



Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children Who Need Palliative Care

Wednesday 22 June 2022

1pm-2pm

Attendees

Dr Caroline Johnson MP (Co-Chair)
Ms Caroline Ansell MP
Mr Saqib Bhatti MP
Mr Robin Millar MP
Mr Mike Wood MP
Mr Jacob Young MP

Summary

- The meeting was held to mark Children's Hospice Week 2022. Children's Hospice Week celebrates children's hospice and palliative care services across the UK, and the seriously ill children and young people they support. This year it took place between 20-26 June 2022.
- The meeting began by hearing from Ananda Gill, parent to Charlie. Ananda told the APPG about her experience of caring for a seriously ill child and the impact that the care and support provided by Haven House Children's Hospice has had on her, Charlie and her family.
- Andy Fletcher and James Cooper from Together for Short Lives shared findings of a new analysis of the way in which children's hospices are being funded by the NHS and local authorities.
- The APPG heard how important the NHS England Children and Young People's Children's Hospice Grant is to the sustainability of these lifeline services for children and families.
- The APPG heard from Sophie Andrews (Chief Executive, Noah's Ark Children's Hospice), Paul Farthing (Chief Executive, Shooting Star Children's Hospices) and Siân Wicks, (Chief Executive, Haven House Children's Hospice) about their experience of statutory funding for their services.
- The APPG then had an opportunity to ask questions of speakers and to discuss the issue of children's hospice funding in more detail.