

# Cross Party Group on Medical Research

## Group Annual Report 2018/19

### 1. Group membership and office holders

Dr Dai Lloyd AM, Co-Chair

Angela Burns AM, Co-Chair

Julie Morgan AM (November 2018-December 2018)

Mike Hedges AM (December 2018 onwards)

Caroline Jones AM

Emma Henwood, Secretariat, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, BHF Cymru

### 2. Previous group meetings since inauguration

#### *Meeting 1*

**Date:** 13 November 2018

**Attendees:** Dr Dai Lloyd AM, Julie Morgan AM, and presenting: Andy Glyde, CRUK, Dr Carina Fraser, Cardiff University and Dr Rachel Adams, Cardiff Metropolitan University. Various other guests totalling 22.

**Summary of issues discussed:** Andy Glyde presented CRUK's *Bench to Bedside* report, Dr Carina Fraser presented Cardiff University's new Biobank and Dr Rachel Adams spoke about her air pollution work after a video presentation of her work and that of Dr Mark Millar in Edinburgh. All presenters took questions and there was a discussion of the issues that the members would like the Group to focus on in future meetings.

#### *Meeting 2*

**Date:** 13 March 2019

**Attendees:** Dr Dai Lloyd AM and presenting: Ian Rees Jones, Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research, Michaela James, Swansea University. Various other guests totalling 16.

**Summary of issues discussed:** Ian Rees Jones presented his study which is being part-funded by Alzheimer's UK, and after a video presentation on her work Michaela James spoke about her project called ACTIVE which aims at increasing physical activity for 14-16 year olds. Both presenters took questions. Lowri Jackson from the Royal College of Physicians gave an update on a sub-group which had been discussing potential asks for the medical research workforce. Finally, a discussion was held on the future of

the Group's work and what added value to the policy field could be made by the Group.

### ***Meeting 3***

***Date:*** 8 May 2019

***Attending:*** Dr Dai Lloyd AM, Mike Hedges AM, and presenting: Mark Briggs, Welsh Blood Service, Mandy Edwards, Cancer Research UK Senior Nurse for Wales, James Coulson, Cardiff University. Various other guests totalling 16.

***Summary of issues discussed:*** Mark Briggs spoke about his work at the Welsh Blood Service in precision medicine, Mandy Edwards presented her work as a senior nurse in research and the issues facing teams in hospitals, and James Coulson detailed his research on clinical toxicology in a medical setting. All presenters took questions. Finally, there was a discussion on the potential for an inquiry to be held by the Group and it was agreed that a plan should be brought to the next meeting.

### ***Meeting 4***

***Date:*** 10 July 2019

***Attending:*** Angela Burns AM, Dr Dai Lloyd AM and presenting: Catrin Middleton, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, and Genomics Partnership Wales, Ali Hansford, ABPI and Gwyn Tudor, Life Sciences Hub. Various other attendees totalling 21.

***Summary of issues discussed:*** Catrin Middleton gave an overview of Genomics Partnership Wales and its role in joining up precision medicine throughout research in Wales, Ali Hansford spoke about the role of industry in research in Wales and Gwyn Tudor gave an overview of the Life Sciences Hub work.

## **3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.**

Not applicable

# Annual Financial Statement

## Cross Party Group on Medical Research

November 2018 – October 2019

Chairs: Dr Dai Lloyd AM and Angela Burns AM

Secretary, Emma Henwood, BHF Cymru

Group's Expenses	None	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods purchased	£0.00
Benefits received by the Group or individual Members from outside bodies	No benefits received	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support	No financial support received	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality		
All refreshments are paid for by BHF Cymru		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description and name of provider</b>	<b>Cost</b>
13 November 2018 Meeting of the Cross Party Group	Charlton House Catering	£246.65
13 March 2019 Meeting of the Cross Party Group	Charlton House Catering	£126.90
8 May 2019 Meeting of the Cross Party Group	Charlton House Catering	£173.16
10 July 2019 Meeting of the Cross Party Group	Charlton House Catering	£173.88
Total cost		<b>£720.59</b>