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AHPFS Parliamentary Event- Celebrating AHPs

The 5th of October 2022 marked the first in-person AHPFS event since the covid-19 pandemic. The AHPFS committee, key stakeholders, MSPs and practicing allied health professionals gathered in the Scottish Parliament to celebrate the contribution of AHPs across health and social care.

It was a night to reflect on the successes of AHPs and AHPFS as well as an opportunity to exhibit the impact of AHPs and to network with key members of the profession. The night was supported by Carol Mochan MSP (Scottish Labour) who was a practicing dietician before her career in politics and a great support of the allied health professions.

The evening was supposed to be coupled with a debate led by Carol Mochan MSP on the contribution of allied health professionals followed by speeches from AHPFS Chair Alison Keir, Carol Mochan MSP and Minister for Health Social Care, Humza Yousaf MSP (SNP). However, due to a change in the parliamentary schedule to allow for emergency legislation proceedings.

As all AHPs do, we adapted, thought creatively and were able to enjoy a night of networking, socialising and tittle or two... Followed by more succinct speeches from Alison Keir, Carol Mochan and Minister for Public Health, Woman's Health and Sport who spoke of the fantastic work of AHPs working in a neonatal unit in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Despite the change of plans- this remained a successful event which highlighted the best of AHPs and their valuable contribution to health and social care in Scotland.

Scottish Parliament Members Debate- Celebrating AHPs

On the 3rd of November the long-awaited members debate in the Scottish Parliament, originally planned as part of the AHPFS, celebrating AHPs event finally came to fruition. Members of AHPFS and practicing allied health professionals sat in the gallery of the Scottish Parliament as MSPs debated the contribution of AHPs.

The debate led by Carol Mochan MSP (Labour) saw support from MSP's from across the political spectrum!

Christine Graham MSP (SNP)

Tess White MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Audrey Nicoll MSP (SNP)

Jackie Baillie MSP (Scottish Labour)

Stephanie Callaghan MSP (SNP)

Gillian Mackay MSP (Scottish Greens)

Emma Harper MSP (SNP)

Maree Todd MSP (SNP- Minister for Public Health, Woman's Health and Sport)

Each MSP came prepared with positive examples of meaningful AHP work from their own constituencies or personal lives. It was an excellent display of the life long impact of AHPs.

This evening allowed for the formal recognition of the value of AHPs and the opportunity to raise awareness of the contribution of AHPs. We hope this recognition contributes to positive legislating in regard to AHPs.

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