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Conference season!

Conference season continued for AHPF Cymru members as we travelled to Swansea to attend the Plaid Cymru conference. A delegation of AHPF Cymru held a roundtable discussion with Sioned Williams MS, Plaid Cymru's spokesperson for Social Justice and Early Years. The theme of the discussion was early intervention and the important role of AHPs in supporting babies, children and young people. Much attention is paid in the media and in politics to the ageing population and the need to plan. However, the focus of this roundtable was that it's just as essential to think about our future generations and how to improve outcomes for babies, children and young people. We highlighted that Allied Health Professionals have a key role to play in improving children's social, physical and educational wellbeing. We stressed that AHPs work with children from birth into adulthood across sectors from neonatal units to schools, hospitals and youth offending teams. We also talked about out role at a population level supporting healthy habits which will affect children's future health such as healthy eating, physical activity and resilience. AHPF Cymru were represented by Dr Caroline Walters (RCSLT), Calum Higgins (CSP), Manel Tippett (BPS), Paul Smith (RCOT) and Tom Taylor (College of Paramedics).

AHPF were also invited to participate in the Marie Curie UK main stage debate on end-of-life care and were ably represented by our Chair, Dr Caroline Walters from the RCSLT. Joining Caroline on the panel were Natasha Davies from Marie Curie, Dr Rowena Christmas MBE from the RCGP and Plaid Cymru's Health spokesperson Mabon ap Gwynfor MS. The focus was on ensuring people receive the right care, at the right time and at the right place.

AHPF Cymru will be rounding off the conference season at the Reform UK Welsh conference, due to be held in Newport in the new year.

Evidence session

The Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into the future of general practice in Wales and are currently receiving oral evidence from stakeholders. We were delighted to see AHPF Cymru represented by Calum Higgins, Public Affairs and Policy Manager Wales of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and Kim Willis, Clinical Lead Occupational Therapy Primary Care on behalf of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists. Thank you both for flying the flag for AHPs in Wales!

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Manifesto discussions

AHPF Cymru continued our manifesto discussions with meetings with Plaid Cymru's Mabon ap Gwynfor MS and Reform UK's Matt Mackinnon. To remind you, the five key areas of the manifesto are:

1. A National Workforce Strategy for AHPs.
2. Timely access to AHP services for those working in health and social care.
3. Expand access to the AHP professions through exploring routes, in consultation with the professions, such as degree apprenticeships.
4. Ensure that services within the community are delivered within suitable buildings.
5. Allow patients the right to access AHP services as part of their treatment pathway.

Chief Allied Health Professions Adviser

In our last newsletter AHPF Cymru expressed concern that a successor to Ruth Crowder had not been appointed. This is still the case and the role remains vacant. We have written to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services and have met with the Chief Medical Officer and the Director of Primary Care to share our concerns that this vital role has not been filled. Mabon ap Gwynfor MS also tabled a written question on our behalf to the Cabinet Secretary. We will be keeping a close eye on the situation and will keep members updated.

Wales Cancer Alliance meeting

AHPF Cymru representatives, Calum Higgins and Caroline Hurley were invited to attend the September meeting of the Wales Cancer Alliance. They requested a short presentation on the aims and objectives of AHPF Cymru and a briefing on our manifesto for the Senedd election. We look forward to cooperating more closely with the Alliance in the future.

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Tymor y gynhadledd!

Parhaodd tymor y gynhadledd i aelodau AHPF Cymru wrth i ni deithio i Abertawe i fynychu cynhadledd Plaid Cymru. Cynhaliodd dirprwyaeth o aelodau AHPF Cymru drafodaeth bord gron gyda Sioned Williams AS, llefarydd Plaid Cymru dros Gyfiawnder Cymdeithasol a'r Blynyddoedd Cynnar. Thema'r trafodaethau oedd ymyrraeth gynnar a rôl bwysig AHPs wrth gefnogi babanod, plant a phobl ifanc. Mae llawer o sylw yn cael ei roi yn y cyfryngau a mewn gwleidyddiaeth i'r boblogaeth sy'n heneiddio a'r angen i gynllunio. Fe wnaethom dynnu sylw at y ffaith bod gan Allied Health Professionals rôl allweddol i'w chwarae wrth wella lles cymdeithasol, corfforol ac addysgol plant. Pwysleision ni fod AHPs yn gweithio gyda phlant o enedigaeth i oedolyn ar draws sectorau o unedau newyddenedigol i ysgolion, ysbytai a thimau troseddu ieuenctid. Siaradon ni hefyd am ein rol ar lefel poblogaeth i gefnogi arferion iach a fydd yn effeithio ar iechyd plant yn y dyfodol fel bwyta'n iach, gweithgarwch corfforol a gwytnwch. Cynrychiolwyd AHPF Cymru gan Dr Caroline Walters (RSCLT), Calum Higgins CSP), Manel Tippett (BPS), Paul Smith (RCOT) a Tom Taylor (coleg y Paramedigion).

Gwahoddwyd AHPF hefyd i gymryd rhan yn y ddadl ar brif lwyfan Marie Curie y DU ar ofal diwedd oes ac fe'u cynrychiolwyd yn fedrus gan ein Cadeirydd, Dr Caroline Walters o'r RCSLT. Yn ymuno â Caroline ar y panel roedd Natasha Davies o Marie Curie, Dr Rowena Christmas MBE o'r RCGP a llefarydd Plaid Cymru ar Iechyd, Mabon ap Gwynfor AS. Roedd y ffocws ar sicrhau bod pobl yn derbyn y gofal cywir, ar yr adeg iawn ac yn y lle iawn.

Bydd AHPF Cymru yn cloi tymor y gynhadledd yng nghynhadledd Reform UK Cymru, sydd i'w chynnal yng Nghasnewydd yn y flwyddyn newydd.

Sesiwn dystiolaeth

Mae'r Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol wedi lansio ymchwiliad i ddyfodol ymarfer cyffredinol yng Nghymru ac ar hyn o bryd maent yn derbyn tystiolaeth lafar gan randdeiliaid. Roeddem yn falch iawn o weld AHPF Cymru yn cael ei gynrychioli gan Calum Higgins, Rheolwr Materion Cyhoeddus a Pholisi Cymru y Gymdeithas Siartredig Ffisiotherapi a Kim Willis, Gofal Sylfaenol Therapi Galwedigaethol Arweiniol Clinigol ar ran Coleg Brenhinol y Therapyddion Galwedigaethol. Diolch i'r ddau am chwifio'r faner ar gyfer AHPs yng Nghymru!

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Trafodaethau maniffesto

Parhaodd AHPF Cymru â'n trafodaethau maniffesto gyda chyfarfodydd gyda Mabon ap Gwynfor AS Plaid Cymru a Matt Mackinnon o Reform UK. I'ch atgoffa, pum maes allweddol y maniffesto yw:

1. Strategaeth Gweithlu Genedlaethol ar gyfer AHPs.
2. Mynediad amserol at wasanaethau AHP i'r rhai sy'n gweithio ym maes iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol.
3. Ehangu mynediad i'r proffesiynau AHP trwy archwilio llwybrau, mewn ymgynghoriad â'r proffesiynau, megis prentisiaethau gradd.
4. Sicrhau bod gwasanaethau yn y gymuned yn cael eu darparu mewn adeiladau addas.
5. Caniatáu i gleifion gael mynediad at wasanaethau AHP fel rhan o'u llwybr triniaeth.

Prif Gynghorydd Proffesiynau Iechyd Perthynol

Yn ein cylchlythyr diwethaf, mynegodd AHPF Cymru bryder nad oedd olynydd i Ruth Crowder wedi'i benodi. Mae hyn yn dal i fod yn wir ac mae'r rôl yn parhau i fod yn wag. Rydym wedi ysgrifennu at Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ac wedi cwrdd â'r Prif Swyddog Meddygol a'r Cyfarwyddwr Gofal Sylfaenol i rannu ein pryderon nad yw'r rôl hanfodol hon wedi'i llenwi. Cyflwynodd Mabon ap Gwynfor AS gwestiwn ysgrifenedig ar ein rhan hefyd i Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet. Byddwn yn cadw llygad agos ar y sefyllfa a byddwn yn diweddaru'r aelodau.

Cyfarfod Cynghrair Canser Cymru

Gwahoddwyd cynrychiolwyr AHPF Cymru, Calum Higgins a Caroline Hurley i fynychu cyfarfod mis Medi o Gynghrair Canser Cymru. Gofynnwyd am gyflwyniad byr ar nodau ac amcanion AHPF Cymru a briff ar ein maniffesto ar gyfer etholiad y Senedd. Edrychwn ymlaen at gydweithredu'n agosach â'r Gynghrair yn y dyfodol.