

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Epilepsy
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition)
29.6.11
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
07.05.14
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.
<p>25 April 2013 – Epilepsy research at the Muir Maxwell Trust, University of Edinburgh was detailed by Dr Richard Chin, its Senior Clinical Lecturer and Director (6 MSPs in attendance, 16 non-MSPs)</p> <p>23 May 2013– Joint meeting with CPG on Mental Health looking at living with a long term condition (2 MSPs in attendance, 35 non-MSPs)</p> <p>26 September 2013 – Scottish criminal justice system initiatives as outlined by Police Scotland i6 Programme Inspector Graeme Mitchell with Nadine Aliane from the Divers Unit and Crown Office Procurator and Fiscal Service’s Deputy Head of Policy Gertie Wallace (3 MSPs in attendance, 18 non-MSPs)</p> <p>30 January 2014 – Current and proposed education policies and programmes for pupils with epilepsy covered by Laura Meikle of the Scottish Government’s Support and Wellbeing Unit. (5 MSPs in attendance, 23 non-MSPs)</p>
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.

George	Adam
Jayne	Baxter
Claire	Baker
Colin	Beattie
Chic	Brodie
Cameron	Buchanan
Malcolm	Chisholm
Ruth	Davidson
Bob	Doris
James	Dornan
Mary	Fee
Neil	Findlay
Murdo	Fraser
Kenneth	Gibson
Hugh	Henry
Jamie	Hepburn
Cara	Hilton
Jim	Hume
James	Kelly
Richard	Lyle
Hanzala	Malik
Paul	Martin
Angus	MacDonald
Gordon	MacDonald
Mark	McDonald
Margaret	McDougall
Jamie	McGrigor
Alison	McInnes
Duncan	McNeil
Anne	McTaggart
Nanette	Milne
Willie	Rennie
Dennis	Robertson
John	Scott
Richard	Simpson
Jean	Urquhart
Sandra	White

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

Marilyn Bryce

Organisations

Division of Clinical Psychology Scotland
Epilepsy Connections
Epilepsy Consortium Scotland
Epilepsy Nurses Association (ESNA)

	Epilepsy Scotland Joint Epilepsy Council New Directions West Lothian Quarriers Royal Pharmaceutical 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	Kenneth Gibson MSP
Deputy Conveners	Alison McInnes MSP and Richard Simpson MSP
Secretary	Nanette Milne MSP and Allana Parker, Epilepsy 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.

The Epilepsy Consortium Scotland (ECS) has given financial assistance through a Secretariat provided by Epilepsy Scotland and has met the administration costs for mailing, briefings, catering, travel and speakers' expenses amounting to £730.78 for Epilepsy Group meetings in the last 12 months (April and September 2013 and January 2014).

The Secretariat is provided by Allana Parker, Public Affairs Officer with Epilepsy Scotland. She has spent an estimated 6 days over the year providing this support at a cost of £624.

The breakdown of costs amounting to £730.78 are as follows:

25 April 2013 CPG on Epilepsy AGM - £189.06 costs for administration towards information packs, phone calls, catering costs and travel

23 May 2013 Joint meeting with CPG on Mental health – £71.40 costs for administration of meeting, phone calls and travel

26 September 2013 CPG on Epilepsy meeting - £191.48 costs for administration towards information packs, phone calls, catering costs and travel

30 January 2014 CPG on Epilepsy meeting - £278.84 costs for administration towards information packs, phone calls, catering costs and travel

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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