

## Draft Minutes:

### Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the APPG for Bladder and Bowel Continence Care

Wednesday, 11 January 2023 - Committee Room W1 (Westminster Hall)

#### 1. Election of Chair, Co-Chair and Officers

Andrew Selous MP was elected as Chair of the APPG for Bladder and Bowel Continence Care, replacing Rosie Cooper MP. Baroness Finlay was elected as Co-Chair to replace Baroness Greengross.

**Quorum:** Andrew Selous MP (Con SW Bedfordshire), Baroness Finlay (CB), Judith Cummins MP (Lab Bradford South), Diana Johnson MP (Lab Kingston-upon-Hull), Lyn Brown MP (Lab West Ham)

The APPG Officers are as follows:

Andrew Selous MP, Chair  
Baroness Finlay, Co-Chair  
Baroness Masham, Vice-Chair  
Ruth Jones MP, Officer

#### 2. Update on the APPG Meeting held on 28 November 2022

The November meeting was attended by around 100 clinicians, charities, patients, parliamentarians, royal colleges and medical journalists. It was the first in-person meeting of the continence care community since Covid. It provided the opportunity for an update from key figures including: Prof Charles Knowles and Dame Clare Gerada, President of the Royal College of GPs. The meeting was covered in the Nursing Times and on social media and the Secretariat received excellent feedback. The APPG has continued to liaise with Prostate Cancer UK to further the campaign supporting the installation of sanitary waste bins for men - Boys Need Bins.

#### 3. Discussion on Future Priorities

Discussion focussed on prioritising the following areas:

- a. **Provision:** Better provision for continence care services and better awareness
- b. **The Boys need Bins campaign:** further publicise the need for facilities for men to dispose of incontinence/stoma products in all public places
- c. **Mis-use of incontinence pads and appliances:** concerns over the mis-use of products which may lead to functional incontinence and loss of dignity as highlighted in recent NIHR (National Institute for Health and Care Research) report on pad culture
- d. **Promotion of the need for trained staff, services and awareness:** To enable and encourage people to seek help for assessment, prevention, treatment and/or management
- e. **Abuse** - concerns that incontinence can lead to abuse/neglect etc