

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 ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

29 October 2013

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.

14 November 2012

Networking event held in Parliament (after annual meeting).

13 March 2013

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 8 Non-MSPs.

Topics discussed: Mortenhall Crematorium / investigation by Dame Elish Angiolini; Bob Doris MSP constituent issue on repatriation; Non-MSP membership applications; Procurator Fiscal service; Death Certification / Retained Ashes; Social Fund funeral payments / Budgeting Loans; New Cross Party Group rules; and, motion on Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland Celebrates 10 Years.

26 June 2013

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 11 Non-MSPs.

Topics discussed: Non-MSP membership applications; Bob Doris MSP constituent issue on repatriation; CBCS Activity and Funding for 2013 – 14/update; Infant Cremation Commission; Death Certification; and, Funeral Poverty / Social Fund

funeral payments.

Guest speaker: Raymond Pratt (DAYNA) on work of charity and repatriation issues.

29 October 2013

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 13 Non-MSPs.

AGM

Re-election of Office Bearers

Topics discussed: Death Certification; Infant Cremation Commission; Pre-stillbirth fetuses; Scottish group on Funeral Poverty; and, Social Fund funeral payments / centralisation of administration.

Guest speaker: Mrs Cathy Dunlop (Registrar's representative on the National Advisory Group) on death certification reforms.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Malcolm Chisholm
Bob Doris
Richard Lyle
Fiona McLeod
Stuart McMillan
Nanette Milne

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 (to replace Alan Fraser at Annual Meeting)
Mark Hazelwood
Nigel Lymn Rose
Dominic Maguire
Ann McMurray
Alan Slater

Organisations	<p>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)</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.

Co-Convener	Nanette Milne
Co-Convener	Stuart McMillan
Secretary	David Beamer
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.

2012-2013

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.

14 November 2012

An event was held in the Scottish Parliament where MSP and non-MSP members of the Group were invited together with MSPs who were not members of the Group and individuals working in the funerals and bereavement sector. The total cost of sending invitations, providing name badges, providing catering, and having a photographer was £2,739 that was paid for by Ecclesiastical (£1,000), the NAFD Scottish Area Federation (£1,000) and the NAFD (£739).

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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