



APPG ON VULNERABLE GROUPS TO PANDEMICS 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MINUTES

Monday 22nd November 2021, 14:00

Attendees

Virendra Sharma MP - Chair (VS)

Lord Jon Mendelsohn (JM)

Bob Blackman MP – Vice Chair (BB)

Abbie Johnson RPP UK Ltd Associate Director (AJ)

Benjamin Smith -RPP UK Ltd Researcher (BS)

Income and expenditure statement: sign off

- AJ explained the remit and content of the 2 financial statements: 2020-2021 being the first full year of the APPG. 2021-2022 covering the period between the end of the reporting year and the reporting deadline.
- All attendees agreed that they were accurate and a fair reflection of the income and expenditure.

Inquiry report recommendations: comments and approval

- AJ explained the background to the inquiry and recommendations: The APPG held an inquiry during 2021 to understand the lessons from Covid-19 that could inform policy to help protect vulnerable groups in future pandemics. After reviewing and analysing all the submitted evidence, RPP drafted the inquiry report including recommendations.
- AJ explained that a supporting campaign pack would be published alongside the report (due end 2021/early 2022) including heatmaps about delayed cancer referrals, draft tweets for organisations to use for promotion, letters to be sent to local MPs, and graphics to be used on social media.
- All attendees approved the recommendations and had no further comments.



APPG 2021/22 – Election of officers

- The meeting was not quorate and, as such, this business could not be conducted.
- All attendees agreed that the group served an important purpose and should be continued if possible.
- JM offered to arrange another AGM ahead of the report deadline (4 January 2022) to elect officers. This was supported BB and VS. It was agreed JM would aim for the meeting to take place by w/c 12 December 2021.
- AJ noted that, as per previous correspondence, RPP would no longer continue as the secretariat of the APPG after 4 January. This was noted by all attendees.

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- JM thanked RPP for their high quality work in supporting the APPG since its inception.