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Briefing and Minutes of the meeting will be available at:

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Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Brain Tumours

Committee Room 15

17:00 - 18:00 Tuesday 20th February 2024

Agenda

- Welcome from Chair, Holly Mumby-Croft MP
- Apologies received
- Matters arising from November 2023 meeting
- Introduction of Speakers:
 - Neuropathology, tissue storage and whole genome sequencing an overview –
 Professor Kathreena Kurian
 - Focused Ultrasound Mr Kismet Hossain-Ibrahim
 - An update from Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission **Dr Nicky Huskens**
 - An update on recent brain tumour meetings at Westminster **Hugh Adams**
- Discussion with APPG
- AOB and next meeting

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Speakers



Professor Kathreena Kurian BSc, MBBS, MD, FRCPath (Neuro) is consultant neuropathologist and Professor of Neuropathology. She is Head of the University of Bristol Brain Tumour Research Group. She specialises in both adult and paediatric brain tumours, having published widely. Professor Kurian will discuss how to ensure the relevant tissue collection infrastructure is in place to conduct research and the impact tissue storage has on access to Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) for all UK brain tumour patients.



Mr Kismet Hossain-Ibrahim qualified from University College London, UK, where he also completed a PhD studying spinal cord regeneration. Currently based in Dundee, his primary interests are neuro-oncology, including translational research in this field and skull base surgery. As a Research Fellow, with a charitable grant form Tenovus Cancer Care University of Dundee initiative that allowed establishment of Scotland's first focused ultrasound centre that now performs incision-less 'outpatient' neurosurgery to treat neurological tremors. The next stage of his research will translate his preclinical studies of focused ultrasound for glioblastoma (GBM) brain tumours through the purchase of a second focused ultrasound machine to allow clinical trial treatment of inoperable brain tumours. Mr Kismet Hossain-Ibrahim will present to the APPGBT on Focused Ultrasound both as a clinical concept and more practically on recent clinical trials and the opportunities presented by them.



Dr Nicky Huskens, Chief Executive Officer of the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission, will update on recent discussions with The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) that the mission has had and draft plans that in tandem will support some recommendations that came from the APPGBT inquiry report Pathway to a Cure - breaking down barriers that was launched at Westminster a year ago.



Hugh Adams, Head of Stakeholder Relations at Brain Tumour Research, who provide this APPG's secretariat, will update the meeting on brain tumour related activity at Westminster since the last meeting of the APPGBT. This will include the December meeting held with Servier, manufacturers of Vorasidenib, a therapeutic showing promise in the treatment of low-grade glioma, that was attended by APPGBT members Siobhain McDonough, Holly Mumby-Croft, Daisy Cooper and John McDonnell. Hugh will also look at progress made against the APPGBT inquiry report recommendations one year after the report was launched.

The APPG on Brain Tumours Objectives

To raise awareness of the issues facing the brain tumour community in order to improve research, diagnosis, information, support, treatment and care outcomes.

Secretariat

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