

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Funerals and Bereavement

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.)

14 June 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

12 November 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]

29 October 2013

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

10 December 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.

5 March 2014

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 9 Non-MSPs.

Topics discussed: Death certification developments; retained ashes; Mortonhall investigation; Infant Cremation Commission; Funeral Poverty / Social Fund Support; and, bereavement support.

11 June 2014

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 8 Non-MSPs.

Topics discussed: Death certification developments; Mortonhall investigation; Infant Cremation Commission; Retained Ashes; and, Funeral Poverty / Social Fund Support.

12 November 2014

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 7 Non-MSPs.

AGM

Re-election of Office Bearers

Topics discussed: Death certification developments including presentations; Infant Cremation Commission; Retained Ashes; Funeral Poverty / Social Fund Support; and, Ebola Preparation.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Malcolm Chisholm - Labour
 Bob Doris - SNP
 Richard Lyle - SNP
 Fiona McLeod - SNP
 Stuart McMillan - SNP
 Nanette Milne – Conservative

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

David Beamer
 John Birrell
 James Blackburn
 Gerard Boyle
 Graeme Brown
 Paul Cuthell
 Brian Gegan
 Mark Hazelwood
 Nigel Lymn Rose
 Dominic Maguire

	Ann McMurray Alan Slater
Organisations	Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland (CBCS) National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD) The Scottish Grief and Bereavement Hub Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care (founder of the Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief alliance) Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity (SANDS)

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	Nanette Milne
Deputy Convener	Stuart McMillan
Secretary	David Beamer on behalf of National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD)
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).

2013-2014

David Beamer (a Director of Brevia Consulting) provided secretariat support on behalf of the National Association of Funeral Directors - cost to the organisation of £5,400 plus VAT over the 12 month period.

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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