



Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the APPG for Crohn's and Colitis

28 June 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am

Attendees

Members: Sarah Green MP, Hannah Bardell MP, Jane Hunt MP, Nick Fletcher MP, Heather Wheeler MP, Angela Eagle MP

Staff: Ben Willatts, Office of Sarah Green MP; Alyson Kierans, Office of Hannah Bardell MP; Jacob Coad, Office of Alberto Costa MP

Secretariat: Amy Deptford (Policy Manager, Crohn's & Colitis UK); Greg Collins (Policy Lead, Crohn's & Colitis UK)

Minutes

- Sarah Green MP welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the APPG for Crohn's and Colitis and invited everyone in the room to introduce themselves.
- The first business for the meeting was the election of officers for the year ahead. Sarah Green MP and Hannah Bardell MP nominated themselves to be co-chairs and were supported by all Members in attendance. As such, **Sarah Green MP and Hannah Bardell MP were duly elected as co-chairs of the APPG.**
- Sarah Green MP then took nominations for Officer positions within the group, which were as follows: **Stephen Crabb MP, Jane Hunt MP.** These nominations were supported by all Members and therefore all these **Members were duly elected as Officers for the group.**
- It was also agreed that **Daisy Cooper MP, Christine Jardine MP and Nick Fletcher MP** would join the group as Members.
- Amy Deptford gave a presentation that detailed the current work of Crohn's & Colitis UK. This highlighted that the scale of IBD in the UK has been underestimated and detailed the three policy portfolios that the charity is working on: Better Diagnosis, Better Care and Better Life.
- It was agreed that the next meeting of the group would be on 18 October.
- The meeting was concluded, and everyone was thanked for coming.