

APPG For Continence Care

AGM of the APPG for Continence Care

15.30-5.00pm on Tuesday 16 July 2019,

House of Lords TV Room

Discussion Points

1. Health economics: As Sir Robert Francis will be attending the APPG meeting on Tuesday 19th November, (Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, 12.00-3.00pm), it was suggested that the APPG could write to him in advance to 'pick his brains', with regard to whether Healthwatch England might have any suggestions as to how the APPG could secure a focused piece of health economics research looking at case studies which would demonstrate the economic case that proper continence care saves money, and whether this is something Healthwatch might consider undertaking.

Action: Secretariat to draft a letter to Sir Robert Francis.

2. Primary Care Networks (PCNs): PCNs have already begun operating. They will take over from Clinical Commissioning Groups. It is expected that there will be around 6 PCNs across the country comprising large numbers of patients. We believe the PCNs will be provided with central funding for physios with possibly a physician's assistant, a social prescriber and a pharmacist. The goal would be funding for a continence nurse and Clare's support and advice of how to get continence care on PCN agenda.

Action: Secretariat to draft some questions re central funding for continence care.

3. Boys need Bins: The lack of bins in men's toilets was discussed and the problems and distress it causes. It was decided that the APPG should write to Therese Coffey in her capacity as Environment Minister, to highlight this concern which had an impact on waste disposal and potentially waste water. A letter could also be written to the Employment Minister recommending that the rules

governing bins in women's toilet provision by companies be extended to men's toilets. It was also proposed to contact Sport England, and there was a suggestion to contact the manager of Wembley Stadium.

Action: Secretariat to draft a letter to the Environment Minister

It was also suggested by Liz McInnes MP that the APPG could consider using International Men's Day to highlight the issue. By chance, this is on Tuesday 19th November - the day of the APPG's next meeting with Sir Robert Francis.

4. Public Lavatories Bill: This is a Government Bill and had its second reading in the Lords on 11 July. Its focus is on rateable value relief which was mentioned in the budget last year. Whilst it does give us some names of interested Peers, it is perhaps not the right vehicle to press for boys need bins, but we can alert interested Peers.

5. Parliamentary Questions: There was some discussion on topics for pqs as follows:

- Men's Toilet Bin provision.
- PCN and provision of continence care nurse.
- How much does the NHS spend on pad provision, broken down by CCG?

Action: Secretariat to draft some possible pqs.