




The Impact of Brexit on Epilepsy

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APPGE Updates

Epilepsy Action & SUDEP Action – Joint Secretariat

Moving forward:

- APPGE to have refreshed aims, focus and vision
- Regular timetabled APPGE meetings
- Meetings will focus on impact & outcomes – what can we achieve together?
- Active participation from Members/Stakeholders on key topics & outcomes

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Webpage Refresh:

- Intro to the APPGE
- Members (MPs) & supporting orgs,
- APPGE impact/outcomes – meeting minutes/slides
- APPGE Meeting dates
- How to get involved

Supporting Organisation Newsletter – shared with orgs & MPs prior to meetings – 200 word 'quick updates'

Any ideas or comments – please share with the Secretariat

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AIMS

- To raise awareness of epilepsy with Parliamentarians & Policy Makers
- To highlight key issues being faced by people with epilepsy, their families & clinicians
- To promote the need for improved services & care for those living with epilepsy
- To influence change in the hope of improving lives and outcomes for people with epilepsy

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Values

- **Inclusive** – Bringing the epilepsy community together to discuss the issues that matter.
- **Collaborative** – Working together on common goals
- **Respectful** – A safe space to discuss important, sometime sensitive issues. With differing views being listened & responded to without negativity.
- **Evidence-Based** – Using the latest evidence to influence policy-makers & make a case for change.
- **Personal** - Using personal experiences to support evidence. Being mindful that specific personal issues, concerns & views are not able to be directly addressed by the APPGE.

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Key topics to consider

- Medicine shortages
- Research
- Mortality
- Access to services
- Social Care
- NHS staffing/workforce
- Voluntary sector impact

What impact could Brexit have on people with Epilepsy?

Next Steps – APPGE Statement



APPGE to write a joint statement outlining:

- The problems faced by the Epilepsy Community
- How the Government can ensure that people with epilepsy are kept safe and receive the help and support they need to improve outcomes

- 1. What key points could be made to summarise the challenges being faced by the epilepsy community?**
- 2. How can they help improve the lives and outcomes of people with epilepsy & their families?**

AOB





Thank You

- Draft statement/letter to be finalized & used for the APPGE to contact the new Prime Minister / Health Secretary
- Date of next meeting TBC (Autumn 2019)