

## Smoking in Pregnancy Challenge Group anniversary event hosted by the APPG on Smoking and Health and APPG on Baby Loss – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Parliamentarians present:

- Bob Blackman MP
- Cherilyn Mackrory MP
- Helen Morgan MP
- Maggie Throup MP
- Lord Young of Cookham
- Preet Gill MP
- Andrea Leadsom MP
- Will Quince MP
- Sally-Ann Hart MP

### Also Present:

Alex Richardson (NHS England), Anna Tye (East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust), Becca Scott (NHS north of England commissioning support unit), Ben Hull, Carla Anderson (Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust), Charlotte Jacques (Wakefield Council), Claire Sookhun-Hull (East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust), Claire Wells (ASH), Clare Livingstone (Royal College of Midwives), Clea Harmer (Sands), Deborah Carrs (Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust), Deborah Longe (RCM), Emily Lewis (Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists), Fran Frankland, Francine Bates (Lullaby Trust), Hazel Cheeseman (ASH), Hilary Wareing (Improving Performance in Practice), Jane Coyne (NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care), Jane Ellison (ASH Board Member), Jenny Ward (Lullaby Trust), Jess Reeves (Sands), Jim Pattison (ASH), Jo Locker (OHID), John Waldron (ASH), Karen Thirsk (NHS England), Kate Davies (Tommy's), Katy Scammell (Tower Hamlets London Borough Council), Kerry Ashenden (East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust), Kirsty Borthwick (Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust), Lachlan Rurlander (Whitestone Insight), Martin Dockrell (OHID), Martyn Willmore (OHID), Michelle Gascoigne (Pontefract Hospital), Mollie Rickets (Sands), Nicole Hobson (OHID), Caitlin Notley (UEA), Rachel McIlvenna (Fresh & Balance), Rachel Vollans (NHS England), Rosie Walworth (RCOG), Rt Hon Anne Milton, Sarah Price (NHS England), Shauna Bell (Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust), Tracy Parr (London Tobacco Alliance), Wendy-Ann Whittle (Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust), Yvonne Hermon (NCSCT).

### Event outline

On the 12th of December 2023, the APPG on Smoking and Health and the [APPG on Baby Loss](#) co-hosted an event in Parliament to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the [Smoking in Pregnancy Challenge Group](#). The event was also an opportunity to launch the Challenge Group's [manifesto for smokefree beginnings](#), which sets out recommendations to accelerate progress in reducing rates of smoking during pregnancy. The press release is [here](#).

### Speakers

- Bob Blackman MP, Chairman, APPG on Smoking and Health
- Rt Hon Anne Milton, former Public Health Minister who set the 'challenge' which led to the formation of the Challenge Group
- Dr Clea Harmer, Chief Executive of Sands, Co-chair of the Smoking in Pregnancy Challenge Group

- Preet Gill MP, Shadow Minister for Primary Care and Public Health
- Francine Bates, former Co-Chair and founding member of the Smoking in Pregnancy Challenge Group, former Chief Executive, Lullaby Trust
- Clare Livingstone, Professional Policy Advisor, Royal College of Midwives
- Sarah Price, Director for Public Health, NHS England
- Cherilyn Mackrory MP, Co-Chair, APPG on Baby Loss
- Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health, Start for Life and Primary Care