



Cynghrair Niwrolegol Cymru  
Wales Neurological Alliance

**Minutes of Cross-Party Group Neurological Conditions meeting on**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**National Assembly for Wales, North Wales Visitor & Information  
Centre, Princes Drive, Colwyn Bay LL29 8PL**

**Via VC to Tŷ Hywel, National Assembly for Wales**

**Present**

**North Wales**

Mark Isherwood AM (Chair)  
Lynne Hughes, MS Society Cymru  
Ana Palazon, Stroke Association & Chair of WNA  
Urtha Felda, MS Society Cymru  
Carol McCudden, Ataxia UK  
Darren Wyn Jones, MS Society Cymru  
Kevin Thomas, MNDA  
Janet Paterson, Epilepsy Action Cymru  
Sioned Llwyd Larsen  
Nia Wyn Williams  
Rhys Davies  
Karen Shepherd, Healthwise Wales  
Jane Johnston Cree, Neuro Therapy Centre  
R Rylance, North Wales Dystonia Society  
Ian Bunting, Friends of Parkies  
Claire Nelson, WHSCC

**Ty Hewel VC link**

Rhodri Davies, Stroke Association  
Sharon Williams  
Pip Ford, The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy  
John Meredith, Dystonia Society  
Carol Smith, MNDA  
Radha Nair-Roberts  
Katie McMahon, Action for ME  
Mark Morgan, MESIG  
Fiona McDonald, MS Society Cymru  
Manel Tippet, RC Psych in Wales  
Robin Moulster, BASW  
Diane Gleeson, WNA

**Apologies**

Ann Sivapatham, Epilepsy Action Cymru  
Neil Hamilton, AM  
David Linden  
Lowri harris  
Tanya Edmonds, ABM ULHB- Neuropsychology  
Kym Troman  
Rachel Williams, Parkinson's UK  
Annette Morris  
Carl Cooper, PAVO  
Simon Thomas, AM  
Kate Steele, Shine  
Alison Shakeshaft, ABUHB  
Lesley Parry  
Lynda King  
Dr Evan Moore  
Jon Barnes, Epilepsy Action  
Jackie Hughes, Neuro Therapy Centre  
Helen Owen, ABMUHB  
Eluned Pack  
Irina Erchova  
Bryn Waldron  
Phil Smith, Consultant Neurologist

**Introduction**

Mark Isherwood, Chair introduced the meeting and attendees and thanked the IT department for their support with regard to the VC link to Cardiff.

**Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

Minutes of the last meeting were recorded as a true and accurate account, proposed by Ana Palazon, seconded by Lynne Hughes. Carol Smith confirmed she was present at the last meeting and Carol McCudden asked that her organisation be corrected.

There were no matters arising.

**Annual Meeting of Cross Party Group, Annual Report and election of Chair and Secretary**

Ana Palazon summarised the Annual Report and invited questions. The report was accepted unanimously.

Ana Palazon nominated Mark Isherwood as Chair for a further term & Diane Gleeson as Secretary, both nominations were seconded by Lynne Hughes and accepted unanimously.

## **WHSCC Review of Neurosciences**

Claire Nelson, Specialised Planner - Neurosciences and Complex Conditions Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee, presented to the meeting a Review of Neurosciences providing an update and results to date. The meeting was then opened up for discussion and interesting discussion followed. Mark thanked Claire for attending and for her very interesting presentation.

## **WNA Member Presentation**

Jane Johnston-Cree, Senior Therapist, North Wales Neuro Therapy Centre presented to the meeting the successful work of the Neuro Therapy Centre. The meeting was opened up for questions and Mark thanked Jane for another interesting presentation.

## **Future Meeting Dates**

The next Cross Party Group Meeting will be held at lunch time take & place in Cardiff on 19.09.17 followed by an evening meeting in Cardiff on 05.12.17.

## **AOB**

1. Lynne Hughes read out a letter from Ann Pierce-Jones who referred to the minutes of the meeting in June 2016 and asked what progress had been made on the following:

“Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board have used funding for support towards establishment of a level 2 neuro-rehabilitation unit in North Wales”

“Delivering access to neurology services, for patients of all ages, consistently throughout Wales. Very little progress so far, will roll over”

Lynne suggested that an update is requested from Alison Shakeshaft and then a letter of response is sent from Mark.

2. Lynne informed the meeting that the MS Society has recently changed its policy on the use of cannabis and is looking at ways of making it available on prescription
3. Lynne informed the meeting that Mark was nominated as Political Supporter of the year at the MS awards in May and is delighted to say that Mark won this award which she then presented to him. Mark thanked Lynne for accepting the award on his behalf at the awards event.

Close

Mark closed the meeting at 13.40pm