

Cross Party Group on Medical Research  
Inaugural Meeting

13 November 2018  
12 - 1.30pm  
Conference Room B, Ty Hywel

Minutes

**In attendance**

Dr Dai Lloyd AM, Chairing

**Presenting:**

Emma Henwood, BHF Cymru  
Andy Glyde, CRUK  
Dr Carina Fraser, Cardiff University

Adam Fletcher, BHF Cymru  
Martin Fidler-Jones, Tenovus Cancer Care  
Ed Bridges, Cardiff University  
Kate Shires, Biobank Manager, Cardiff University  
Christopher Thomas, Biobank Quality Manager, Cardiff University  
Matthew O'Grady, Policy Information and Campaigns Officer, Stroke Association  
Huw Owens, Alzheimer's UK  
Lee Campbell, Cancer Research Wales  
Kielan Arblaster, The Brain Tumour Charity  
Lynne Davies, CRUK  
Oliver John, Royal College of Psychiatrists  
Gethin Jones, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
Rhian Thomas-Turner,  
Lowri Jackson, Royal College of Physicians  
Joanne Ferris, ABPI  
Cari-Anne Quinn, Life Sciences Hub  
Professor Alan Williams, Swansea University  
Dr Chris George, Swansea University  
Dr Rachel Adams, Cardiff Met University  
Christopher Fegan  
Helen West, Julie Morgan's support staff  
Julie Morgan AM  
Angela Shendy, Suzy Davies AM's support staff  
Jamie Evans, Dai Lloyd AM's support staff

1. Chair's welcome and introduction

Emma Henwood welcomed everyone and apologised on behalf of Angela Burns AM who was not able to attend this meeting and Dr Dai Lloyd AM who was chairing the meeting but not able to be with the group until 12.30pm.

Emma asked everyone to introduce themselves, and then asked Andy Glyde from CRUK if he could begin his presentation.

2. Cancer Research UK report on the Medical Environment in Wales

Andy Glyde, Public Affairs Manager, CRUK Wales

Andy talked through the slides on the report that CRUK released the day before (Monday 12 November 2018) into the medical environment in Wales. Andy explained that this is the first report in the UK, but that the other nations would be releasing similar reports in due course.

Dr Dai Lloyd took his seat after entering the room during the presentation. He asked if Andy would be happy to take questions.

Rhian Thomas-Turner spoke about the different challenges for paediatric research, including the need to collaborate globally due to patient population sizes needed for trials.

Lee Campbell spoke about cancer research going on in Cardiff.

Andy spoke about the need for Welsh Government to commit to the cancer research strategy. A challenge that the funding from Welsh Government shouldn't be taken at face value because in some cases, funding has been cut elsewhere.

Chris Fegan spoke about the need for funders and third sector to be involved in the development of the cancer research strategy and for HCRW to be more strategic.

### 3. Cardiff University Biobank presentation

Dr Carina Fraser, Governance and Strategic Adviser

Ed Bridges from Cardiff University gave out an accompanying briefing and handed over to Dr Fraser to present.

Dr Carina Fraser talked through the new Cardiff University Biobank which was opened the previous month.

### 4. BHF Air pollution video presentation

Mark Miller, Edinburgh University and Dr Rachel Adams, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Emma Henwood introduced the video, which is available here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmHjIK\\_YG8g&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmHjIK_YG8g&feature=youtu.be)

Emma introduced Dr Rachel Adams who said she was happy to take questions on the issues raised in the video.

Lee Campbell asked about the link between different cancers and air pollution.

Dr Adams agreed and spoke about how different conditions were affected by pollutants.

Julie Morgan talked about the number of Cardiff schools which were known to be in very polluted areas or near high polluted roads.

Dr Adams spoke about the small interventions which could be made to ensure pollutants are dispersed and don't affect children or people living in the area.

Dai Lloyd asked Dr Adams if she would also talk about the types of indoor pollution she had spoken about at an event he had attended.

Dr Adams spoke about the issues with older buildings (particularly schools) which could be susceptible to certain pollutants which could also affect the respiratory and circulatory system.

### 5. Discussion of topics the Cross Party Group would like to bring forward for the next meetings

Dai Lloyd introduced the item and opened to the floor for topics for the next meeting.

Joe Ferris said that ABPI were happy to help with any topics that could be looked at, and mentioned input from industry

Cari-Anne Quinn mentioned that the patient should be considered within the topics, bringing together the research with the person who required the treatment.

Andy Glyde said that CRUK would have a Health analysis data set ready in March 2019.

Lowri Griffiths mentioned the workforce and that there was less protected time for research by doctors in training. Job planning needed to take into consideration research, and there was a lack of senior level research.

Dai Lloyd brought up primary care research and population level research.

Huw Owens talked about the impact of social and wellbeing research and the Ideal Study. Long term study into wellbeing collaborated on by HEIW, Welsh Government, and industry.

Martin Fidler-Jones spoke about Viro therapy and advanced therapy treatment.

Ed Bridges said that he could arrange a lab tour at Cardiff University for a future cross party group.

#### 6. Election of Secretary and Chair

Dai Lloyd asked if Emma was putting herself forward for secretary on behalf of BHF, which she confirmed she was. Dai asked the attendees if they were happy for this. Angela Burns was confirmed as Chair of the group going forward.