

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Carers

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.)

29 June 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

25 March 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.

13 June 2013

6 MSPs, 16 individuals/organisations

The topic was Carers Week and its theme of "Prepared to care?" – two guests spoke about their experience of caring and how prepared they had felt to become carers.

25 September 2013

5 MSPs, 17 individuals/organisations

The topic was carer finances and welfare reform, and a guest from the DWP spoke about the changes to welfare benefits and how carers would be affected.

14 January 2014

6 MSPs, 24 individuals/organisations

This was a joint meeting with the CPG on mental Health and the topic was carers

and mental health. A carer spoke about her experience of caring for someone with mental health problems, and two clinical psychologists from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde spoke about how the organisation was supporting families in need.

12 March 2014

2 MSPs, 18 individuals/organisations

Marie Curie Cancer Care spoke about their Confident Caring programme, and attendees discussed the proposals for carers' legislation. This was the AGM and the office bearers were re-elected unopposed.

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
 Joan McAlpine
 Bill Kidd
 Fiona McLeod
 George Adam
 Graeme Dey
 Jackie Baillie
 James Dornan
 John Lamont
 Mark MacDonald
 Paul Martin
 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.

Individuals	Michael Grieve Clare Lally Wendy Laird Harry Robertson Trish Dunlop Lorraine Allan
Organisations	Carers Trust Scotland Carers Scotland Headway UK Enable National Autistic Society

	MS Society Stroke Association 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 The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland Edinburgh North West Carers Centre Pain Concern FirstHand Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland STUC Scottish Youth Parliament Renfrewshire Carers Centre PAMIS The Butterfly Trust Alzheimers Scotland MS 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	Claudia Beamish (co-convener)
Deputy Convener	Joan McAlpine (co-convener)
Secretary	Heather Noller, Carers Trust Scotland
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.

Secretariat support is less than £500 per annum

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. This matter was discussed at the AGM on 12 March 2014 and following the outcome of an electronic vote, may be implemented from the next meeting on 6 May 2014.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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