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## **Dunhill Medical Trust – Stakeholder Meeting**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 12.30pm  
Executive Room 4 University of Liverpool, London Campus  
33 Finsbury Square

### **Participants**

#### **Project Team**

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Chair, Society for Companion Animal Studies; VP, International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations; Founder & VP of Canine Partners

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Senior Project Administrator  
Pet Friendly Care Homes and Retirement Housing  
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**Barrister**

Ian Brownhill

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**Agenda**

Lunch 12.30 - 1.15

Meeting 1.15 - 3.15

**Welcome and Introductions (5 mins)**

Aim of meeting:

*To solicit the perspectives of charities in the field on the issues raised by separating older people from their companion animals; to consider how to engage the public on these issues and to address the challenges of translating academic research into policy relevant recommendations and law reform proposals.*

**Round table Presentations:**

- (i) Introducing the project (Marie/Mo) (10 mins)
- (ii) The empirical work/data to date (Michael 10 mins)
- (iii) Perspectives on issues from charity stakeholders - Donna Tucker, Elizabeth Omerod, Nesta Caiger, Richard Woodward, Claire McParland, Jenna Kiddie (6 x 5 min)
- (iv) The Place of Animals in the Hospice and Engaging the Public (Vanessa Ahsall) (10mins)

**Roundtable Discussion: (c 45 mins)****Prompts for discussion**

How does the issue of care home policies on companion animals affect the work of your charity if at all? *[E.g. do people make more use of services, seek advice on the subject?]*

What are the implications, if any, of older people moving into care without their companion animals for your charity?

What would charities find helpful in terms of supporting their clients?

What are the current information gaps? And what are good resources?

Have any charities developed any specific policies/practices around companion animals (also perhaps elderly) who have been separated from older people?

Have you suggestions on how best to engage the public with the issue – and generate their input/feedback? etc

What has been your experience of engaging politicians?

Are there other charities you think we could usefully involve?