



All-Party Parliamentary Group on
Global †uberculosis

Annual Report 2012

Update of APPG activities and finances June 2011 - July 2012



Foreword from the Chair



In the last year we have witnessed welcome progress in efforts to tackle TB. The estimated number of people infected and dying from the disease has decreased globally and the renewed focus on R&D into badly needed new tools to tackle the disease - that began many years ago - are showing signs of bearing fruit. However, that shouldn't portend a period of complacency.

Despite progress TB continues to kill 3800 people every day, with drug resistant strains increasing year on year.

The continued cross party commitment in the UK to accelerate efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) on TB continues, as demonstrated by the recent joint [statement](#) from the parties International Development spokesperson for World TB Day. It is vital that this commitment continues.

The All-Party Group has also had a very busy 12 months of meetings in Parliament ranging from TB in UK prisons and drug resistant TB in Europe to the current challenges faced by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

This is on top of another year of still growing parliamentary activity; with over 100 parliamentary questions tabled and answered in addition to APPG members tabling EDM's on World TB Day and on the London TB Model of care. We're pleased to note an increasing awareness amongst parliamentarians of the threat posed by TB at home and abroad.

Looking to the future, members decided to focus on the growing incidence of drug resistant strains of the disease, which will be the focus of an APPG parliamentary [inquiry](#), new tools to tackle TB, GFATM, TB planning and commissioning and improving TB screening in the UK.

We are building momentum to contribute as UK parliamentarians to fight against the disease. We will continue to step up our efforts. The theme of this year's World TB Day was 'Stop TB in my lifetime'. We believe that, if we all pull together, this is achievable and lives that are needlessly lost can be saved.

Andrew George MP



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Message of Thanks

The APPG would like to thank all of the individuals and organisations working in TB control and international development who have provided information, guidance and support throughout the year.

Particular thanks to RESULTS UK who provide support and host the APPG Secretariat, Genus Pharmaceuticals who financially supported the group for over 3 years, the Charities Aid Foundation Global Advocacy Fund, Aeras and FIND who currently provide financial support for the group's activities.

In addition, thank you to the staff of the APPG Officers for their continued assistance.



About the APPG on Global Tuberculosis

The APPG on Global Tuberculosis was established in 2006 and has been chaired since its inception by Andrew George MP. The overall purpose of the APPG is to raise the profile of the global tuberculosis epidemic (which includes the growing incidence of TB in the UK) and to help accelerate efforts to meet international TB control targets.

The Group has a growing membership of Parliamentarians from both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. APPG membership is restricted to Members of Parliament, but other interested parties, such as non-governmental organisations, academics and practitioners may be invited to attend meetings and provide expertise and guidance when required.

The secretariat for the APPG is hosted by [RESULTS UK](#), a non-profit advocacy organisation that works on TB as part of a wider campaign to eradicate diseases of poverty.

Key Objectives of the APPG

- To campaign for TB to be made a political priority for the UK Government, Political Parties and the International Community
- To co-ordinate informed Parliamentary activity on TB;
- To provide a forum for debate and discussion on issues relating to the global TB problem among Parliamentarians and other key stakeholders;
- To promote effective and sustainable solutions that will have a positive impact on meeting global TB control targets;
- To ensure that political and financial commitment for TB control from the UK Government and other sources is proportionate to the global need;
- To work in partnership with other All-Party Groups on cross-cutting issues;
- To build relationships with and support the activities of Parliamentarians in other countries who are working towards similar objectives;
- To be recognised nationally and internationally as an influential and effective partner in the fight against TB.

APPG Activities

- Facilitate regular, public meetings in Parliament with expert speakers;
- To co-ordinate informed Parliamentary activity on TB;
- Utilise all appropriate Parliamentary procedures and opportunities to promote TB and the work of the Group;
- Organise educational visits to high burden countries to improve understanding of how TB control is managed in different settings;
- Monitor and evaluate the role of the UK Government in fighting TB both in the developing world and in the UK;
- Prepare reports for relevant Ministries containing the findings and recommendations of the APPG;
- Organise private meetings with Ministers and Government departments to share findings and recommendations of the APPG; Monitor international trends and policies relating to TB control and prepare responses where appropriate.



Structure and Membership

The APPG consists of Parliamentary Officers and Members – 55 in total. Members sit in both Houses of Parliament and come from all major political parties. The group's AGM and election of officers was held on 3rd July 2012.

Officers:

Following the 2012 AGM the officers of the Group were:

Chair: Andrew George MP (Liberal Democrat, St Ives)

Vice-Chairs: Virendra Sharma MP (Labour, Ealing Southall)
Mark Lancaster MP (Conservative, Milton Keynes North)
Annette Brooke MP (Liberal Democrat, Mid Dorset and North Poole)
Baroness Masham of Ilton (Crossbench Peer)

In addition to members, the APPG has a 'support network' comprising of over 300 individuals working in varied areas of health and international development. The size of the support network has grown from 250 in June 2010 to 300+ in July 2012. The Network is an informal group that is kept informed of the work of the APPG through various communication methods. Members of the Network also provide information and guidance to the APPG secretariat and to Parliamentarians directly.

The support network comprises of:

- NHS/Health Protection Agency
- Research/Academic Organisations
- UK Non-Governmental Organisations
- Governmental Organisation DH/ DFID
- UN bodies/ International Organisations
- Private Sector

The APPG secretariat comprises one full-time Policy Adviser who is hosted at RESULTS UK's central London office.

Activity in the past year

Communication

Newsletters and monthly update reports to parliamentarians

[Newsletters](#) for the group that cover events, parliamentary activity and news are circulated to APPG members and the support network monthly, as well as posted on the APPG website. The group's members and support network are also sent regular updates of any policy changes or reports of relevance e.g. the HPA annual TB report.

Website

In recognition of the importance of the group's website, which is maintained by the APPG secretariat, a new updated website was launched in the autumn of 2011. The new site includes new features like subscription to the APPG newsletter, regular news updates and a searchable facility for parliamentary questions, Early Day Motions (EDM's) and Debates relevant to the work of the group.











Correspondence

Letters are sent by APPG officers to raise issues of concern with relevant decision makers. In the last



year, 7 letters have been sent by members to DFID and DH relating to prevention, treatment and control of TB in the UK and globally.

Summary of meetings in Parliament June 2011 – July 2012

Year	Date	Title of meeting	Further information
2011	June	Annual General Meeting 2011 & 'New Tools' to tackle TB	
	September	Meeting to discuss drug-resistant TB	
	October	TB in UK prisons – with Public Health Minister Anne Milton MP	
	October	Roundtable discussion on the London TB Screening Mobile X-Ray Unit (closed meeting)	Notes available on request
	November	The Health Worker Crisis: Halving Child Mortality by 2015 – in collaboration with APPG's on HIV/AIDS and Malaria and NTD's	
	November	'Save A Million Lives' by tackling HIV/TB co-infection – in collaboration with the APPG on HIV/AIDS	Notes available on request
	November	UK Leadership in Developing New Vaccines for Global Health - in collaboration with APPG's on HIV/AIDS and Malaria and NTD's	
	December	HIV/TB Summit - 'Save A Million Lives' by tackling HIV/TB co-infection – Commonwealth Parliamentary Association supported conference - in collaboration with the APPG on HIV/AIDS attended by 35 parliamentarians from across the world	
	December	The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria – following the cancellation of Round 11 funding grants - in collaboration with APPG's on HIV/AIDS and Malaria and NTD's	
2012	March	World TB Day – Children and Tuberculosis (Stop TB in my lifetime) – with Shadow DFID Minister Tony Cunningham MP	
	May	HIV/TB in the gold mining industry in South Africa – 'They Go To Die'	
	July	APPG annual general meeting	Notes available on request
	July	<i>Workshop at the AIDS Conference, Washington DC – The Politics of Persuasion: 'Empowering and Engaging your Elected Representatives to Tackle HIV/TB through research' – in collaboration with the APPG on HIV/AIDS, facilitated by Dr Richard Horton, Editor-In-Chief of the Lancet</i>	

For open meetings, all APPG members and the external support network were sent electronic or paper invitations to the above meetings. Meetings are advertised on the All-Party Notices and the APPG website. In addition, the APPG secretariat invited other targeted Parliamentarians to each meeting. Non-APPG Parliamentarians were identified by their stated interests and the relevance of these to the meeting topic.

The APPG strives to give exposure to both issues facing TB in the UK and globally, as well as highlighting cross-cutting issues e.g. the link between TB, poverty and housing.



External meetings and conferences

IUATLD conference, Lille, October 2011

The APPG Policy Adviser attended the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) Conference in Lille, France; meeting and building relationships with parliamentarians and international TB researchers and experts.

IUATLD regional conference, London, July 2012

Vice-Chair, Virendra Sharma MP addressed the regional conference on behalf of the group.

IPU Meeting, Washington DC, July 2012

The APPG supported the participation of member Cathy Jamieson MP at the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) meeting in Washington DC. Ms Jamieson highlighted the lack of recognition she had witnessed of the impact of TB in the fight to end AIDS during discussions.

International AIDS Conference, Washington DC, July 2012

The APPG organised a workshop, accepted within the official conference programme, entitled: "The Politics of Persuasion: Empowering and Engaging Elected Representatives to Tackle TB/HIV Co-infection through Research", with participation from UK Parliamentarians Cathy Jamieson MP (Labour, Kilmarnock & Loudoun) and Pamela Nash MP (Labour, Airdrie and Shotts).

Reports and Publications in Parliament

International Development Select Committee publish [report](#) on DFID's contribution to the Global Fund (May 2012): MPs on the International Development Committee urged the UK to increase funding to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria - the international financing mechanism set up ten years ago by donor countries that has helped save millions of lives in developing countries.

Parliamentary note on DR TB published: The first ever parliamentary note on [drug resistant tuberculosis \(TB\)](#) was published by the [Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology](#) (POST) in July 2012. POST produces independent, balanced and accessible briefings on public policy issues related to science and technology.

The publication highlights that TB is a leading cause of death globally and that progress in the control of TB is threatened by drug-resistant strains of the disease. It also examines the extent of, and risks posed by, drug-resistant TB (DR TB) giving an overview of national and international TB surveillance, research into treatments and policy options to limit infections.



Parliamentary Questions

From June 2011 – July 2012 there were 105 questions raised in Parliament on TB issues - an increase of 75 compared to the same period last year (30 in 2010/11). There were 93 written questions and 12 oral questions - four in the House of Lords and the remaining 101 in the House of Commons.

Subject	Number of PQs	Subject	Number of PQs
TB in the UK		TB globally	
Pre entry screening for Active TB	9	The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	22
Drug resistant TB	9	Research & Development	7
Local/National Incidence	9	Drug resistant TB	6
Housing – Hard to reach groups	7	Progress towards MDG 6	4
BCG	6	Global TB control targets	4
Fragmentation of services under NHS Reform	6	TB – country specific	3
TB policy	3	HIV/TB	2
HIV/TB	3		
TB in prisons	2		
Find and Treat service	2		
Latent TB	1		
Total	57	Total	48

Full details of Parliamentary questions –including responses from the relevant Government Ministers can be found on the group’s website: www.appg-tb.org.uk.

World TB Day 2012

The APPG was involved in a number of activities to highlight World TB Day (March 24th 2012) including:

1. [A Joint cross party statement from UK political party leaders on International Development for World TB Day](#) was signed by Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Secretary of State for International Development - Conservative, Ivan Lewis MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development – Labour - and Martin Horwood MP, Chair of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party Committee on International Affairs – Liberal Democrat.
2. Parliamentary Questions were tabled in the House of Commons focusing on international TB control targets, avoiding fragmentation of TB services under NHS reform and TB and HIV screening in developing countries.
3. An article written by Andrew George MP, Chair of the APPG entitled ‘[Stop TB in my lifetime](#)’ was published in ‘The House’ parliamentary magazine.
4. An Early Day Motion ([EDM - 2898](#)) was tabled ahead of World TB Day. The motion received the support of 38 MPs.

APPG expenditure and income

APPG expenditure

June 2011 – July 2012

Expenditure	Cost
Salaries	25,292.61
Overheads (electricity etc)	2,290.00
Meeting costs and conferences	1,259.69
Website upgrade and maintenance	900.00
Equipment	661.19
Travel costs	684.14
Photocopying & printing	63.86
Other expenses	39.00
TOTAL	31,190.49

A bought-forward figure (£5,271.35) and funding (£27,697.50) were provided by Genus Pharmaceuticals to support the group and its activities from June 2011 – July 2012. All unspent monies are carried into the next financial year to be used by the group - as directed by its officers.

APPG income

The Group received the following donations in July 2012 to fund the secretariat's activities from July 2012 – July 2013:

- £37,500 Charities Aid Foundation Global Development Advocacy Fund
- £3,116.52 Aeras
- £1,000 FIND Diagnosticsⁱ

To view the All-Party Groups registered entry on the Houses of Parliament websiteⁱⁱ, which is administered by the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, please click [here](#).

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