

Cross-Party Group on Lung Health

Grŵp Trawsbleidiol ar Iechyd yr Ysgyfaint

03.02.2026

9.30am

Microsoft Teams meeting

Minutes

MS Attendees

John Griffiths MS (Chair)

Other Attendees

- Alice Spencer (Member of the public)
- Amanda Cullen (Cardiff & Vale UHB – CRRU)
- Andrea Pace (NHS Wales – Performance & Improvement)
- Andrew Bettridge (Senedd – Member Support Staff)
- Anthony Gibson (CTM UHB – Medical Director's Office)
- Bec Miller (Asthma + Lung UK) (Secretary)
- Charles De Wet (Orion Pharma)
- Darren Griffiths (RCPCH)
- Dave Edwards (Hwyel Dda UHB)
- Frankie Toner (Chiesi)
- Giorgie Rushton (NHS Wales – Performance & Improvement)
- Janette Nelson (Member of the Public)
- Joanne Oliver (NHS Wales – Performance & Improvement)
- Jonathan Morgan (**ASM**) (AstraZeneca)
- Joseph Carter (Asthma + Lung UK)
- Josephine (Member of the Public)
- Julie Mayes (Member of the Public)
- Kirsty Rees (Senedd – Member Support Staff)
- Kimberley Lewis (PTHB – Therapies & Sciences)
- Lou Williams (ASH Wales)
- Philip Webb (External)
- Rhodri Curtis (PTHB – Respiratory Physiology)
- Sue Lang (Member of the Public)

- **Valerie Ann Tweedie** (Member of the Public)

1. John Griffiths MS – Welcome and introductions

John welcomes everyone to the meeting and invited MSs to introduce themselves. No MSs were present but staff members noted their presence in the chat.

2. John Griffiths MS – Minutes of the last meeting

John asked if anyone had any objections to the previous minutes. There were no objections.

3. Bec Miller – Matters arising

Bec advised that the group wrote to the cabinet secretary about winter pressures, following the last meeting, but have not yet received a response.

4. Bec Miller, Policy + Public Affairs Officer, Asthma + Lung UK Cymru- Review of the CPG this Senedd.

Bec presented a slide show of successes in lung health since the inception of the group. Successes included the quality statement for respiratory disease, Asthma Hub and COPD Hub Apps and the clinical network.

Bec referenced best practice projects such as the Pembrokeshire schools project, interface nurses and the CTM low income household projects.

Bec invited group members to share their thought:

Philip Webb highlighted the need for the next Senedd's CPG to prioritise primary prevention, including:

- Tackling damp and mould in housing.
- Improving indoor environmental quality.
- Updating building specifications to reduce future respiratory illness.

Phillip also emphasised that prevention work by local authorities deserves greater attention.

John Griffiths MS supported giving prevention greater priority and noted the progress made by the group this term.

Frankie Toner praised Wales' progress compared with Scotland and emphasised the need:

- To retain incidental finding pathways for COPD within any future lung cancer screening programme.
- To ensure the group continues in the next Senedd due to high engagement and strong results.

Joseph Carter noted opportunities for:

- Joint CPG meetings on issues overlapping with housing, clean air, smoking & tobacco, and cancer.
- Continuing to share best practice across health boards, industry, and community partners.

Bec Miller noted:

- Wales's action on disposable vape bans and progress of the Tobacco & Vapes Bill.
- Balance needed to avoid crossing into the remit of related CPGs (Clean Air, Smoking, Fuel Poverty, Cancer).
- Joint-group meetings had been discussed previously and could be revived next term.

5. **Joseph Carter** – Thank you to members

Joseph Carter led formal thanks to:

- **John Griffiths MS**, who is retiring at the next election, for his longstanding commitment and leadership.
- Regular attending MS members including **Mike Hedges MS** and **Altaf Hussain MS**.

Joseph reflected positively on the stability and progress of the **Respiratory Network**, urging Welsh Government to maintain funding and clinical leadership.

6. **John Griffiths MS** – Closing

John Griffiths MS thanked all members, service users, charities, professionals, and officials for their contributions over the term.

John encouraged continued engagement in the next Senedd.

He closed the meeting closed with thanks.

