



**The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Air Ambulances**

Tuesday 30 January 2024: 1:00pm – 1:30pm

EGM Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Attendee Name	Organisation
Pete Wishart (PW)	MP
Stephen Metcalfe (SM)	MP
Kelly Tolhurst (KT)	MP
Wendy Morton (WM)	MP
Mary Robinson (MR)	MP
Sangeeta Waldron (SW)	Representing Baroness Foster
Ashley Ross (AR)	Representing Gavin Newlands
Simmy Akhtar (SA)	Secretariat - Air Ambulances UK
Jamie Ward (JW)	Secretariat - Air Ambulances UK
Emma Carter (EC)	Secretariat - Air Ambulances UK

<u>Time</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LEAD</u>
1:00pm	<p><b>Arrival &amp; Welcome</b></p> <p>PW welcomed all attendees and explained that Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance airbase is within his constituency in Perth and that is where his interest in the air ambulance has stemmed from.</p>	PW
1:05pm	<p><b>Appointment of APPGAA Chair</b></p> <p>PW explained that Air Ambulances UK (AAUK) are the secretariat of the APPGAA and have asked him to Chair the APPGAA following Robert Courts' resignation in December 2023.</p> <p>KT proposed and SM seconded PW's appointment as Chair.</p> <p><b>CONFIRMED:</b> PW elected as Chair of the APPGAA.</p>	PW
1:10pm	<p><b>Transitional Arrangements for New APPG Rules</b></p> <p><i>From 31 March 2024: APPGs must have four registered Officers (and no more), including at least one from the government party (or parties) and at least one from the main opposition party. The Chair is one of the four officers.</i></p> <p><b>CONFIRMED:</b> PW elected as Chair (the Chair is one of the four officers).  <b>CONFIRMED:</b> KT re-elected to continue as an Officer of the APPGAA.</p> <p>JW confirmed that the appointment of the other two required Officers can be confirmed via EGM correspondence up until 31 March 2024.</p> <p>KT raised that it would be worthwhile approaching friendly peers and that she had links within the aviation sector groups she could approach.</p> <p>JW confirmed the relevant new rules apply to the House of Commons and membership from the House of Lords can be built upon (for example - Members of the Commons can only serve as Officers in a maximum of six APPGs from the start of the next Parliament.)</p> <p>For more information on the new APPG Rules, please <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>	PW

<p>1:20pm</p>	<p><b>Review APPGAA Work Programme</b></p> <p>JW confirmed that the APPGAA met in November 2023 to discuss the key issues surrounding hospital helipads and community landing sites.</p> <p>Three key issues discussed in the November meeting were around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the Major Trauma Centres not having 24/7 accessible on-site primary hospital helipads.</li> <li>• Hospital helipads being unlicensed heliports and consequently there are safeguarding limitations, which often results in no requirement for statutory consultations with the respective air ambulance charities.</li> <li>• The air ambulance community both nationally (AAUK) and locally (air ambulance charities) not being listed as statutory consultees to engage in strategic planning conversations with key stakeholders, concerning hospital helipads and community landing sites.</li> </ul> <p>AAUK are developing a Helipad Strategic Innovation Committee internally and then will reconvene with the APPGAA once progressive discussions have taken place.</p>	<p>JW  (AAUK)</p>
<p>1:25pm</p>	<p><b>AOB &amp; Close</b></p> <p>No AOB declared.</p>	<p>PW</p>