

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.)

23 November 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

2 December 2015

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]

12 November 2014

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

22 December 2015

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.

3 June 2015

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 14 Non-MSPs.

Topics discussed: burial and cremation policy; presentations held on death certification; and funeral poverty.

2 December 2015

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 6 Non-MSPs.

AGM

Re-election of Office Bearers

Topics discussed: Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill; followed by a joint meeting on bereavement with the CPG for Palliative Care.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Malcolm Chisholm (Scottish Labour)
Willie Coffey (Scottish National Party)
Bob Doris (Scottish National Party)
Richard Lyle (Scottish National Party)
Stuart McMillan (Scottish National Party)
Nanette Milne (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

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
Paul Cuthell
Mark Hazelwood
Nigel Lymn Rose
Dominic Maguire
Ann McMurray
Mike Owen
John Williamson
Stewart Wilson

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)

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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.

Co-Convener	Nanette Milne
Co-Convener	Stuart McMillan
Secretary	David Beamer - National Association of Funeral Directors
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).

2014-2015

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

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