



Stella Huyshe-Shires



Progress

Meeting with the Minister, Anne Milton MP

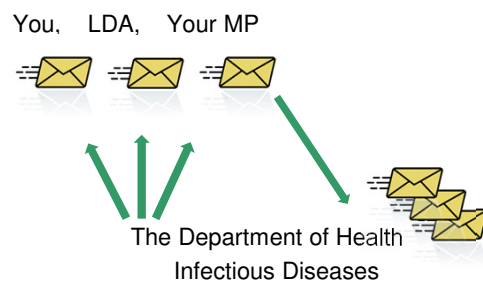
Accepted to work with the James Lind Alliance



How it works



Result





Reality



The Problem


The Department/HPA says there are no unanswered questions about Lyme disease:
they know how to diagnose
they know how to treat.

We have to show them their mistake.
They won't believe us; it must come from doctors

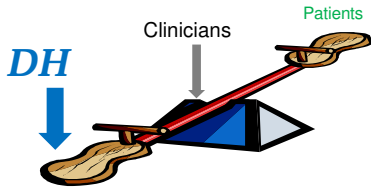



**James Lind Alliance
Priority Setting Partnership**


Aim is to find and document
the unanswered questions
about Lyme disease



JLA Lyme disease PSP




A lot of weight from the DH;
Patients' evidence is not counted;
Clinicians currently sitting on the fence.



Awareness days


<p>London</p> <p>Mailshot to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 GPs • 67 other clinicians • 6 PCTs, 1 of which actively promoted to GPs 	<p>Scotland</p> <p>Mailshot to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 GPs • 17 other clinicians • 7 Health Boards which all actively promoted to GPs
--	--



Who came?

	London	Edinburgh	Aberdeen
GPs	3	4	5
Other Clinicians	5	3	1
LDA, JLA, patients, carers	15	1	1
Total new audience:	0	5	6

London: all clinicians known to LDA
Scotland: all clinicians new to LDA




Steering Group

Job: To engage their group and ensure consultation is as wide as possible

Lester Firkins, JLA
Stella Huyshe-Shires, LDA
Dave Ashcroft, GP Aberfeldy
Caroline Rayment, GP Yorkshire
Jean Walker, Public Health Inverness

You can see the problem – no consultant!



Unexpected help

**British Infection Association:
Position Paper on Lyme Disease**

Following LDA remonstrance, the BIA President asked LDA for written comment



Steering Group

Result –

an Infectious Disease consultant on the steering group

Lester Firkins, JLA
Stella Huyshe-Shires, LDA
Dave Ashcroft, GP Aberfeldy
Caroline Rayment, GP Yorkshire
Jean Walker, Public Health Inverness
Alastair Miller, ID Consultant Liverpool



Effect of all that

- Steering group includes mainstream clinicians
- British Infection Society has committed to contributing
- The survey has launched
- 116 people so far have contributed
- 37% are primary care clinicians
- HPA speaker being withdrawn from the LDA conference has shifted the balance

Huge strides are being made