**Obesity APPG International Conference**

**Schedule**

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| **09:00 – 09:30** | Networking and refreshments |
| **09:30 – 09:40** | **Introduction – Andrew Selous MP**, Co-Chair of the Obesity APPG |
| **09:40 – 10:00** | **Jonathan Valabhji,** NationalClinical Director of Obesity and Diabetes at NHS England |
| **10:00 – 11:00** | **Panel 1: Why/why not recognise obesity as a disease? Is it a lifestyle condition, a genetic disease, or something else? Followed by Q&A**  **Jen Bateman**, Clinical Psychologist  **Lee Kaplan**, Obesity medicine specialist, Massachusetts General Hospital  **Tim Lobstein,** Director of Policy, World Obesity Forum  **Angela Chesworth,** Obesity Empowerment Network  **Paul Chesworth**, Obesity Empowerment Network |
| **11:00 – 11:30** | **Refreshments** |
| **11:30 – 12:30** | **Panel 2: What would it mean to recognise obesity as a disease? What more needs to be done? Followed by Q&A**  **Carel Le Roux**, Consultant in Metabolic Medicine at Imperial College London  **Ximena Ramos Salas**, Managing Director, Obesity Canada,  **Yevgeniy Goryakin**, Health Analyst, OECD  **Hermann Toplak**, Medical University, Graz, and former President, EASO  **Valerie Monpellier**, Nederlandse Obesitas Kliniek |
| **12:30 – 13:40** | **Lunch** |
| **13:40 – 13:45** | **Eleanor Smith MP**, Co-Chair of the Obesity APPG |
| **13:45 – 14:00** | Keynote speech: Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, **Rt Hon** **Matt Hancock MP** |
| **14:00 – 14:50** | **Panel 3: What could the future look like? Followed by Q&A**  **John Wass**, Professor of Endocrinology, Oxford University  **Francesco Rubino**, Chair of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, King's College London  **Arya Sharma**, Professor of Endocrinology & Metabolism, University of Alberta  **Rachel Batterham,** Professor of Obesity, Diabetes and Endocrinology  **Sharon Hodgson MP,** Shadow Minister for Public Health  **Sarah Le Brocq**, Director, HOOP UK |
| **14:50 – 15:00** | Final thanks and remarks from APPG officer |