

Dear MP,

I am one of your constituents whose life has been impacted by Lyme disease and chronic illness. Lyme disease is contracted through tick bites and if not treated correctly in the early stages can have a devastating impact on health leaving sufferers disabled. Lyme disease is a widespread problem and has been found in every county in the UK, however it is not widely recognised by doctors. Michelle Donelan MP and Simon Hoare MP have established an All Party Parliamentary Group to work with Lyme disease organisations to drive much needed change.

The APPG are conducting an Enquiry and the first meeting was held on 8th May 2018 and featured Dr. Saul Faust and Dr. Norma O'Flynn, Chairs of the NICE Lyme disease guideline. The minutes of the meeting will be made publicly available soon. Lyme disease group representatives and patients attended the meeting to observe but were unable to ask questions. However, Lyme Disease UK submitted some questions, some of which were asked by MPs.

You can read about Lyme Disease UK's reaction to the NICE guideline here:

<http://lymediseaseuk.com/.../nice-lyme-disease-guideline.../>

You can read about Lyme Disease UK's 2018 'Wake up to Lyme' campaign here:

<http://lymediseaseuk.com/.../wake-up-to-lyme-campaign-2018/>

If you haven't already done so can I please ask for your commitment to join this APPG and attend future Enquiry meetings (there will be a further 5) and the next one will be in approximately 4-6 weeks. Please find out more via the APPG website www.lymeappg.com and make contact with the MPs in the APPG to get involved as your support in this very important issue would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

My address is: