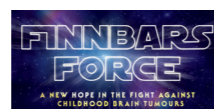




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The social media hashtag for the meeting is #APPGBT. Briefing and Minutes of the meeting will be available at: www.braintumourresearch.org/campaigning/appg-on-brain-tumours

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Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Brain Tumours

Committee Room 15

17:00 – 19:00 Tuesday 14th November 2023

Tumour surgery, Vorasidenib, Siobhain McDonagh and updates

Agenda

- Welcome from Chair, **Derek Thomas MP**
- Apologies received
- Matters arising from July meeting
- Introduction of Speakers:
 - A holistic overview of the diagnosis, investigation and treatment of patients with brain tumours, **Consultant Neurosurgeon Peter Whitfield**
 - Vorasidenib, **Dawn Emerton**
 - Campaigning to improve outcomes, **Siobhain McDonagh MP**
 - An update from the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission, **Dr Nicky Huskens**
- Discussion with APPG
- AOB and next meeting

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Peter Whitfield is a Consultant Neurosurgeon at the South West Neurosurgery Centre, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust. He is an Honorary Professor at the Peninsula Medical School and is President of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons. Peter has been treating patients with a wide range of brain tumours for 30 years. He has experience with contemporary surgical techniques and with Linac based stereotactic radiosurgery. He works closely with members of the multidisciplinary team. Peter plans to provide a holistic overview of the diagnosis, investigation and treatment of patients with brain tumours.



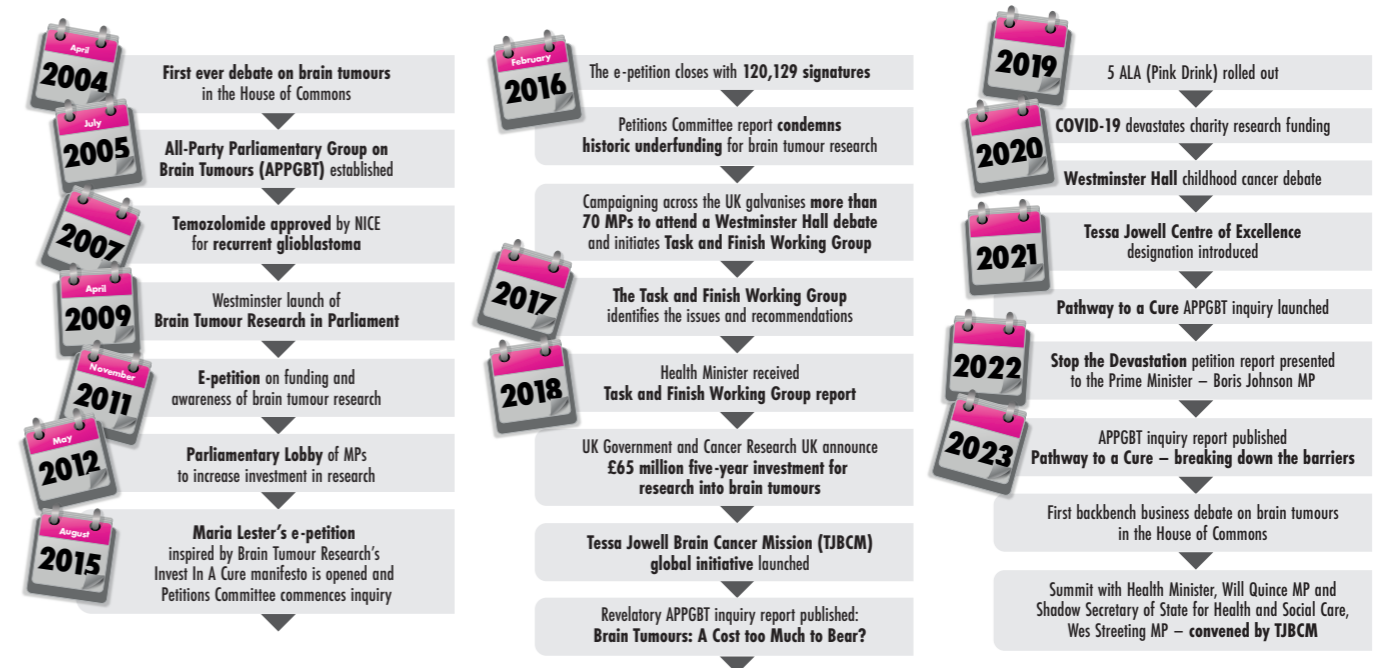
In April 2021, **Shay Emerton** suffered a seizure whilst playing football and went into respiratory arrest. Luckily, an anaesthetist playing for the opposition was able to revive him and the 24-year-old, from St Albans in Hertfordshire, was rushed to hospital where scans revealed he had a brain tumour. His mother Dawn will explain to the APPG about the promising data surrounding the drug Vorasidenib and the issues surrounding the drug being available for UK patients like Shay, including her dealings with the drug manufacturer Servier.



Siobhain McDonagh MP, who is campaigning to improve outcomes for people diagnosed with a brain tumour, will brief the APPG on her meeting with industry at Party Conference, her meeting with Will Quince and Professor Lucy Chappell from the NIHR and the launch of her Brain Tumour Bill.



Dr Nicky Huskens Chief Executive Officer of the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission will update on recent discussions with the NIHR that the mission has had and draft plans, that in tandem, will support some recommendations that came from the APPG inquiry report.



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.

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