The Impact of Brexit on Epilepsy

23rd July 2017

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)