



**All Party Parliamentary Group
On Global Health**

Annual Report and Accounts

14th January 2021 – 13th January 2022

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health 2020-2021

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The Annual Report and Accounts

The report covers the period from 14th January 2021 to 13th January 2022. However, group activity doesn't fit neatly into this period with activities continuing over the year ends. The report therefore may make some reference to events both before and after this period. The accounts, however, refer exclusively to this period.

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Overview of the year

This has been another quiet year for the APPG due to the pandemic with fewer meetings than previously but there have been some important publications and events – with a focus on mental health and on support for health workers in Myanmar and Ukraine.

The APPG published *New Directions for the Mental Health Workforce Globally* in July 2021. This report of the review of mental health staffing globally was a follow-up to the mental health report of 2014 *Mental Health for Sustainable Development* and the nursing report *Triple Impact of Nursing* of 2016.

Work is currently underway on a review of the future roles of the health workforce globally with a report to be published in July. It will build on the earlier reports and is being carried out in close liaison with Health Education England who are doing their own report on workforce planning.

The APPG published a statement on *The UK, G7 and global health* in March in advance of the G7 and COP26 meetings in the UK.

Nursing Now, the global campaign on nursing, which was inspired by and started within the APPG, is coming to its end in May 2021 and a brief note on its reach and achievements is provided in this report.

We are very grateful to our colleagues as members of the APPG, our sponsors who are listed at the end of the report and to our Policy Officers who have coordinated and supported activity.

Dr Nicole Votruba was the APPG Policy Officer for a year from September 2020 before going on to a post-doctoral appointment in Oxford. Dr Sam Gnanapragasam joined us as her replacement in September 2021, he is a psychiatrist in training and a Chief Medical Officer's Fellow in NHS England.

The APPG plans to close down after publication of its report on the future role of the workforce globally in July this year.



Dan Poulter MP (Chair)



Lord Nigel Crisp (Co-Chair)

12th April 2022

Reports and events

Statement on the UK, G7 and global health

The APPG held a meeting via Zoom on 11 February 2021 to discuss the G7 meeting to be held in Cornwall in July and COP26, the climate conference, to be held in Glasgow in November. About 50 parliamentarians and guests participated in discussion following presentations from Robin Niblett, Director of Chatham House, Baron Peter Piot, Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Professor Theresa Marteau.



The statement argued that the UK should play a leading role in efforts to vaccinate people across the whole world – supporting COVAX and the temporary removal of the TRIPS intellectual property requirements so that vaccines and treatments could be manufactured more widely. It also argued for the reversal of the cut in UK ODA budgets. These themes were repeated in letters to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary signed jointly with other APPGs and followed up in debates in parliament.

The statement is available at <https://globalhealth.inparliament.uk/news/category/reports>

Support for health workers in Myanmar

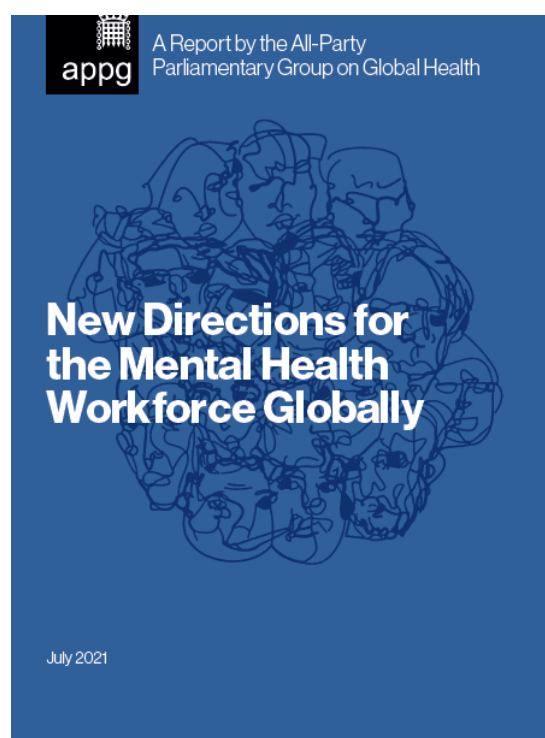
The APPG hosted a webinar on 26th April 2021 which provided parliamentarians with insight in to how the February 1st coup was affecting health workers in Myanmar, and how the UK health community was rallying to give support. The webinar was addressed by Professor Zaw Wai Soe, [APPG Global Health Report, 2021/22](#)

a medical doctor who is a minister in the National Unity Government which opposes the coup. Several case studies were presented which showed the experiences of health workers in Myanmar and the support being provided by UK health professionals and Myanmar clinicians working in the NHS,

The APPG has stayed closely in touch with the UK health professionals who are supporting colleagues in Myanmar, attending some of their coordination meetings and being involved in negotiations with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. It held a further meeting via Zoom on the first anniversary of the coup on February 1st 2022 and participated in a demonstration outside parliament.

[New Directions for the Mental Health Workforce Globally – published July 2021](#)

The APPG commissioned Imperial in 2020 to support it in a review of the future of the mental health workforce and published the resulting report in July 2021.



The report describes the enormous impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health and the associated inequalities. These impacts will be with us for years to come. Its central message was that *the mental health workforce needs to change dramatically by combining its existing professional expertise in the provision of specialist care and treatment with a greatly strengthened role in helping people, communities, and organisations to provide care, prevent mental ill health and create health. It also needs to integrate non- professionals fully and work far more closely with general health services.*

The report was based on a review of the literature and interviews and discussions with clinicians, lay workers and patients from many different countries and continents. It is available at <https://globalhealth.inparliament.uk/news/category/reports>

Support for Ukrainian health workers

The APPG co-hosted a webinar with Human Rights in Mental Health-FGIP for parliamentarians and health workers on 30th March 2022 where it heard from leading figures in Ukraine about the deaths, injuries and health problems created by the Russian invasion. Prof Robert van Voren, CEO of FGIP, and Professor Richard Sullivan, Co-Director of the Conflict and Health Research Centre at KCL, provided an overview.

Following the event a number of organisations are considering how they might coordinate the assistance they are providing to achieve the maximum effect.

Nursing Now – final report



The APPG's report *Triple Impact of Nursing* published in October 2016 led to the creation of the Nursing Now global campaign with the aim of improving health globally by raising the profile and status of nurses. It has been extremely successful with over 700 self-funding national, regional and local Nursing Now groups established in 127 countries, 31,000 young nurses and midwives taking part in the campaign's development programme, the Nightingale Challenge, and investments in nursing in countries as far apart as Pakistan, Uganda and Mexico.

The campaign was able to persuade the WHO to designate 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife and to research and publish the first ever State of the World's Nursing report.

The campaign finished in May 2021. It secured its legacy with the International Council of Nurses taking on the links with the Nursing Now groups, The Burdett Trust for Nursing funding the Nightingale Challenge, renamed the Nursing Now Challenge, and the WHO publishing a new global nursing strategy in May 2021.

An account of the history of the campaign was published in May 201 and is available at <https://www.nursingnow.org/nursing-now/>

Accounts:

Period Covered by this statement: 14th January 2021 to 13th January 2022

A. Balance brought forward from previous year:

40,194.23

B. Income received during the year:

i. Membership subscriptions (Parliamentarians)

0.00

ii. Monetary donations (Note 1)

20,000.00.

iii. Trading income

0.00

iv. Interest received

0.00.

v. Other

0.00

TOTAL income

60,194,23

C. Expenditure during the year:

i. Employment costs (salaries, NI, pensions costs)

0.00

ii. Costs of contractors and freelance staff (Note 2)

35,583.20

iii. Visits and events (UK)

0.00

iv. Visits and events (abroad)

0.00

v. Cost of generating income

0.00

vi. Office and communications costs

3994.07

vii. Other

0.00

TOTAL expenditure

39,577.27

D. Balance carried forward (A+ total B- total C) (Note 3)

20,616.96

E. Value of benefits in kind received from each source during the reporting year (in bands of up to £1,500; £1,501-£3,000; £3,001 to £4,500; £4,501 to £6,000)

0.00

Note 1: £5000 each from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of Edinburgh, Kings Health Partners, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Note 2: £17,583.20 fees paid to Coordinators, £18000 paid to Implemental for research on the mental health workforce report.

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- University College London
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- The Burdett Trust for Nursing
- Health Education England



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