



All Party Parliamentary Group
on Global Health

Annual Report and Accounts

17th June 2015 – 16th June 2016

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Overview of the year

The Group has had another successful year with a wide range of events undertaken. These have included sessions on topics as diverse as polio (with The Graduate Institute), ageing (with Kings College Partners), women's health (with the George Institute), and the new global strategy for human resources for health (with the World Health Organisation and UNICEF). The Group has also co-hosted other events with APPGs with interests in health and development.

The Group published its major review the UK's contribution to health globally in June 2015 at the beginning of the period covered by the report. This report, prepared by researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has been widely welcomed. Its proposals for how the UK, as a world leader in health and associated sciences, can strengthen its position with benefit to the UK and the world have been discussed with different parts of government and has influenced policy on the Prosperity Fund and within the Department for International Development.

This review and publication is even more relevant post the referendum and the Group is pursuing discussions with Ministers and officials about how it can contribute to a new vision for the UK as an outwardly focused and globally orientated country.

The Group began a new review on the development of nursing during the course of the year and will publish this in October. Once again this is very timely and important in influencing Government policy.

These events and reviews are important not only in helping develop policy and influence Parliament and Government but also in bringing together people from different backgrounds, organisations and disciplines around shared issues of global health. There is no other comparable forum in the UK and more than 500 individuals have participated in events at some point in the year.

We are very grateful for the support we have received from our sponsors during the year. This is vital in allowing the Group to function effectively. Similarly, we want to thank the Vice Chairs, Treasurer and members for their continuing support and involvement.

The APPG has been ably run by Dr Johanna Riha as Policy Director for most of the year. Her role is being filled on a part time basis Emily McMullen and we are very grateful to her, our two interns Hanadi Katerji and Tejal Mehta and our small team of advisers.



Dan Poulter MP (chair) Lord Crisp Co-Chair
1st September 2016

The Annual Report

The report covers the period from 17th June 2015 to 16th June 2017. However, Group activity doesn't fit neatly into this period with activities continuing over the year ends. The report therefore makes some reference to events both before and after this period. The accounts, however, refer exclusively to this period.

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health 2015-2016

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Reports

The UK's Contribution to Health Globally: Benefiting the Country and the World. 29th June 2015

This report describes the UK's footprint on health globally across four sectors: academia, government, commerce and not-for-profit activity. It shows that the UK plays a leading role in each sector: its global contribution second only to the US, which it surpasses in some areas.

In the next few years the UK could establish itself more firmly as a leader in health and life sciences or it could begin to lose that status forever.

The UK is a global power in health. It has world class universities and research, is a global leader in health policy and international development, has strong life sciences industries, a vibrant and diverse not-for-profit sector and exercises profound influence on health services globally. However, a combination of external competition, internal policy, reduced R&D spend and poor coordination could damage all of these assets – particularly if the UK fails to respond to changing power and perspectives across the world.

We argue here that the UK should aim to strengthen its position as a global leader in health working in partnership with others to improve health globally. This will require new strategies for creating mutually beneficial partnerships globally and greater alignment internally between the four sectors of academia, commerce, government and the not-for-profit sector; as well as the integration of health into foreign policy. This approach will bring great benefits to the UK and to the world.

The report, based on work led by researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, describes the UK's footprint on health globally across the four sectors of academia, government, commerce and not-for-profit and shows that the UK plays a leading role in each sector. The launch included speeches by Lord Howell of Guildford and George Freeman MP followed by a panel discussion with Professor Baron Peter Piot, Professor Jeremy Farrar, and Lord Kakkar, It was chaired by Meg Hillier MP.



Forthcoming Report

Triple Impact: How developing nursing globally will improve health, promote gender equality and support economic growth. 17th October 2016

Nurses are by far the largest part of the health workforce globally and what they do in the future will affect the future of health and health care provision. Their particular combination of skills, knowledge and values means that nurses are very well able to respond to the needs of the future for more person and community centred care and greater focus on health promotion and disease prevention. Yet, they are too often under-valued and their potential under-estimated.

The report will argue that Universal Health Coverage globally cannot be achieved without nurses being given greater priority and enabled to play wider and even more effective roles. It also argues that the UK can – and must - play a leading role in supporting the development of nursing globally.

The launch of the report will take place on the 17th October 2016 in Committee Room 10 and will include presentation of the report and discussions of its findings. Details of the speakers will be announced later.

Earlier report (where follow up continued into this year.)

Mental Health for Sustainable Development. 26th November 2014

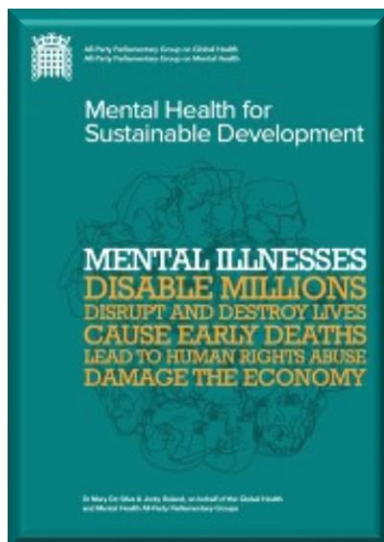
This report, produced in collaboration with the APPG on Mental Health, considers what the UK is currently doing to improve mental health globally and whether UK expertise and resources could be more effectively used to meet this challenge. The simple message of this report is that progress in development will not be made without improvements in mental health. Mental illnesses cause more disability than any other health condition; bring enormous pain and suffering to individuals and their families and communities; and can lead to early death, human rights abuses and damage to the economy. Improving mental health is therefore a vital part of a successful development programme.

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The reasons are equally straightforward. Mental illnesses cause more disability than any other health condition; bring enormous pain and suffering to individuals and their families and communities; and can lead to early death, human rights abuse and damage to the economy. Improving mental health is therefore a vital part of a successful development programme. Yet mental health is generally given a very low priority – and often neglected altogether - in both national and international policy.

The UK government can give a powerful lead to correct this through DFID and its work with other international bodies; however, it also needs to develop its own policies and practices to give mental health greater priority and, crucially, parity with physical health. Mental health needs to move from being an afterthought to an essential part of social policy, health system strengthening and health improvement.

Change is also needed in the UK's vibrant voluntary sector. The Sustainable Development Goals present the opportunity for real change. As the report says, we know what needs to be done. What is needed now is a change in mind set as well as in policy and practice.



Events

A breakfast launch of the Campaign for Science and Engineering report Thursday 21st January 2016

A breakfast launch was held on the terrace for the Campaign for Science and Engineering report on 'How an immigration policy can maintain the UK as a global hub for science and engineering?' Speakers included Professor Sir Venki Ramakrishnan (President of the Royal Society), Andy Furlong (Director of Policy & Communication, Institution of Chemical Engineers), Naomi Weir (Assistant Director, Campaign for Science and Engineering) and Professor Alan Manning (Migration Advisory Committee).

A launch of a new report on women's health globally Wednesday 10th Feb 2016

Hosted by the Oxford Martin School from the University of Oxford, the event highlighted how global efforts to improve the health of women have largely focused on reducing unacceptably high levels of maternal mortality and morbidity. However, the leading causes of death and disability for women in almost all countries in the world are now non-communicable diseases (NCDs). For many years, it was widely assumed that the occurrence and outcomes of disease were the same for men and women, and that results from studies involving only men would be equally relevant for women. An increasing body of evidence suggests that this is not the case. Speakers included Professor Robyn Norton (Principal Director of the George Institute for Global Health, Professor of Public Health at the University of Sydney Medical School), Professor Jane Dacre (President of the Royal College of Physicians), and Dame Una Dame Una O'Brien (Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health).

Mental Health for Sustainable Development Monday 22nd Feb 2016

A meeting on Mental Health for Sustainable Development to explore the role of International Non-Governmental Organisations. This meeting co-organised by the Mental Health Innovation Network, brought together Parliamentarians and representatives from over 30 international organisations to: Review what iNGOs are accomplishing in global mental health, discuss the impact of mental health on global health and development priorities and explore solutions to promote inclusion of people living with MNS disorders by iNGO programmes. Speakers included Dr Julian Eaton (Psychiatrist and CBM Mental Health Advisor), Dr Mark Jordans (War Child Holland and Honorary Senior Lecturer LSHTM), Jess McQuail (Executive Director at Basic Needs), Dr Inka Weissbecker (Global Mental Health and Psychosocial Advisor for the International Medical Corps).

World Health Organisation Human Resourcing for Health

Wednesday 24th February 2016

A panel discussion on the World Health Organization's new global strategy on human resources for health. The World Health Organization, in response to a request by its Member States, is developing a Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030, which examines the strategic opportunities and health workforce requirements in the decades to come. This crucial strategy was due to be presented to the sixty-ninth World Health Assembly in May 2016. Ahead of the assembly, the panel discussion being hosted included an update about the developing WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health as well as perspectives from key leaders in public health about the future direction of the global health workforce. Speakers included Dr Jim Campbell (Executive Director, Global Health Workforce Alliance and Director of the Health Workforce Department, WHO), Francesca Colombo (Head of the OECD Health Division), Richard Horton (Editor-in-Chief, the Lancet), and Duncan Selbie (Chief Executive of Public Health England).

The polio legacy and relationship to other disease eradication programmes

Tuesday 12th April 2016

This breakfast discussion focused on the remaining challenges of polio eradication and continuing vaccination and the policies needed to sustain the polio endgame and secure the legacy. It included reflections on the assets created via GPEI and skill transfer into developing health systems as countries work towards the Sustainable Development Goal of Universal Health Coverage; contributing to efforts to strengthen machineries of global health governance and reinforce other disease eradication campaigns. Speakers included Sir Liam Donaldson (Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board, GPEI), Dr Jason Lane (Senior Human Development Adviser, UK Department for International Development) and Dr Stephen Sosler (Immunization Technical Advisor, Country Programmes, GAVI).

Launch of the Kings Centre for Global Ageing

Monday 4th July 2016

An evening launch of the newly established Centre for Global Ageing at King's College London aimed to increase our understanding of global issues of immediate and persisting importance facing ageing societies in the following critical but relatively neglected areas: medical innovations for chronic conditions; families and communities; and work, retirement and health. Speakers included Director Professor Karen Glaser, Professor of Gerontology at King's College London, Professor Martin Prince from The Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience, and joint Director of the Centre for Global Mental Health, Dr Mauricio Avendano-Pabon, Reader in Global Ageing at King's College London and Adjunct Associate Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health; and Dr. Sridhar Venkatapuram, Lecturer in Global Health and Philosophy at King's College London. Concluding remarks will be made by Professor Nikolas Rose, Professor of Sociology at King's College London and member of the Science Policy Advisory Group

Accounts:

Period Covered by this statement: 17th June 2015- June 16th 2016.

A. Balance brought forward from previous year:

13415.36

B. Income received during the year:

i. Membership subscriptions (parliamentarians)	0.00
ii. Monetary donations (including external subscriptions and sponsorship)	33594.00
iii. Trading income	0.00
iv. Interest received	4.10
v. Other (please explain)	0.00

TOTAL income

33598.10

C. Expenditure during the year:

i. Employment costs (salaries, NI, pensions costs)	0.00
ii. Costs of contractors and freelance staff	27611.53
iii. Visits and events (UK)	3513.24
iv. Visits and events (abroad)	0.00
v. Cost of generating income	0.00
vi. Office and communications costs	6797.95
vii. Other (please explain)	0.00

TOTAL expenditure

37922.73

D. Balance carried forward (A+ total B- total C)

9090.73

E. Value of benefits in kind received from each source during the reporting year (in bands of up to £1,500; £1,501-£3,000; £3,001 to £4,500; £4,501 to £6,000)

0.00

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