



All Party Parliamentary Group  
on Women's Health

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### Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Health

Minutes of the meeting held at 1:00pm on 11th February 2025 in Portcullis House, Room R

#### Parliamentarians in attendance:

Gill Furniss MP  
Josh Fenton-Glynn MP  
Office of Kirsteen Sullivan MP

#### Meeting:

##### 1. WELCOME

Gill Furniss MP welcomed parliamentary colleagues and guests to the meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Health.

##### 2. UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

- The APPG Officers and Members discussed previous engagement with the Minister for Women's Health, Minister Merron, and future engagement with Minister Smyth to learn more about the Government's commitment to women's health and how the APPG can support the Minister in improving women's health services.
- The group discussed the upcoming Call to Action on informed choice in women's health across the life course. Once finalised the APPG will distribute the report at a national, parliamentary, and regional level and the APPG will look to carry out a series of meetings with leaders at all levels to raise visibility of the key issues among leaders both in Parliament and the NHS and ensure their buy-in and support.
- The Secretariat shared plans to hold a face-to-face event in Parliament in the second half of the year that seeks to activate and consolidate support for the issues and recommendations contained in the Call to Action and raised in parliamentary activity throughout the year. The event will bring together parliamentarians, clinicians, patients, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the progress of the new Government in implementing the recommendations in the Women's Health Strategy as well as the issues raised in the Call to Action.

##### 3. DISCUSSION

- The group agreed that the APPG will also continue to raise awareness of the health inequalities women face across a number of disease areas focusing on conditions which affect women across the life course, and coordinating activity with other relevant APPGs to ensure alignment on key issues.
- Members discussed the role of mayoral and local councils, particularly in devolved administrations.
- Gill Furniss MP, Chair of the APPG, raised discussions regarding the British Irish Parliamentary Assembly and noted that she would inquire about what stage the Northern Irish Women's Health team is at with their plan, offering the support of the APPG where appropriate.

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#### *4. AOB*

The Secretariat agreed to publish the minutes following the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

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