



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Bereavement Support

15th March 2022, 1pm to 2pm

Virtual Meeting

In attendance:

Tobias Ellwood	Conservative MP – Bournemouth East
Bell Addy-Ribeiro	Labour MP - Streatham
Linda Magistris	The Good Grief Trust Founder & CEO
Paula Sandiford	The Good Grief Trust Admin Manager & PA
Jan Soulsby	The Good Grief Trust Trustee
Lydia Baker	The Good Grief Trust Ambassador – Bereavement Midwife - Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust
Millie Beaver	Office of Tobias Ellwood MP - Bournemouth East
Joanne Early	SAMM
Lucy Herd	Jack's Law
Christine Martin	King's College Hospital
Beverley Radcliffe	The Coroners' Courts Support Service
Sophie Meagher	Sue Ryder
Nikki Speed	SUDC UK
Jane Shackman	Freelance, formerly Sudden
Carolyn Brice	The Companionate Friends
Julia Stirling	SUDEP Action
Lis Warnes	Hospice UK
Emma Kneebone	2 Wish Upon
Morgen Evens	Cruse
Kim Bird	Before You Go
Ali Scowen	Co-op
Alison Summers	St Christopher's Hospice

Apologies:

Lord Michael Cashman	House of Lords
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Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaff	House of Lords
Afzal Khan	Labour MP - Manchester Gorton
Bell Addy-Ribeiro	Labour MP - Streatham
Charmaine George	The Good Grief Trust, National Café Co-ordinator
Helen Churchill	The Good Grief Trust Trustee
Jules Lewis	Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust

Agenda:

1. Introductions - Chair
2. Welcome to our new Officers -
 - Tobias Ellwood MP - Chair
 - Baroness Ilora Finlay - Vice-Chair
 - Lord Michael Cashman - Vice-Chair
 - Bell Riberio-Addy - Vice-Chair
 - Afzal Khan - Vice-Chair
3. National Grief Awareness Week 2021 – LM to present updates on NGAW21
4. Invitation to members to form NGAW22 Task Group.
5. Roundtable – key focus for NGAWA22 and member’s updates
6. Ukraine – bereaved families arriving in UK - response
7. Joanne Early CEO - SAMM - Support After Murder and Manslaughter – new member introduction, presentation.
8. Lucy Herd – update - Bereavement (Leave and Pay) Bill – Patricia Gibson MP
9. AOB
10. Next meeting date

Minutes:

1. Introductions

- LM welcomed everyone and was thrilled to introduce Tobias Ellwood and the new Officers to Group.

2. Welcome to our new Officers

- TE well done for setting up this Group.
- TB flagged Tuesdays wasn't a good day, new date proposed and to be circulated

ACTION: PS to circulate next meeting date

3. NGAW21 update, 3rd year

- NGAW21 was a great success supported by the Met Police who gave us an ideal Central London location for the launch date. Opened by Hannah Ingram-Moore, and the Captain Tom Foundation, who officially launched the campaign, along with Greg Wise helped us promote the campaign across all traditional media, TV and radio outlets. Chris Evans Breakfast Show and ITV Lorraine – early interviews.
- Healthy spikes to the website driven by the campaign
- General 2000% increase across FB engagements
- Record increase in social media reach, across all platforms Good Grief Facebook: 5 million increased to 10 million post-Christmas
- Full report will be shared with the Group
- Thank you everyone who joined in and supported the campaign

4. NGAW22 – Task Group

- LM announced GGT is setting up a task group for this year's campaign, please let us know if you'd like to join

6. Ukraine

- Joanne Early, SAMM - we support bereavement from homicide our one initial thought is that we can be on standby to support, offering phone support, translators,
- Jane Shackman, formerly from Sudden – suggested a coordinated central response due to the high volume of offers from individual agencies, organisations, local authorities, etc Recommended as a resource: RefugeesAtHome for host families. JS is pledged to help co-ordinate/involved
- Lucy Herd – suggested placing GGT condolence and signposting cards at the point where Ukraine's are arriving, create a dedicated section on GGT's website.
- Christine Martin, King's College Hospital - suggested setting up helplines for host families to call if they are affected by any stories suffered by refugees

ACTION: please keep the conversation going and submit any ideas you have to paula@thegoodgrieftrust.org to investigate further

7. Joanne Early CEO – SAMM

- CEO - SAMM for 18 months
- Was Homicide Regional Manager under the National Homicide Contract under the Victim Support for seven years
- Specialism is child homicide, trained agencies in child protection
- Control Services Managers for the London Ambulance service, left after her son was murdered
- SAMM is national - covers all four nations
- Over 30 years old originally set up by bereaved parents who couldn't find specialist support for themselves
- We have different functions, main ones are:
- Peer support and understanding
- Long term membership for members to dip in and out whenever they need it
- Advocacy and support to people with probation service and the parole board when perpetrators are coming up for their release
- Committed to continually raising awareness and understanding of the effects of homicide through research and training
- Involved in long-standing research projects with different universities and helps inform change and improvements in the future
- Help campaign for change
- Helen's Law Pt 2 to provide further justice to families
- Involved in the review into the support for Families Bereaved by Homicide about to publish the results on report 10 years on
- Range of services are on our website including one to one support, online groups and face to face support including away weekends of workshops to provide tools to help members cope and recover, and more
- Funded by the Home Office, MOJ, Police Commissioners, Lottery, smaller Trusts plus old-fashioned fundraising

- Support individuals, families, friends, and the wider community

ACTION: if you'd like to know more about SAMM, watch us on Crimewatch on Thursday 24th March at 10pm on BBC1

8. Lucy Herd Bereavement (Leave and Pay) Bill Patricia Gibson MP (apologies as had to leave today's meeting early)

- LM introduced LH who set up Jack's Law. Lucy's son died when he was 23 months, and she has been campaigning for almost 12 years
- New Bill in place - PG has created a 10 min ruling bill which has its second reading on Friday to make provision for leave and pay for employees for who a close family member has died

ACTION: please encourage all MPs to go and vote this Friday – 18th March. Lucy to share template letter to share with APPG members

9. AOB

- Lydia Baker, GGT Ambassador and Bereavement Midwife, flagged women who have a miscarriage before 24 weeks, with no sign of life should be included in the Bill and to get miscarriages recognised as a bereavement.
- Maternal deaths should also be recognised; there is nothing out there to support this type of death. Represent families at funeral home to get handprints but we should include creating everlasting memories for adults and for anyone who has died.

ACTION: reach out to the APPG for Funerals and Bereavement to see how hand, foot and fingerprints can be offered routinely for anyone who dies and not just for babies and children.

10. Next meeting date:

- Wednesday 18th March from 11am to 12pm noon