

Financial Year 2023/24

This document outlines the APPG for Diagnostics' activity plan. It factors in ideas from the Chair and Vice Chairs during the APPG's inaugural meeting and balances these with the secretariat's resource and expertise.

APPG objectives

This APPG provides a parliamentary platform to highlight the value of diagnostics, promote the diagnostic workforce, and improve diagnostic services by raising awareness of the barriers and solutions to optimising the early and swift diagnosis of disease, illness and injury.

Specifically, the APPG aims to:

- Raise awareness of and champion the importance of diagnostics and the diagnostic workforce in Parliament, for example through debates.
- Inform parliamentarians of the challenges faced by the diagnostic workforce, innovation, and patients and the barriers to delivering effective and innovate diagnostic services.
- Influence the policy debate on healthcare to raise the prominence of diagnostics, convening parliamentarians, decision-makers, health organisations, charities and industry experts to investigate and advocate evidence-led solutions.

APRIL

Parliamentary calendar	Easter recess: Thursday 30 March to Monday 17 April; Oral Health Questions ~25 April		
Awareness days	Bowel Cancer Awareness Month		
RCR/ RCP activity	N/A		
APPG activity	Activity	Aim	Timeline
	Officers to table oral Health Questions on diagnostic capacity issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness of and champion the importance of diagnostics, the barriers the sector faces and the solutions 	Deadline to table Qs: likely 19 th April Health Qs: likely 25 th April
	Support Bowel Cancer UK (BCUK) for Bowel Cancer Awareness Month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend parliamentary drop-in featuring inflatable bowel Contribute to any debates on the topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness of the challenges the national bowel screening programme is facing in delivering and expanding the service. 	19 th April

MAY

Parliamentary calendar	Coronation: Wednesday 3 May to Tuesday 9 May; Whitsun: Thursday 25 May to Monday 5 June		
Awareness days	Action on Stroke Month		
RCR/ RCP activity	N/A		
APPG activity	Activity	Aim	Timeline
	APPG meeting – launching the APPG with wider sector stakeholders and MPs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To raise awareness of the APPG’s focus – currently the APPG does not have a high profile, so we are likely to get more engagement this way.	W/c 15 th or w/c 22 nd

EARLY JUNE

Parliamentary calendar	Whitsun: Thursday 25 May to Monday 5 June, Oral Health Questions ~6 June		
Awareness days	UN Public Services Day 23 June		
RCR/ RCP activity	2022 Clinical Radiology Workforce Census launch in parliament		
APPG activity	Activity	Aim	Timeline
	Officers to table oral Health Questions on diagnostic capacity issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness of and champion the importance of diagnostics, the barriers the sector faces and the solutions. 	Deadline to table Qs: likely 22 May Health Qs: likely 6 June
	2022 Clinical Radiology Workforce Census: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate on diagnostic capacity PQs using statistics from the census 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness of workforce shortages and the impact on patients, and to champion the workforce. 	W/c 5 th June

LATE JUNE

Parliamentary calendar	Whitsun: Thursday 25 May to Monday 5 June, Oral Health Questions ~6 June		
APPG activity	Activity	Aim	Timeline
	<p>Roundtable: Current state of CDCs</p> <p>Topics will likely include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Location of CDCs - Progress against targets - Workforce capacity - Equipment provision - Equitable access - Private sector capacity <p>Ideally hybrid to ensure clinicians can attend.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of the challenges faced by the diagnostic workforce and the barriers to effectively rolling out and maintaining CDCs. • To convene parliamentarians, decision-makers, health organisations, charities and industry experts to investigate and advocate evidence-led solutions. 	W/c 19 th June
	<p>Roundtable: The future of CDCs and how to get there</p> <p>Topics will likely include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing equitable access • Expanding workforce capacity • Improving patient pathways • Innovative tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above 	W/c 26 th June

JULY

Parliamentary calendar	Summer: Thursday 20 July (HoC)/ Wednesday 26 July (HoL) to TBA		
Awareness days	N/A		
RCR/ RCP activity	RCR State of the Wait analysis		
APPG activity	Activity	Aim	Timeline
	Open letter to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on CDC roundtable findings, ask to join next APPG meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To influence the Health Sec and wider policy debate on CDCs.	Any time after the summary notes have been drafted

The remainder of the APPG's calendar for FY23/24 will be reviewed and confirmed in due course