

Annual General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Learning Disability

*Monday 29th June, 13.00-14.00
Room Q, Portcullis House*

Agenda

1. Election of Officers to the APPG as listed (See Appendix 1)
2. Approval of income and expenditure statement
3. Previous year's meetings of the APPG (See Appendix 2)
4. Proposed forthcoming meetings (See Appendix 3)
5. Close of meeting

Appendix 1: Election of Officers to the APPG (29 June 2026)

Chair & Registered Contact	Jen Craft	Labour
Officer	Andrew George	Lib Dem
Officer	Baroness Hollins	Crossbench
Officer	Baroness Monckton	Conservative
Member	Adam Dance	Labour
Member	Amanda Martin	Labour
Member	Bob Blackman	Conservative
Member	Caroline Dinenage	Conservative
Member	Catherine Atkinson	Labour
Member	Daniel Francis	Conservative
Member	Jim Shannon	DUP
Member	John Hayes	Conservative
Member	Marsha De Cordova	Labour
Member	Mims Davies	Conservative
Member	Rachael Maskell	Labour
Member	Richard Baker	Labour
Member	Grahame Morris	Labour
Member	Chris Vince	Labour
Member	Nadia Whittome	Labour
Member	Peter Swallow	Labour
Member	Baroness Bull	Crossbench
Member	Baroness Golding	Labour
Member	Baroness Keeley	Labour
Member	Lord Wigley	Plaid Cymru
Member	Baroness Warwick	Labour
Member	Lord Harper	Conservative
Member	Lord Scriven	Lib Dem
Member	Martin Rhodes	Labour
Member	Sian Berry	Greens
Member	Steve Darling	Lib Dem
Member	Dan Carden	Labour
Member	Lord Scriven	Lib Dem
Member	Gagan Mohindra	Conservative
Member	Lord Touhig	Labour

Appendix 2: Previous Year's Meetings of the APPG

Social Security Reform

Date: May 19th 2025

Speaker(s): Mencap representatives presented their new research on the uses of PIP by people with a learning disability

Partner APPGs: None

Focus: To discuss the government's plans on reforming social care including the now Universal Credit Act and hear the findings of Mencap's research.

Mental Health Bill (now Act)

Date: June 4th 2025

Speaker(s): N/A

Partner APPGs: None

Focus: To discuss ways to improve the Bill's impact of the Mental Health Bill on people with a learning disability, especially with regards to those who are detained or at risk of being detained in mental health hospitals.

Mental Health Bill Roundtable

Date: June 18th 2026

Speaker(s): Stephen Kinnock MP, Minister for Care

Partner APPGs: None

Focus: To discuss ways to improve the Bill's impact of the Mental Health Bill on people with a learning disability, especially with regards to those who are detained or at risk of being detained in mental health hospitals.

Mid-Year Catch Up

Date: January 27th 2026

Location: Fair Shot Cafe

Partner APPGs: None

Focus: To discuss upcoming work of the APPG and hear more about the work of Fair Shot in supporting people with a learning disability into work.

SEND Reform (Every Child Achieving and Thriving)

Date: March 10th 2026

Speakers: Georgia Gould MP, Minister for School Standards, Gavin Simpson, expert by experience

Partner APPGs: APPG on Autism and APPG on ADHD

Focus: To discuss the government's white paper on SEND reform and hear from external stakeholders about their concerns and areas of opportunity. This meeting helped to shape the joint response from the APPG's to the white paper consultation.

Appendix 3: Proposed APPG meetings for forthcoming year

The below are meetings that have been proposed by the secretariat and discussed at the previous AGM meeting in June 2026. They are suggestions, subject to change depending on Members requests and Government developments.

Learning Disability Nursing

Suggested date: Summer/ Autumn 2026

Suggested speakers: Preet Kaur Gill MP (Minister for Health Innovation and Safety)

Partner APPGs: N/A

Focus: To discuss how to increase the numbers of learning disability nurses increase training opportunities.

Status: Invite being reissued to new Minister.

Building the Right Housing and Support

Suggested date: Autumn 2026

Suggested speakers: Preet Kaur Gill MP, Housing and Support Providers, Person with Lived Experience

Partner APPGs: N/A

Focus: To discuss how to accelerate the development of the right housing and support for people with a learning disability and the role of this work in supporting the implementation of the Mental Health Act provisions on learning disability and autism.

Status: Dependent on publication of legislation

SEND Reforms – Education for All Legislation

Suggested date: Autumn/ Winter 2026

Suggested speakers: Georgia Gould MP, Minister for School Standards, family with lived experience

Partner APPGs: N/A

Focus: To discuss the government's legislation to reform the SEND system and how to ensure it meets the needs of children and young people with a learning disability and their families.

Status: Dependent on publication of legislation

Increasing Employment Opportunities for Young People with a Learning Disability – Milburn Report

Suggested date: Autumn 2026

Suggested speakers: Alan Milburn, Dame Diana Johnson MP (Minister for Employment)

Partner APPGs: N/A

Focus: To discuss the findings and recommendations of the Milburn Report and ensure that the government's employment support reforms meet the needs of young people with a learning disability.

Status: Dependent on publication of the Milburn Report

Reforming Personal Independence Payments

Suggested date: Autumn/ Winter 2026

Suggested speakers: Sir Stephen Timms MP, Minister for Disability and Social Security

Partner APPGs: N/A

Focus: To discuss the findings of the Timms Review and ensure that the government's reforms to PIP meet the needs of people with a learning disability

Status: Dependent on publication of Timms Report

Mental Health Act Implementation

Suggested date: Winter 2026/7

Suggested speakers: Preet Kaur Gill MP, Minister for Health Innovation and Safety,

Partner APPGs: APPG on Autism (potentially)

Focus: To discuss the work to implement the Act one year on from Royal Assent, especially the plans to develop community support and housing to enable the clauses relating to people with a learning disability and autism

Status: Invite to be sent to Minister shortly

Visit options

1. To see the work of Baroness Monckton and Team Domenica's employment programme in Brighton
2. To see the work on employment support of Ignition Brewery in Sydenham

Secretariat Contacts

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