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## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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CROSS-PARTY GROUP ON WOMEN'S HEALTH  
21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2020

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### GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICE HOLDERS

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#### CHAIR

JENNY RATHBONE AM

#### ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

DAWN BOWDEN AM

SUZY DAVIES AM

SIAN GWENLLIAN AM

HELEN MARY JONES AM

JOYCE WATSON AM

#### SECRETARIAT

RACHAEL CLARKE, BRITISH PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE (BPAS)

#### OTHER MEMBERS

KATE BAYLISS (ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

PAULINE BRELSFORD (ABORTION RIGHTS CARDIFF)

ROSEMARY CUTMORE (BRITISH PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE)

AMANDA DAVIES (SWANSEA BAY UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

BRONWEN DAVIES (ABORTION RIGHTS CARDIFF)

JANE DICKSON (ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

FAYE FARTHING (ENDOMETRIOSIS UK)

MADHUSHREE GHOSH (HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

RACHEL GILMORE (CWM TAF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

ANGELA GORMAN (ABORTION RIGHTS CARDIFF)

CHRIS NEWMAN (ABORTION RIGHTS CARDIFF)

HELEN O'SULLIVAN (ABORTION RIGHTS CARDIFF)

SARAH PITTS (BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

TINA REECE (WELSH WOMEN'S AID)

HELEN ROGERS (ROYAL COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES)

VIVIENNE ROSE (BRITISH PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE)

CAROLINE SCHERF (CARDIFF AND THE VALE UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

ALISON SCOULLER (ABORTION RIGHTS CARDIFF)

DEBBIE SHAFFER (FAIR TREATMENT FOR THE WOMEN OF WALES)

BARBARA STREET (ABORTION RIGHTS CARDIFF)

ALAN TREHARNE (HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

SHARON VINE (CWM TAF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

HILARY WATSON (WOMEN'S EQUALITY NETWORK WALES)

OLWEN WILLIAMS (BETSI CADWALDAR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

RHIANYDD WILLIAMS (TRADES UNION CONGRESS)

SUZANNE WILLIAMS (CWM TAF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD)

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## GROUP MEETINGS SINCE THE LAST AGM

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### MEETING 1 (AS ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE CPG)

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#### Meeting Date

13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### Attendees

Jenny Rathbone AM  
Kate Bayliss- Lead Nurse for ABUHB  
Amanda Davies- Abortion Lead for ABMU  
Jane Dickson- Abortion Lead for ABUHB  
Dr Madhusree Ghosh- Sexual Health Consultant for Hywel Dda  
Dr Caroline Scherf- Abortion Lead for Cardiff and the Vale  
Sharon Vine- Nurse Lead for Cwm Taf  
Laura McAllister- BPAS Llandudno/ BPAS Powys  
Rachael Clarke- BPAS  
Rachel Arkell- BPAS  
Ro Cutmore- British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS)  
Vivienne Rose- BPAS Cardiff  
Rhianydd Williams- TUC  
Bronwen Davies- Abortion Rights Cardiff (ARC)  
Lesley Blower- ARC  
Helen O'Sullivan- ARC  
Alison Scouller- ARC  
Carol O'Byrne- ARC  
Chris Newman- ARC  
Glenys Stevens- ARC

#### Summary of issues discussed

CPG formally constituted  
Jenny Rathbone AM elected Chair of the Group  
BPAS appointed secretariat of the Group  
Discussion of the group's report – [National Review of Abortion Services](#)

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### MEETING 2

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#### Meeting Date

12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

#### Attendees

Jenny Rathbone AM  
Suzy Davies AM  
Helen Parfitt- Helen Mary Jones AM office  
Fiona Openshaw- Joyce Watson office  
Rachael Clarke- BPAS  
Kate Bayliss- ABUHB  
Pauline Brelsford- ARC  
Rosemary Cutmore- BPAS

Amanda Davies- Swansea Bay University Health Board  
Bronwen Davies- ARC  
Angela Gorman- ARC  
Chris Newman- ARC  
Alison Scouller- ARC  
Jackie Jones- Wales Assembly of Women  
Vivienne Rose- BPAS  
Debbie Shaffer- FTWW  
Barbara Street- ARC  
Suzanne Williams- Cwm Taf  
Zoe Couzens- Public Health Wales  
Christine Craddock- Public Health Wales

### Summary of issues discussed

Update on abortion waiting times and developments as a result of the CPG's report  
Public Health Wales presentation on strategy for improving sexual health in Wales

## MEETING 3

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### Meeting Date

6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Attendees

Jenny Rathbone AM  
Suzy Davies AM  
Helen Mary Jones AM  
Sian Gwenllian AM  
Jane Dickson- ABUHB  
Kate Bayliss- ABUHB  
Suzanne Williams- Cwm Taf  
Rachel Gilmore- Cwm Taf  
Dr Caroline Scherf- CVUHB  
Amanda Davies- ABMU  
Rachael Clarke- BPAS  
Angela Gorman- ARC  
Bronwen Davies- ARC

### Summary of issues discussed

Discussion of 2019 NICE Abortion Guidelines:

- Ease of Access
- Reducing Waiting Times
- Location of Services
- Anti-D and antibiotic prophylaxis
- Choice of procedure
- Abortion before definitive ultrasound evidence
- Cervical priming
- Improving access to contraception

**PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITIES WITH WHOM THE GROUP HAS MET DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR**

The NGOs linked to the group are listed above as members and/or when they have attended our regular meetings. No special meetings were held with NGOs or lobbyists.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE WOMEN'S HEALTH CROSS-PARTY GROUP**

**2019 CALENDAR YEAR**

Chair: Jenny Rathbone AM

Secretary: Rachael Clarke, British Pregnancy Advisory Service

	DETAILS	COST
Expenses	None	£0
Cost of all goods	No goods purchased	£0
Benefits received by the group of individual members from outside bodies	No benefits received.	£0
Any secretariat or other support	No support charged	£0
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality	Lunch for meetings provided by Assembly Catering and funded by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service	
	Meeting 1 (13 <sup>th</sup> February 2019)	£205.44
	Meeting 2 (12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019)	£216.36
	Meeting 3 (6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019)	£179.58
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		<b>£601.38</b>