

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Carers
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>29 June 2011</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>26 January 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
<b>11 March 2015</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>26 February 2016</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>11 March 2015</b> 4 MSPs, 15 individuals/organisations  This was the AGM and the conveners and secretariat were re-elected. Self-directed support for carers was discussed, and there was also discussion about the new Carers (Scotland) Bill.

**2 June 2015**

8 MSPs, 30 individuals/organisations

Jamie Hepburn, the Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health, attended for a discussion of the Carers (Scotland) Bill.

**23 September 2015**

6 MSPs, 35 individuals/organisations

This meeting focused on young carers, particularly on their experiences in schools and how the Carers Bill will affect them. Several young carers attended and spoke about their lives.

**26 January 2016**

3 MSPs, 23 organisations/individuals

This meeting revisited the Carers (Scotland) Bill in its final stage before becoming law, and there was also a presentation from the Carers Laughter Club Project. This meeting was the AGM.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Claudia Beamish, Scottish Labour

Joan McAlpine, Scottish National Party

Bill Kidd, Scottish National Party

George Adam, Scottish National Party

Graeme Dey, Scottish National Party

Jackie Baillie, Scottish Labour

James Dornan, Scottish National Party

John Lamont, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Mark McDonald, Scottish National Party

Paul Martin, Scottish Labour

Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour

Willie Rennie, Scottish Liberal Democrats

## 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	Michael Grieve Clare Lally Harry Robertson Lorraine Allan
Organisations	Carers Trust Scotland Carers Scotland Headway UK Enable National Autistic Society MS Society Stroke Association Age Scotland Coalition of Carers in Scotland Shared Care Scotland Big Lottery Fund Scotland CAB Scotland - Kinship Care Project MECOPP Carers of East Lothian Learning Disability Association Scotland The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland Edinburgh North West Carers Centre Pain Concern FirstHand Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland STUC Scottish Youth Parliament Renfrewshire Carers Centre PAMIS The Butterfly Trust

	Alzheimers Scotland MS Society Scotland
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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	Claudia Beamish (Co-convener)
Deputy Convener	Joan McAlpine (co-convener)
Secretary	Heather Noller, Carers Trust Scotland
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).   x

**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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