



All-Party Parliamentary Group Arts, Health and Wellbeing Annual General Meeting

**Monday 23rd January 2023
12noon – 1pm**

House of Lords Committee Room 2A

Minutes

In attendance:

Baroness Andrews
Tracey Crouch MP
Rachel Hopkins MP
Baroness Meacher
Rt Hon. Baroness Morgan of Cotes

Secretariat: Alex Coulter, Director of the National Centre for Creative Health

Apologies were received from Lord Howarth of Newport, Baroness Morris of Yardley and Lord Crisp.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the Inaugural Meeting on 14th December 2021 were agreed with no changes

2. Election of Officers

The Officers were nominated and elected in a block by all parliamentarians present:

Chair and Registered Contact: Tracey Crouch MP

Co-Chair: Rt Hon. Lord Howarth of Newport

Vice-Chair: Rt Hon. Baroness Morgan of Cotes

Vice-Chair: Baroness Meacher

Vice-Chair: Rachel Hopkins MP

Treasurer: Baroness Andrews

3. Annual Report

Tracey Crouch commented on the quality of the Annual Report which is one of the best she has seen. Baroness Morgan noted that it was an excellent example of the good that APPGs can do. Alex Coulter said that she will provide a detailed breakdown of in-kind support provided by the Secretariat over the last year, although it does not exceed £12,500, the limit at which income and expenditure has to be reported.

4. Creative Health Review Programme for 2023

The upcoming programme for the Creative Health Review was discussed. Tracey Crouch is one of the 16 Commissioners. The next roundtable is on Social Care. Officers of the Group agreed that further work on Social Care would be an appropriate focus for this APPG. Baroness Andrews recently chaired the Adult Social Care Committee's: [*A "gloriously ordinary life": spotlight on adult social care*](#), published in December 2022. The Archbishop's [*Reimagining Care Commission*](#) publishes its report on 24th January 2023. Baroness Andrews suggested a joint APPG event with the APPG on Housing and Care for Older People. Tracey Crouch talked about a new housing development for 55+ in her constituency which will include a community centre and activities including creative activities as part of the offer.

The following Creative Health Review roundtable is on End of Life Care and Bereavement. A number of hospices which could be invited were suggested: Heart of Kent Hospice, Rainbow's Children's Hospice, Keech Hospice, St Peter and St James Hospice.

Baroness Andrews suggested that this APPG could consider an evaluation of its work to date and the impact it has had. Alex Coulter said that the *Creative Health* report, published by the APPG in 2017, has had and continues to have an impact. It is frequently cited and still used by many stakeholders. In Arts Council England's recent Creative Health and Wellbeing plan, *Creative Health* is referred to as a landmark report and that its findings 'continue to drive policymakers and practitioners in the field.' Tracey Crouch suggested we invite Arts Council England to speak to the APPG about their work in this area.

There was a discussion about Arts Council England's recent NPO funding decisions and in particular the issue of the ENO which has delivered the 'ENO Breathe' intervention for people with Long Covid. Baroness Andrews had attended the event in parliament and heard very compelling testimony from someone who had benefitted from the Breathe programme. Rachel Hopkins had spoken in the Westminster Hall debate on Arts Council England Funding on 18th January 2023.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business