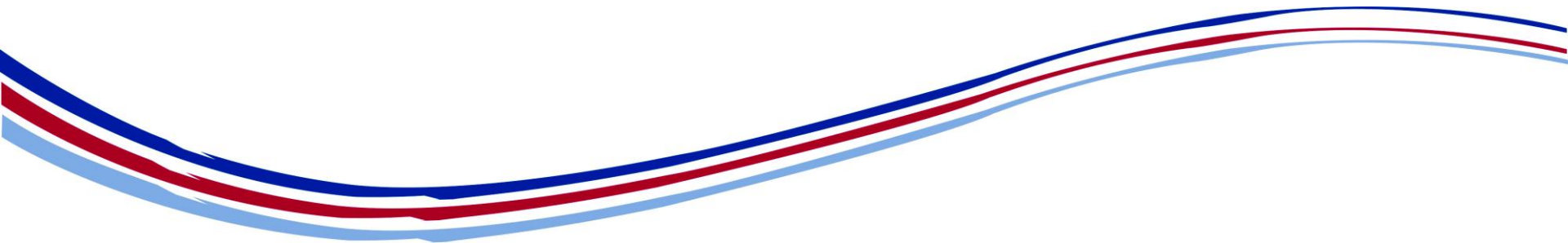


The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Spinal Cord Injury

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What is an APPG?

- An informal cross-party group of politicians
- No official status within Parliament
- However can be a powerful campaigning tool



History of APPG on SCI

- Launched May 2008
- 100 members from both Houses of Parliament and all political parties.
- Chaired by Ian Lucas, MP for Wrexham
- SIA is secretariat
- Over 100 observers



Past work

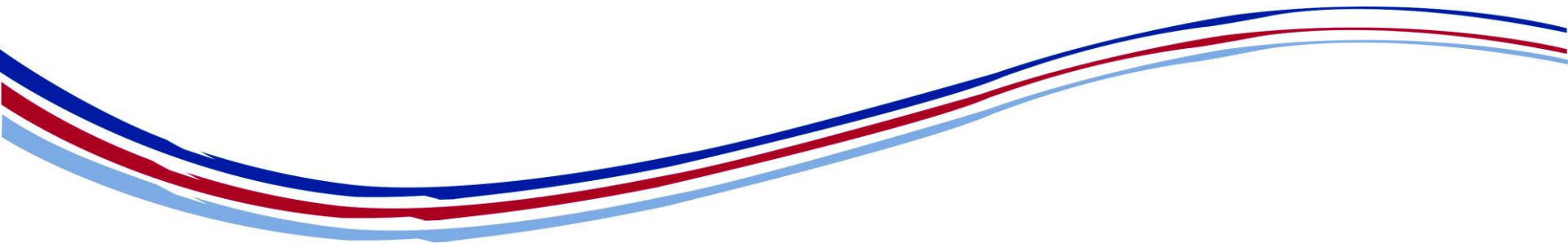


- Established National SCI Strategy Board
- SCI Care Pathways
- Specialist training for SCI consultants
- Andy Burnham, Shadow Health Secretary, attended group February 2014

Establishing the APPG



- ‘Preserving and Developing the SCI Centres’ research project
- Launch event in Parliament
- Finding suitable chair was key
- Members key to continued increase interest of politicians



Current work

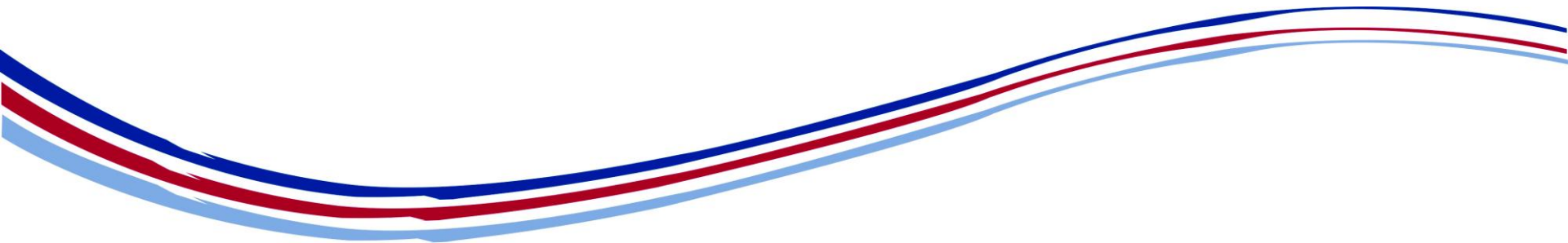
- National SCI Centre, Stoke Mandeville
 - Prime Minister's Questions, July 2014
 - 12 Parliamentary questions asked, July 2014
 - Letter to Secretary of Health, Jeremy Hunt MP, raising group's concerns



Current work

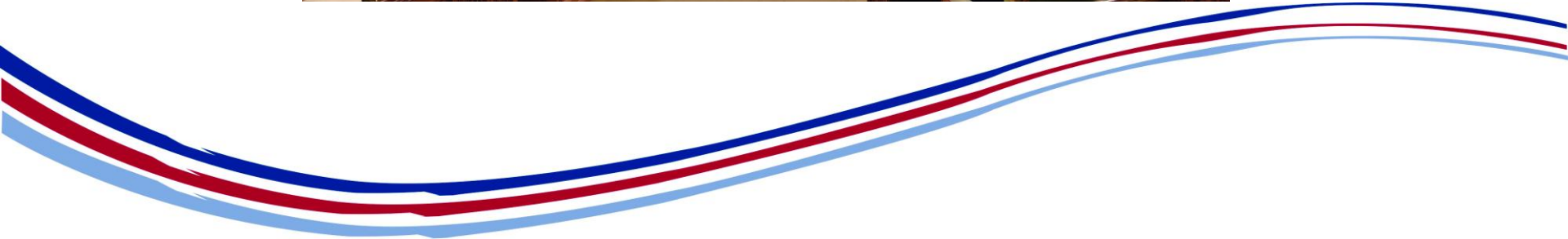


- NHS Continuing Healthcare
 - Westminster Hall debate, September 2013
 - Minister asked NHS England to produce report on the issue
 - 5 Parliamentary Questions asked in 2014
 - Letter to Care and Support Minister, Norman Lamb MP, voicing concerns over the ‘Care Act 2014’



Future work

- Parliamentary Inquiry into local health services for SCI
- Joint meeting with APPG on Stem Cell Research



Any questions?

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