Also our sponsors whose expertise has been instrumental in informing our activities and whose financial contribution allows us to operate. A particular welcome too to UCL Grand Challenges, who joined as a supporting organisation this year.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff who have supported the APPG through this year – Jonty Roland, the group's Policy Director; Vanessa Halipi, who acts as Secretariat; our three interns for this year Louise Smith, Isaac Ghinai and Teddy Hla; and our team of Policy Advisors.



Lord Crisp & Meg Hillier MP
Co-Chairs, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health

About the APPG on Global Health

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 community of global health 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 issues is critical.

This 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:

- Conducting evidence-based reviews 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.

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Treasurer

Lord Kakkar (Crossbench)

The executive committee consists of the Chairs and Treasurer.

Staff

Policy Director	Jonty Roland
Secretariat	Vanessa Halipi
Interns	Louise Smith, Isaac Ghinai and Teddy Hla

Improving Health at Home and Abroad: How overseas volunteering from the NHS benefits the UK and the world

APPG Global Health Report, July 2013

British health volunteers have for many years played a major role in improving health for people in other countries. Whether as individuals or as part of larger schemes, they have transferred vital knowledge and skills whilst at the same time bringing back valuable experiences to the UK. Their work has helped to build strong international relationships and spread Britain's influence around the globe.

The APPG on Global Health conducted an inquiry into overseas health volunteering to investigate the contribution made by UK health professionals abroad, what the UK gains from their efforts and how the structures to support overseas health volunteers could be improved.

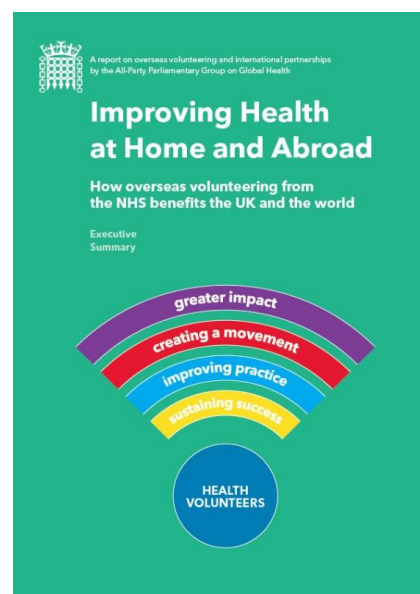
Our report argues that voluntary partnerships and volunteering schemes have a key role to play in improving health worldwide, and also benefit the UK by promoting innovation, developing new kinds of leaders and strengthening international relationships. We found that significant progress has been made in recent years to encourage more and better partnerships between the NHS and low and middle income countries, but that the full benefits of these schemes will only be realised when they become more professional and systematic. We found that great enthusiasm exists for such a change, but that three key actions would help to make it happen:

1. **Spreading good practice:** Setting up a kite-marking scheme between established volunteer programmes to improve their impact and effectiveness. This could include adopting a code of conduct, model human resource policy and common way of monitoring returning volunteers' new skills.
2. **Creating a movement:** Growing a network of regional volunteering centres hosted within Local Education and Training Boards. Functions could include coordination between local schemes, access to mentoring and managing registers of interested staff.
3. **Sustaining success:** Maintaining and extending the most successful national policies in recent years, including a renewal of the Health Partnerships Scheme and pensions continuity provisions for volunteers.

The Review Process

The review was chaired by Lord Crisp with the involvement of Viscount Eccles, Meg Hillier MP, Baroness Jolly, Lord Kakkar, Baroness Masham, Lord Ribeiro, Lord Swinfen & Baroness Warwick.

Two oral evidence sessions were held in Parliament to hear from leading experts in NHS organisations, volunteering programmes, civil service and professional bodies. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with 38 experts selected from relevant fields, written submissions were received from 14 organisations, a telephone survey of career break policies of 30 randomly selected English NHS trusts was undertaken and the views of 24 volunteers and host country representatives were collected via a web-based survey distributed via diaspora groups.



Events

Panel debate on the Non-Communicable Disease time bomb: Can the UK take the lead?

Tuesday 4th December 2012

A packed audience of policy makers and global health experts attended this debate on the challenge of tackling “the biggest killers of people in the world” – non-communicable diseases. Professor Anthony Costello (UCL) chaired the discussion, with speakers Lord Crisp, Susan Shurin (Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases), Harry Rutter (National Obesity Observatory) and Shah Ebrahim (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine).

Launch of the Uganda-UK Health Alliance

Monday 11th February 2013

On behalf of the Uganda-UK Health Alliance, the APPG held a reception to celebrate their launch, in association with the Uganda Ministry of Health. Guests including Members of Parliament and leaders of Medical Royal Colleges, NGOs and NHS organisations were addressed by senior health officials from Uganda and the Acting Ugandan High Commissioner to the UK.

Launch of the Lancet series on Non-Communicable Disease

Tuesday 12th February 2013

Held in association with the UK Health Forum, the Lancet, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the NCD Alliance, this reception was held to give parliamentary profile to important new research and ideas on non-communicable disease. The event was hosted by Lord Rea, with contributions from Lord Crisp and Richard Horton (Editor, The Lancet).

Report launch on preventing non-communicable diseases in the developing world

Thursday 9th May 2013

APPG treasurer Lord Kakkar commissioned this innovative report by students from Cambridge University's The Wilberforce Society, which applies a marketing perspective to the growing problem of non-communicable diseases in low and middle income countries. The key messages were presented by the report's authors to members and advisors of the APPG, followed by roundtable discussion on how to achieve sustainable, community-wide behaviour change.

New evidence to save mothers' lives

Monday 20th May 2013

Hosted in collaboration with the APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health, Women and Children First UK and UCL's Institute for Global Health, this reception outlined new research from around the world on the effectiveness of 'participatory women's groups' in dramatically reducing maternal and newborn deaths in low and middle income countries.

Improving Health at Home and Abroad: Launch of our 2013 report

Wednesday 10th July 2013

Alongside guest speakers Rt Hon Kevin Barron MP (former Chair of the Health Select Committee), Prof Sir Robert Lechler (Executive Director of King's Health Partners) and Carolyn Miller (CEO of Merlin UK), Lord Crisp outlined the APPG on Global Health's latest report following our inquiry into overseas volunteering by UK health workers.

Launch of the RCOG Global Health Strategy 2013 - 2017

Thursday 24th October 2013

The APPG on Global Health, alongside the APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health, were proud to host the launch of the new five-year global health strategy of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The College has a long history of international work and well established links around the world. This latest strategy represents a significant scale up of this activity in some of the poorest parts of world, focussing on the College's key strengths in standard setting and professional education and training.

Panel discussion: The role of human resources in improving the health of women and girls, with DFID Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Lynne Featherstone MP

Monday 28th October 2013

To coincide with the World Health Organisation's 3rd Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, this panel discussion was organised to debate the UK's work on human resources to improve the health of women and girls. Chaired by Meg Hillier MP, panellists included Lynne Featherstone MP (DFID), Victoria Kimotho (AMREF), Dr David McCoy (UCL) and Janet Davies (Royal College of Nursing). The event was held in partnership with Health Poverty Action and the APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health.

Other activities 2012 - 2013

Debates

The APPG was involved in coordinating a number of parliamentary debates on key global health issues over the last 12 months. Among them a House of Lords debate on the APPG's 2012 report *All the Talents*, a backbench debate in the House of Commons on the Post-2015 development agenda secured by more than a dozen development-related APPGs, and a Lords debate to highlight the growing global health issue of anti-microbial resistance.

Open letter to the World Trade Organisation on Intellectual Property exemptions for the world's poorest nations

In June 2013 the APPG on Global Health, in partnership with the APPGs on HIV/AIDS and Trade out of Poverty, composed an open letter to the World Trade Organisation urging continued exemptions from Intellectual Property legislation for the world's poorest countries. 32 parliamentarians signed the letter, which was timed to precede a key meeting of the WTO's Council on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property. At this meeting, the Council agreed to renew the exemptions for Least Developed Countries, which would have expired in July 2013, until 2021. The open letter and accompanying media can be accessed via our website.

Submission to the Select Committee on Soft Power and the UK's Influence

In September 2013, the APPG on Global Health submitted a paper to the House of Lord's Committee on Soft Power and the UK's Influence. This year-long review has been commissioned to examine the use of soft power in furthering the UK's global influence and interests and to recommend ways that these might be improved and furthered. The APPGs written evidence highlighted how, as a leader in the science and delivery of healthcare, the UK carries significant influence with governments, businesses and local communities worldwide. The paper will be available on our website and that of the Select Committee shortly.

Finances

Audited accounts for 13 month period since last annual report: 1st Nov 2012 – 30th Nov 2013

Income

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	£5,000
The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	£5,000
Manchester University AHSC	£5,000
University of Oxford	£5,000
University College London	£5,000
Interest	£30
TOTAL	£45,030

Expenditure

Salaries	£29,273
Travel and expenses	£310
Publications and communications	£5,883
Events and meetings	£2773
TOTAL	£38,239

Balance to date: £22,530

Sponsors

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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