

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Carers
DATE GROUP APPROVED
26 June 2011
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
26 February 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.
27th Oct 2011 Attending: 12 MSPs, 35 individuals/organisations. Subjects: Speech from Minister for Public Health about a range of carers' issues, presentation from VOCAL Midlothian about the Change Fund and carer involvement.
23rd February 2012 Attending: 40 individuals/organisations. Election of Claudia Beamish as co-convenor. Subjects: Kinship carers and gypsy/traveller carers.
22nd March 2012 Attending: 10 MSPs, 38 individuals/organisations. Subject: Self-directed support. Input from Scottish Government Self-directed Support Bill team, input from the carers' perspective, and particular impact on BME communities from MECOPP.
1st November 2012 Attending: 5 MSPs, 10 individuals/organisations. Subjects: the progress of the SDS Bill and how much change has taken place since the last meeting.
20th February 2013 Attending: 3 MSPs, 34 individuals/organisations. Election of Mark McDonald as co-convenor. Subjects: young carers issues, how the Scottish Young Carers Festival can help to address these issues and what young carers want to see at the 2013

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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.

Claudia Beamish
Mark McDonald
Bill Kidd
Fiona McLeod
George Adam
Graeme Dey
Jackie Baillie
James Dornan
John Lamont
Rhoda Grant
Willie Rennie

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.

Organisations	The Princess Royal Trust for Carers Carers Scotland Headway UK, Scotland Enable National Autistic Society Scotland Age Scotland Coalition of Carers in Scotland Shared Care Scotland Big Lottery Fund Scotland CAB Scotland - Kinship Care Project MECOPP Carers of East Lothian Learning Disability Association Scotland LTCAS North West Carers Centre, Edinburgh Pain Concern FirstHand PAMIS Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland Stroke Association
Individuals	Michael Grieve Clare Lally Wendy Laird Harry Robertson Trish Dunlop

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

Claudia Beamish (co-convenor)

Deputy Convener

Mark McDonald (co-convenor)

Secretary

Heather Noller, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers

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.

N/A

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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