

CALL FOR EVIDENCE

The APPG on Cerebral Palsy is holding a call for evidence for its next two sessions:

- 1. Barriers for adults with Cerebral Palsy accessing and receiving healthcare that prevent them from ageing well and full life participation. (Tuesday 14 September – 2pm)**
- 2. Barriers to employment facing people with Cerebral Palsy entering, staying in, and progressing in work, and lessons from the impact of Covid-19 (Tuesday 19 November – 2pm)**

We are taking written submissions for our report to Parliamentarians with a deadline of 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021. Please send us a submission if you're interested in these topics. The evidence will help form the recommendations the APPG makes to Government. Short responses with experiences, suggestions and key facts are ideal.

Submissions

Please make sure your submission:

1. Is 2 sides of A4
2. Has clear headings
3. Has a summary at the top of the submission.
4. Has the subject line "APPG on Cerebral Palsy – call for evidence"
5. Is sent to CerebralPalsyAPPG@connectpa.co.uk.

You can send video or audio clips. Please make sure they are under three minutes. Please send these to using [WeTransfer](#) to the above email address. Please use the word "evidence" in the title.

Please do not send academic papers, think-tank reports or other long documents. If you want to, include information from these using a hyperlink.

You can send us something as an individual, or from your organisation. Please only send one submission from each.

Key themes

We are interested in looking at what stops adults with cerebral palsy getting the healthcare they need. We want to hear your experience, and what impact this has had on your physical and mental health.

The APPG is interested in:

- How do the healthcare needs of people with cerebral palsy change over their lifetime?
 - This includes the impact of living with a lifelong condition.
- Do services today meet the needs of adults with cerebral palsy? Is there a better way to support adults to access health services and understand their condition?
- What stops adults with cerebral palsy experience accessing health care?
- What do services for adults with cerebral palsy receive compared to:
 - Children's services?
 - Other long-term conditions?
 - The NICE recommendations?
- Are there better models of care which could be used for adults?
- What happens when adults don't receive care?
 - Are there unmet health needs?
 - A lack of life participation?
 - An impact on money?
- Do adults living with CP have the right support when transferring from pediatric to adult services?

- What happens when we don't understand cerebral palsy as something adults have?
 - Does this affect the needs of the community?

We also want to know what stops people with cerebral palsy from entering, staying in, and progressing in work.

Some of the questions the APPG is interested in are:

- Do young people with cerebral palsy have the support they need moving from education to looking for work?
- What stops people with cerebral palsy getting an interview and getting the job?
- Are there problems at work that stop people with cerebral palsy staying in jobs?
- What things outside of the workplace stop adults with cerebral palsy getting into work?
 - Transport provision?
 - Lack of digital training?
 - Accessibility issues?
- How do these issues impact on people's mental and physical health?
- How easy is it for people with cerebral palsy to progress at work?
 - What can be done to help people with cerebral palsy develop in roles?

- How can Government and businesses measure employment trends for people with cerebral palsy?
 - Is disability reporting for large businesses the best approach?

The APPG wants to consider the lessons we can learn from the pandemic:

- Many people now work from home and have flexible hours.
- For some disabled people this is a benefit as they are able to better manage their disability or condition around work.
- Some people have seen a reduction in the stresses associated with accessing transport and workplaces.
- We are interested to hear if these learnings can be used in more workplaces after the pandemic.
- What can we learn about the need for long-term rehab from individuals with long COVID?