

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Drugs and Alcohol Misuse

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.)

29th June 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

13th August 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]

20th February 2013*

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

25 September 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.

20th February 2013 - Attendance: 4 MSPs and 81 non-MSPs.

The topic of discussion was the Review of Opiate Replacement Therapies. A response from the CPG was submitted to the Committee. Speakers were Dr Kennedy Roberts and Dr Charles Lind.

24th April 2013 – Attendance: 5 MSPs and 26 non-MSPs.

The topic for discussion at the meeting was alcohol marketing and the use of social media. Speakers were Dr James Nicholls, Martin Dewar and Connie Bennett.

3rd December 2013 – Meeting not quorate due to lack of MSPs in attendance (same time as Clutha Disaster statement in Parliament). Attendance: 1 MSP and 18 non-MSPs.

The topic for discussion was the impact of alcohol on people other than the drinker in Scotland. Speakers were Dr Ann Hope and Jennifer Curran.

[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]

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Kezia Dugdale, Labour
John Finnie, Independent
Mary Scanlon, Conservative
Willie Rennie, Lib Dems
Richard Simpson, Labour
Jayne Baxter, Labour
Bob Doris, 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

Dr Oliver Aldridge
John Arthur
Dr Lucy Cockayne
Max Cruickshank
Iain Davidson

	Kenny Harrison Dr Mary Hepburn Dr Peter McCann Dr Eunice Reed Dr Richard Watson
Organisations	Al-Anon Fife Alcohol Focus Scotland BMA Scotland Circle Crew Scottish Drugs Forum SFAAD (Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs) Turning Point Scotland The Wellbeing Alliance

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	Kezia Dugdale and John Finnie are co-conveners
Deputy Convener	N/A
Secretary	Scottish Drugs Forum and Alcohol Focus Scotland
Treasurer	None

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

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name

Kezia Dugdale

Parliamentary address

Telephone number

*This has exceeded the 12 month requirement due to lack of room availability within the Scottish Parliament. This also included having a meeting cancelled due to over-booking within the system.