

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross-Party Group on Cancer

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

David Rees MS

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Rhun ap Iorwerth MS

Mike Hedges MS

Mark Isherwood MS

Joel James MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Ella Davies, Cancer Research UK

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

Tenovus Cancer Care

Marie Curie

Macmillan Cancer Support

Wales Cancer Alliance

NHS Wales Performance and Improvement

Local Health Boards

Velindre Cancer Centre

Maggie's Centre

Breast Cancer Now

Cardiff University

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1 : Gynaecological Cancers in Wales

Date of Meeting:

Thursday 12 December 2024

Attendees:

Dr Altaf Hussain MS

Mark Major, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support for Dr Altaf Hussain MS

Ryland Doyle, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support for Mike Hedges MS

Rhys Hughes, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support for Rhun ap Iorwerth MS

Emily Hearne, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support for David Rees MS

Jamie Williams, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff for Dr Altaf Hussain MS

Mike Bryan, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff for Natasha Asghar MS

Rhys Thomas, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff for Sam Rowlands MS

Oliver Morgan, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff for Peter Fox MS

Claire O'Shea, Claire's Campaign

Dr James Baker, Cancer Research UK

Simon Scheeres, Cancer Research UK

Ella Davies, Cancer Research UK

Katrina Brown, Cancer Research UK

Ceri Wyborn, Cancer Research UK

Dr Peter Henley, Cancer Research Wales

Dr Lee Campbell, Cancer Research Wales

Claire Nelson, NHS Executive

Chloe Dobbin, NHS Executive

Andrew Jones, NHS Executive

Johanna Brown, NHS Executive

Lisa Wilks, NHS Executive

Dr Louise Hymers, NHS Executive

Bethan Williams, NHS Executive

Thomas Jones, NHS Executive

Roxanne Green, NHS Executive

James Davis, NHS Executive

Laura Keighan, NHS Executive

Phoebe Shanley, Tenovus Cancer Care

Maddy Young, Tenovus Cancer Care

Nirushan Sudarsan, Tenovus Cancer care

Greg Pycroft, Tenovus Cancer Care

Lowri Griffiths, Tenovus Cancer Care

Tracey Burke, Cancer Aid Merthyr

Rebecca Elley, Fair Treatment for the Women of Wales

Krishna Patel, Deryn

Matthew Jones, Breast Cancer Now

Jessica Potter, Target Ovarian Cancer

Andrew Reynolds, Young Lives vs Cancer

Hilary Webb, Blood Cancer

Thomas Brayford, Brain Tumour Research

Juliet Jarvis, Teenage Cancer Trust

Dr Louise Hanna, Velindre University NHS Trust

Sian Jenkins, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Dr Geeta Kumar, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Elaine Hampton, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Joanne Hussein, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Lindsay Williams, Swansea Bay UHB

Holly Speare, Swansea Bay UHB

Amanda Howard, Health Education and Improvement Wales

Jonathan Claire, Aneurin Bevan UHB

Rhiannon Griffiths, Aneurin Bevan UHB

Sally Spillane, Cardiff and Vale UHB

Dr Jeff Turner, Cardiff and Vale UHB

Summary of the issues discussed:

The meeting marked one year since the 'Unheard: Women's Journey Through Gynaecological Cancer' report was published. The meeting revisited this work and heard how the patient experience helped shape the report as well as what was still needed to be done to improve these experiences. Presentations were given by patient campaigner, Claire O'Shea, from Claire's

Campaign, who outlined the campaign, patient experience of the gynaecological pathway in Wales, and how the experiences of women with gynaecological cancer in Wales shaped the 'Unheard' Inquiry. In addition, members of NHS Wales (NHS Wales Executive) presented an overview of the National Cancer Recovery Programme, and how this relates to the gynaecological pathway and recommendations made within the 'Unheard' report.

Meeting 2: The International Cancer Benchmarking Partnerships Research on Cancer Strategies

Date of Meeting:

28 April 2025

Attendees:

David Rees MS, Chair

Ryland Doyle, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff for Mike Hedges MS

Samantha Harrison, Cancer Research UK, (SH)

Professor Ellen Nolte, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, (EN)

Simon Scheeres, Cancer Research UK, (SS)

Ella Davies, Cancer Research UK

Harriet Hall, Cancer Research UK

Tom Livesey, Welsh Conservatives

Ana Akhvlediani, Anthony Nolan

Hazel Jackson

Rhian Stangroom-Teel, Macmillan Cancer Support

Dr Peter Henley, Cancer Research Wales

Ellie Blake, Prostate Cancer UK

Dawn Casey, Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB

Dr Jeff Turner, NHS Wales Executive

Tomos Jones, Audit Wales

Greg Pycroft, Tenovus Cancer Care

Tracey Burke, Cancer Aid Merthyr

Sally Anstey, Cardiff University

Lizzie Ellis, Prostate Cancer UK

Rachel Lawrence, Moondance Cancer

Omolade Adedapo, Macmillan Cancer Support

Ian Pendlington, Bowel Cancer UK

Thomas Jones, NHS Wales Executive

Drew, Kidney Cancer UK

Ceri Hogg, Cardiff and Vale UHB

Richard Daniels, British Liver Trust

Oscar Din, Pancreatic Cancer UK

Lowri Griffiths, Tenovus Cancer Care, (LG)

Heather Wilkes, NHS Wales Executive, (HW)

Andrew Reynolds, Young Lives vs Cancer

Sian Morgan, Cardiff and Vale UHB

Summary of the issues discussed:

The meeting discussed the evidence and rationale behind robust cancer policy setting, in relation to cancer plans and strategies, and the components that support such approaches. The meeting heard the work of the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership (ICBP), and how countries with robust cancer plans in place have seen greater improvements in cancer outcomes over time. An introductory presentation was provided by Samantha Harrison, Cancer Research UK's ICBP lead, about the work of the ICBP and its research modules. This was followed by a presentation from Professor Ellen Nolte, from of London School of Hygiene and

Tropical Medicine, who conducted the ICBP's module in relation to how cancer planning has helped improve cancer outcomes amongst ICBP membership countries and jurisdictions.

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

1 May 2025

Attendees:

David Rees MS, Chair

John Griffiths MS

James Evans MS

Mabon ap Gwynfor MS

Michelle Mitchell OBE, Cancer Research UK

Owen Jackson, Cancer Research UK

Shaun Walsh, Cancer Research UK

Debbie King, Cancer Research UK

James Baker, Cancer Research UK

Simon Scheeres, Cancer Research UK

Gower Tan, Cancer Research UK

Ella Davies, Cancer Research UK

Trefor Hughes-Morris, Cancer Research UK

Emma Shiggins MS, Cancer Research UK

Matt Sample, Cancer Research UK

Tom Bourton, Cancer Research UK

Ruth Aimes, Cancer Research UK

Sophie Heath, Cancer Research UK

Samantha Harrison, Cancer Research UK

Katrina Dixon, Cancer Research UK

Vincent Saverat, Cancer Research UK

Jody Bullock, Cancer Research UK

Jane Chappelle, Cancer Research UK

Kasey Jones, Cancer Research UK

Ben Sammon, Cancer Research UK

Harriet Hall, Cancer Research UK

Elizabeth Frisby, Cancer Research UK

Louise Elliott, ASH Cymru

Peter Henley, Cancer Research Wales

Hannah Buckingham, Macmillan Cancer Support

Adam Fletcher, Cancer Research Wales

Tracey Burke, Cancer Aid Merthyr Tydfil

Joe Castle, ABPI

Eirlys Edwards, Sir Gareth Edwards Cancer Charity

Oscar Din, Pancreatic Cancer UK

Mel Thomas, Sir Gareth Edwards Cancer Charity

Jessica Potter, Target Ovarian Cancer

Dr Lee Campbell, Cancer Research Wales

Richard Driffield, The Joshua Tree

Matthew Jones, Breast Cancer Now

Kayleigh Wynne, Cancer Aid Merthyr Tydfil

Jenni Macdougall, Wales Cancer Research Centre

Nicholas John Phillips, Cancer Research and Genetics UK

Bethan Edwards, British Heart Foundation Cymru

Rebecca Weston-Thomas, Cancer Research UK

Angela Casbard, Centre for Trials Research Cardiff University

Greg Pycroft, Tenovus Cancer Care

Zoe Barber, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Nicolas Webb, Royal College of General Practitioners

Lewis Miller, Leukaemia UK

Danielle Percival, The Joshua Tree

Rebecca Welsh, ALK Positive UK

Sue Thomas, METUP UK Wales

Kirrin Spiby-Davidson, Children's Commissioner for Wales

Ailsa Guard, METUP UK

Tanya Williams, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Naomi Keevil, METUP UK

Sara Jones, METUP UK

Rhian Thomas-Turner, Children's Hospital for Wales

Dr Madeleine Adams, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales

Sara King, The Joshua Tree

Tom Livesey, Welsh Conservatives

Dr Jeff Turner, National Cancer Recovery Programme

Dr Heather Wilkes, National Cancer Recovery Programme

Frankie Toner, CHIESI

Helen Ley, Macmillan Cancer Support

Dr Sinan Eccles, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Helen Allen, Blood Cancer UK

Johanna Greenway, Blood Cancer UK

Sarah Clark, The Old Mill Foundation

Joan Jeyes, The Old Mill Foundation

Dale Riley, Roche Products Ltd

Beth Mitchell, Young Lives vs Cancer

Leigh Mair, Boehringer Ingelheim

Marguerite Hughes, Cancer Research UK

Branwen Hywel, Cancer Research UK

Dr Christopher Scrase, NHS Wales

Rebecca Weston-Thomas, NHS Wales

Lisa Whittaker, Blood Cancer UK

Lucy Aubrey, The Old Mill Foundation

Bethan Jones, Tenovus Cancer Care

Lowri Griffiths, Tenovus Cancer Care

Andrew Reynolds, Young Lives vs Cancer

Andrea Hague, Velindre University NHS Trust

Kate Williams, Macmillan Cancer Support

Lisa Miller, Velindre University NHS Trust

Bec Miller, Asthma and Lung UK Cymru

Cari-Anne Quinn, Life Sciences Hub Wales

Debra Montague, ALK Positive UK

Summary of the issues discussed:

The Cross-Party Group held an in-person reception at the Senedd to celebrate and showcase the group's past meetings; and provided a forum for attendees to understand some of the key issues facing cancer services and patients in Wales – and solutions proposed to them. The reception highlighted the importance of launching targeted lung screening in Wales; the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership's research on cancer planning; meeting the unique needs of children and young people with cancer in Wales; and harnessing research through clinical trials.

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Meeting 4

Date of Meeting:

28 November 2025

Attendees:

David Rees MS, Chair

Mark Isherwood MS

Emily Hearne, Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff for David Rees MS

Simon Scheeres, Cancer Research UK

Ella Davies, Cancer Research UK

Diana Jupp, Pancreatic Cancer UK

Oscar Dinn, Pancreatic Cancer UK

Greg Pycroft, Tenovus Cancer Care

Hugh Adams, Brain Tumour Research

Lewis Scott

Andrew Reynolds, Young Lives vs Cancer

Katherine Dew, Brain Tumour Research

Emily Waller, Pancreatic Cancer UK

Rebekkah Mudd, Tenovus Cancer Care

Amy Capper, Myeloma UK

Holly McConnell, Leukaemia UK

Rachel Lawrence, Moondance

Tessa Phillips, NHS Wales Performance and Improvement

Lewis Miller, Leukaemia UK

Bethan Jones, Tenovus Cancer Care

Joanna Williams, NHS Wales Performance and Improvement

Rhian Stangroom-Teel, Macmillan Cancer Support

Hannah Buckingham, Macmillan Cancer Support

Russell Banner, Swansea Bay University Health Board

Owen Nicholas, Swansea Bay University Health Board

Matthew Jones, Breast Cancer Now

Clair Thorstensen-Woll, The Brain Tumour Charity

Eirlys Edwards, Sir Gareth Edwards Cancer Charity

Nick Mowbray

Guy Shingler, Swansea Bay University Health Board

Sarah Gwynne, Swansea Bay University Health Board

Summary of the issues discussed:

The meeting focused on the less survivable cancers in Wales – lung, pancreatic, liver, brain, oesophageal and stomach cancer. The session heard from the Less Survivable Cancers Taskforce’s Wales-subgroup about progress made over recent years across the less survivable cancers in Wales. It also heard from the Chief Executive Officer of Pancreatic Cancer UK about the challenges facing patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and opportunities on the horizon to improve earlier and faster diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in Wales.

Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.

The CPG for Cancer met with the group’s external members (as outlined on page 1-2) throughout the course of the year’s formal meetings.

Name of Organisation:

N/A

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Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross-Party Group on Cancer

Date:

09/12/25

Name of Chair:

David Rees MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Ella Davies, Cancer Research UK

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	Click or tap here to enter text.	£0
Costs of all goods	Click or tap here to enter text.	£0
Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies	Click or tap here to enter text.	£0
Any financial support or other support.	Click or tap here to enter text.	£0
Total		Click or tap here to enter text.

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
01/05/2025	Cancer Research UK, Cross-Party Group on Cancer Secretariat	£198.42 – speakers' accommodation £1833.90 – Senedd catering services

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Total		2032.32