

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Asthma

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

7th May 2013

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

10 June 2014

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

8 May 2013

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

26 June 2014

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

May 8 2013

4 MSPs

7 non MSP members

7 additional attendees

The CPG on Asthma discussed the latest findings of the Children and Young Peoples Allergy Network in Scotland. We hear from two young people living with severe allergies about how it affects their lives and how they have learned to manage their condition. The Network presented findings on how the health service should be improved to help young people like the two represented on the day.

AGM was then held and: Nanette Milne MSP was confirmed as convener of the CPG on Asthma.

Ken MacIntosh was confirmed as co-convener of the group
Asthma UK Scotland to remain as Secretariat.

September 24 2013

1 MSPs

7 non MSP

Minutes – Asthma UK Scotland

This was an informal meeting of CPG.

Elaine Carnegie presented a report on the work Asthma UK Scotland had done around Compare your Care.

Phyllis Murphy presented on how MCNs in Scotland were delivering on the Asthma priorities documents

Lesley Mitchell from Scottish Government gave the governments response to the findings of Compare your Care.

[Clerks note: this meeting was inquorate and therefore classed as an informal meeting. No minutes will be posted onto the CPG webpage and this meeting does not count towards the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct that all Groups must hold two meetings per year]

27 November 2013

This was an informal meeting of the CPG

1 MSP

9 non-msp members

3 additional attendees.

Dr Henry McSorley, one of Asthma UK's new Research Fellows at the University of Edinburgh, gave a presentation of his work.

Allergic asthma affects millions of people around the UK. It is caused when the body

over-reacts to harmless substances, known as allergens, in a person's environment.

Over the last hundred years, parasitic infections have become rare in the developed world, while asthma has become far more common. On the other hand, in populations where parasitic worm infection is still common (such as in Africa and South America), the rate of asthma is low.

Researchers at the University of Edinburgh hope to unravel this puzzle and their findings could potentially lead to a cure for allergic asthma.

26 February 2014

2 MSPs

8 non MSP members

2 additional attendees

The group met to discuss the rise and prevalence of the use of e-cigarettes and their impact on respiratory health. There is a great deal of concern among the respiratory community about the use of e-cigs as smoking cessation, and their impact on respiratory conditions such as asthma. Also concerns about the way that they are being advertised, making smoking cool again and the impact on health.

13 May 2014

2 MSP

5 MSPs (part attendance)

11 non MSP members

30 additional attendees

This meeting represented the launch of the Asthma UK Centre for Applied Research. Speakers included Kay Boycott CEO of Asthma UK, Chris Griffiths lead researcher at the centre and Elisabeth Ehrlich who gave a patient perspective of how research impacts the lives of people with asthma. The centre aims to cut the time for asthma research to reach the patient from 17 years to 8 years. Substantially increasing the focus of the research community on asthma. This is a model of care that will be respected and replicated internationally and it is exciting that this was launched in Edinburgh.

Election of office bearers was completed by email and confirmed to officials on 27th May 2014.

Annual Return will be confirmed by the group on 10 June at next CPG meeting

10 June

1 MSP

7 non MSP members.

Shona gave brief update of recent work of charity.

Annual Return was discussed and accepted

Discussion around possible themes for next year 0 agreed that we would spend next year looking more carefully at the National Review of Asthma Deaths and continue to maintain pressure on decision makers at all levels to implement its findings.

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MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Nanette Milne Conservative

Ken McIntosh Labour

Bob Doris SNP

Hugh Henry Labour

Jackie Billie Labour

Kenneth Gibson SNP

Mary Scanlon Conservative

Richard Simpson Labour

Siobhan McMahon Labour

Denis Robertson SNP

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Lorraine McCallum

Fiona Garrett

	Steve Cunningham Mike MacGregor Sarah Falconer Patricia Burns Julie Westwood Ann McMurray Savio D'Souza Elisabeth Ehrlich Gaylor Hoskins
Organisations	GSK Royal Pharmaceutical Society Community Pharmacy Scotland NAPP pharmaceutical

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Co-Convener	Nanette Milne
Co-Convener	Kenneth Macintosh
Secretary	Asthma UK Scotland
Treasurer	NA

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance

such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

2013-14

Asthma UK Scotland provided funds for catering to value of £971.52
Secretariat support to value of £800

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

none

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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