

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Chronic Pain

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.)

September 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

June 25th 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]

May 29th 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.

Group Purpose: The aim of the Group is to raise awareness of how those with chronic pain are treated and to work for earlier and better care. The Group aims to raise awareness of the condition amongst parliamentarians, to influence legislation and policy makers in order to improve the lives of people affected.

Highlights 2013-2014

*A remarkable year of achievement for the Cross Party Group – which has for over 12 years campaigned to create a Scottish residential service for chronic pain patients instead of sending some severe sufferers as far as Bath in Somerset. Also, fought for radical improvements in day services.

*Announcement by the Health Secretary Alex Neil that the first Scottish Residential Centre of Excellence will be created and that all Health Boards were being asked to report to him on their plans for improving day services. Full Parliamentary debate, 2 hours 40 minutes, with unanimous backing from all MSPs.

*Petition by CPG members Susan Archibald and Dorothy-Grace Elder who gave detailed evidence on the above. This was welcomed as “an excellent petition” by the Public Petitions Committee, who investigated over several months and their work helped achieve the breakthrough on improvements.

Many thanks to the CPG co conveners Jackie Baillie, Jackson Carlaw and John Wilson for their strong support throughout all these endeavours for patients.

*Some CPG volunteers and the Alliance were asked to re-write a Consultation on residential services to make it suitable for patients, after the Government withdrew an earlier official attempt. The re-write achieved a large response, with 75% for one residential centre of excellence.

*The CPG had led criticism of an Update Report in 2012 which failed to reveal key information on shortages in Chronic Pain clinics and was condemned in the media as a “whitewash”.. Healthcare Improvement Scotland apologised, promised the CPG transparency in future and commenced a new, detailed report under Dr Lesley Holdsworth who has kept the CPG informed throughout.

Dr Holdsworth’s HIS report was published in April 2014. It is the first to include extensive details of large waiting lists and staff shortages at Chronic Pain Clinics – some specialities had waiting lists of two years and over . The report was much publicised and is intended to lead to urgent action. Our thanks to Dr Holdsworth and the “health watchdog”.

The voluntary secretary Jacquie Forde was thanked for improved communication within the CPG and external National Bodies.

- 10 + New members were welcomed to the Group

May 29 2013 AGM and general meeting to discuss issues raised in the Scottish Parliament debate that day.

Co conveners Jackie Baillie, John Wilson and Jackson Carlaw re-elected

Voluntary Secretary Jacquie Forde re-elected.

September 3rd 2013 – Meeting chaired by Jackson Carlaw MSP.

Two speakers at this meeting .

Dr Holdsworth of Healthcare Improvement Scotland presented on the Scottish Model for Chronic Pain and Andrew Strong from the Alliance discussed the outputs from the Alliance meeting on the Specialist Residential Service Consultation. (Full minutes on Parliament website)

3 MSP's and 30 non MSP's attended. Apologies noted from 25 non MSP individuals and members.

No refreshments were supplied at this meeting.

December 17th Meeting 2013– Meeting chaired by John Wilson MSP

Speakers for this meeting were : Fiona Collie of Carers Scotland who spelled out the problems and money shortages of carers, many of whom deal with chronic pain.

Dr Lesley Holdsworth of Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) gave an Update presentation on her work, which included part of the new data collection. She said HIS was anxious to get it right and a full report would be issued in the spring. She confirmed data would include staffing time/numbers and patient numbers and data on continuing patients as well as new referrals, among points which the CPG sought.

PATIENT REPRESENTATION: ACCEPTANCE AND EXCLUSIONS

A letter from Michael Matheson, public health minister, assured the CPG that Government had heeded their request that more patients be appointed to the National Steering Group and sought "patient representatives from across Scotland".

3 MSP's , 20 non MSP's and apologies were noted from 27 non MSP's.

Tea, coffee and biscuits for this meeting were personally funded by the co convenors

April 1st Meeting 2014 – Meeting chaired by Jackson Carlaw MSP

.Lesley Holdsworth updated the group on a new report soon to be published where she presented on headlines from "Chronic Pain Services in Scotland- Where are we now?"

.Exclusion of patient volunteers other than those nominated by their local establishments was raised again. Two complaints concerned patients from Fife and Glasgow who had tried to volunteer as patient representatives on Service

Improvement Groups or the National Steering Group who said they'd received no information or help. A third was from a Forth Valley patient anxious to contact his patient representative who said he had been given no contact though he'd tried since winter 2013-14. He particularly wished to draw attention to long waiting lists at Forth Valley which he claimed were over 2 years for clinical psychology. (This later proved to be correct).

3 MSP's , 31 non MSP's , apologies noted from 25 non MSP's

No refreshments were supplied for this meeting.

AGM June 25th 2014

Chaired by Jackie Baillie MSP.

Co Conveners MSPs Jackie Baillie and John Wilson were re-elected.

Dorothy-Grace Elder was elected voluntary secretary.

Jackson Carlaw MSP had ended his term of office as Co-Convener. The Chair and the Group thanked Jackson for all his help over the years in driving forward improvements for pain patients.

Jacque Forde resigned as voluntary secretary but will remain a member. The Chair and Group thanked her for her work and help and wished her a speedy recovery from an operation which prevented her attendance. Jacque had circulated her thanks to the group for their support and congratulations on the CPG's achievements.

The CPG decided to write to the new chair of the Steering Group, Dr Mary Harper, asking if the SG and SIGs would tackle health boards directly over the long waiting lists and staff shortages shown in the Healthcare Improvement Scotland report in April 2014. There were concerns over whether the Service Improvement Groups would be effective on these patient priorities despite £1.3 million in public funding. Also, Dr Harper is to be asked to change the recruitment process for SIG and Steering Group patient and health professional representation to an open system, normally used by official bodies: eg advertising. Concerns were expressed over the private system of selection, as patients had reported being "blocked" if they were "outsiders", and not given application information.

A health professional also issued a Report to the Group on waiting months for any reply and being unable to obtain clear information on what her local SIG would actually do, despite extensive attempts. She was invited only to one to one meetings, not to attend a SIG and felt outside volunteers were not wanted. Letter action:
Dorothy-Grace Elder

Also, minutes of previous AGM approved, and minutes of meeting of April 1, 2014. Even more new CPG members have been added, including Jim Hume MSP, Lib

Dem health spokesman.

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 28 non members.

(The above is the formal part of the meeting with MSPs present; June 25 was a difficult day for MSPs and CPGs to meet as parliament sat until 7.15pm. Earlier, the group heard informally from the new lead pain clinician, Professor Blair Smith)

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jackie Baillie MSP Labour

Jackson Carlaw MSP Conservative

John Wilson MSP SNP

Jim Hume, MSP, Liberal Democrat

Dr Richard Simpson MSP Labour

Michael McMahon MSP Labour

Malcolm Chisholm MSP Labour

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

Martin Tighe

Jacque Forde

Lord George Foulkes

Dr Colin Rae

Margaret McInnes

Councillor Frank McAveety

Linda Mawson

Frank Mawson

Professor J McEwen

Pete McCarron

Dr Martin Johnson

Claire Grieve

Michael Grieve

	<p>Dorothy Grace Elder John Thomson Jim Scanlon Martha Heaney Jean Rafferty Anne Cassels Anne Murray Christine Martin Dr Sabu James Professor Martin Steultjens Janette Barrie Pat Roche Alasdair Barron MBE Heather Cameron Paulo Quadros Kenny Boyle Helen McLuskey Catherine Hughes Julie Mcanulty Ooi Thye Chong Professor Tim Eden Bailie Josephine Docherty Maire Whitehead, Dr David Weeks Bill Sinclair Claire Schiavone Laura Clark</p>
Organisations	<p>Action on Pain Community Pharmacy Scotland Royal Pharmaceutical Society Healthcare Improvement Scotland Gruenthal Leuchie House</p>

	<p>The Health & Social Care Alliance</p> <p>Medtronic</p> <p>Pain Association</p> <p>Pain Concern</p> <p>BMA</p> <p>Arthritis Care</p> <p>RCN</p> <p>Scottish Neurological Society</p> <p>Int Life</p> <p>National Osteoporosis Society</p> <p>Reckitt Benckiser</p> <p>NHS GGC</p> <p>NHS Lothian</p> <p>RCGP</p> <p>Scottish Massage Therapists Association</p> <p>Napp</p> <p>Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scotland</p> <p>Fibromyalgia Scotland</p>
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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.

Convener	Jackie Baillie MSP, John Wilson MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Dorothy-Grace Elder
Treasurer	n/a

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).

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

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