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# Cross-Party Group Annual Report

## Cross Party Group Details

### Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group on Medical Research

## Group membership and office holders

### Name of Group Chair:

Russell George MS

### Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Sioned Williams MS

Jayne Bryant MS

Mike Hedges MS

### Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Bethan Edwards- British Heart Foundation Cymru

### Names of other external members and organisations represented:

Health and Care Research Wales

Health Education and Improvement Wales

Wales Cancer Research Centre

Cancer Research Wales

Cancer Research UK

Life Sciences Hub

Brain Tumour Research

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Wales NHS Confederation

Royal College of Physicians

Royal College of Psychiatrists

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

ABPI

North Wales Clinical Research Facility

Cardiff University

Swansea University

Cardiff Met University

Bangor University

Brain Tumour Research

Stroke Association

Tenovus Care

Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales

British Medical Association

British Dietetic Association

Prostate Cancer

Royal College of General Practitioners

Royal College of Occupational Therapists

Children in Wales

Royal College of Nursing

Brain Tumour Research

Motor Neurone Disease Association

Teenage Cancer Trust

Marie Curie

Welsh Government

Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

Welsh Blood Service, Clinical Service

## Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

### Meeting 1

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#### Date of Meeting:

03/07/2024

#### Attendees:

David Rees MS (Chair); John Griffiths MS; Altaf Hussain MS; Lee Waters MS; Llyr Gruffydd MS; Mabon ap Gwynfor MS; James Evans MS; Mike Hedges MS; Natasha Asghar MS;

Exhibitors: - ABPI - BHF Cymru - Brain Tumour Research - Cancer Research UK - Cancer Research Wales - Cardiff Met University - Cardiovascular Biochemistry - Cardiff University - Stroke Association Postgraduate Fellow - Children Hospital Wales - Dementia Research Institute, Cardiff - Genomics Partnership Wales - Health and Care Research Wales - QuicDNA - MND - Molecular Cardiology Group, Swansea University - National Centre for Mental Health - Pfizer - Swansea UHB - Swansea Bay University Health Board - Swansea University, Diabetes Research Group - Wales Evidence Centre - Velindre NHS Trust - SAIL Databank - Bangor University's North Wales Medical School / College of Medicine and Health

#### Summary of the issues discussed:

To bring together Senedd members, funding bodies, researchers, universities, the third sector and industry to collect evidence to:

- identify the benefits of life saving medical research to the people of Wales and the Welsh economy
- identify the role of medical research in Wales's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic
- provide recommendations to the Senedd on how Wales can achieve its potential in medical research

## **Meeting 2**

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### **Date of Meeting:**

20/11/2024

### **Attendees:**

Russell George MS; Mike Hedges MS; Sam Rowlands MS; Ellis Smith; Bethan Edwards; Corrine Squire; Thomas Brayford; Mike Larvin ; Rhodri ab Owen; Haleema Khan; Joanne Castle; Mark Briggs ; Dr Lee Campbell; Nigel Rees; Hassan Al-Kaabi.

### **Summary of the issues discussed:**

The AGM was held to elect a new chair and secretariat for the CPG. Due to some staff changes which affected the capacity of the secretariat, this meeting was limited to AGM processed only. Potential themes which could be explored in future meetings were also discussed.

## **Meeting 3**

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### **Date of Meeting:**

N/a

### **Attendees:**

N/a

### **Summary of the issues discussed:**

N/a

## Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.

The CPG for Medical Research met with the group's external members (as outlined on pp.1-2) throughout the course of the year's formal meetings, but nothing beyond.

## Annual Financial Statement

### Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group for Medical Research

### Date:

20/11/24

### Name of Chair:

Russell George MS

### Name of Secretary and Organisation:

British Heart Foundation Cymru

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	None	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods bought	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies	BHF Cymru to provide Secretariat.	£0.00
Any financial support or other support.	No financial support was received.	£0.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
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Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and description of provider</b>	<b>Costs</b>
<b>July 2024.</b>	Senedd space for research event provided by BHF Cymru.	£435.75 plus VAT
<b>Total</b>		<b>£435.75</b>