**Brief history of the APPG**

The APPG was formed in 2014 as a cross party group of parliamentarians with a shared interest in the field of arts, health and wellbeing. The aim of the APPG has been to raise awareness of the benefits that the arts can bring to health and wellbeing and to stimulate progress towards making these benefits a reality across the country.

The APPG led a two-year inquiry 2015-17, which resulted in a report, [*Creative Health: The arts for health and wellbeing.*](https://ncch.org.uk/appg-ahw-inquiry-report)

In 2022-2023, the APPG and the National Centre for Creative Health conducted a year-long review, chaired by Lord Howarth of Newport and informed by a panel of esteemed [commissioners](https://ncch.org.uk/commissioners), including parliamentarians and leaders in public life, healthcare and culture. In December 2023 the *[Creative Health Review: How Policy Can Embrace Creative Health](https://ncch.org.uk/creative-health-review)* was published. Find out about the review themes, the Lived Experience advisory group and creative responses here: <https://ncch.org.uk/creative-health-review>

In April 2024, APPG rules change and APPGs need to organise an EGM and elect new Officers. When a General Election is called all APPGs are dissolved. The date of the next General Election hasn’t yet been confirmed but, in the light of the rule changes, the APPG on Arts, Health and Wellbeing has decided to disband at the end of March and re-form following the election.

An APPG Income and Expenditure statement for 2023 can be viewed here.

The previous APPG AGM was held on 23rd January 2023 when the following Officers were elected:

* Chair and Registered Contact: Tracey Crouch MP
* Co-Chair: Lord Howarth of Newport
* Vice-Chair: Rachel Hopkins MP
* Vice-Chair: Baroness Meacher
* Vice-Chair: Baroness Morgan of Cotes
* Treasurer: Baroness Andrews

[The minutes of the meeting can be downloaded here.](https://www.culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk/sites/default/files/FINAL%20APPG%20Annual%20General%20Meeting%202023%20Minutes.pdf)

If you know that your constituency MP is interested in this area of work, please let us know at appgahw@gmail.com.

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