

All Parliamentary Group on Skin Update for TUD Workstream



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Role of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin

- Role of APPGS since 1993
- The group maintains the following broad set of aims:
 - Raise **awareness of skin related issues** in Parliament.
 - Improve the **treatment and management of patients** with skin conditions.
 - Provide an **unbiased means of responding** to threats to dermatology.
 - Provide a **forum for all skin interested stakeholders**.
 - **Advise Government** on improving the management and treatment of skin related conditions.
- BAD has been our most consistent and strongest supporter



Previous Successes of the Group/BAD

- In 2014 made national news for inquiry into the use of unmanned sunbeds that recommended that unmanned sunbeds, already banned in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, should be banned in England to avoid use by under 18s
- Amendments made to the NHS Act 2011 to protect against the cherry picking of services
- Amendments to recent legislation to avoid gaming of “specials”.

The Telegraph



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Unmanned sunbeds should be banned: MPs



Recent Activity

- **Reconstitution of the Group**
Held first formal **inaugural meeting** on the 5th of September 2017 and **re-elected the MPs and Peers as officers**. Ensured compliance with the 'Guide to the Rules on All-Party Parliamentary Groups' for transparency
- **Limited List Consultation**
Responded in opposition to NHSE Consultation '**Items which should not be routinely prescribed in primary care**'
- **Promotion of England-Wide Audit of Waiting Times**
Promote an **audit of dermatology waiting times** across England published in 2017, through Parliament and media channels
- **Undergraduate Education**
Established the **formal provision for undergraduate dermatology education** across England. Promote the findings to Health Education England and the Royal College of GPs, to drive awareness.



Recent Activity

- **Meeting with RCGP**
Alongside DCE met Professor [Helen Stokes-Lampard](#), Chair of the [RCGP](#), in mid-November to [discuss raising dermatology as a priority](#). Covered undergraduate and post-graduate curriculum
- **Research for DCE**
Produced research into [unnecessary referrals for skin lesions](#) and antimicrobial resistance in dermatology
- **Sun Bed Research**
The APPGS has researched the [success of tobacco product legislation](#) and the potential for amending legislation on sun bed regulation and produced materials on skin cancer awareness
- **APPG on Pharmacy Roundtable**
Attended the event as a witness for a roundtable discussion on managing and treating long-term health conditions and the [role of community pharmacy](#)



Future Activity

- **Membership of the Group**
The group will expand outreach in terms of its **membership to MPs/Peers with interests in dermatology**
- **Protection of European Union Research Funding**
Ensure that the **importance of continued research funding for dermatology** is recognised. Will seek to work with other organisations whose research grants are under threat
- **Listening Exercises in Parliament**
Maintain regular contact with the **DCE, the BAD, the PCDS, the DIG, the National Eczema Society and the Psoriasis Association** the Group to focus on the most urgent matters facing dermatology
- **Next APPGS Event: ABPI-DI Report**
Organising **parliamentary event** to discuss the launch of the ABPI Dermatology Initiative Breaking down barriers: Ensuring the NHS can provide the best care to people with long-term skin conditions



Work Programme

Creating 2018-19 Work Programme, which will form what the group hopes to be a 'Charter of Skin' in collaboration with stakeholders

Brainstorming meeting in late Feb to follow on with BAD

Remainder of programme will focus on:

- Excessive pricing in specials - implementation
- Regulations surrounding promotion of skin beds
- De-listing of drugs from the drug tariff
- Pharmaceutical pricing