

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME <i>Code of Conduct 6.2.4</i>	
Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title <i>Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament</i> .	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Drugs and Alcohol Misuse	
2. DATE GROUP APPROVED	3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT
29 th June 2011.	15 th January 2013
4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES	
For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).	
<p>29th June 2011 Attendance: 4 MSPs & 23 non-MSPs</p> <p>AGM, election of Office Bearers and re-registration with discussion on topics for future meetings.</p> <p>12th January 2012 Attendance: 1 MSP & 34 non-MSPs</p> <p><i>Rethinking Alcohol Licensing</i> – Recommendations and ways to improve licensing as a regulatory activity to control alcohol-related harm and the need for Licensing Boards to have robust evidence based policy to inform their decision making. Speakers: Mary Ellmers, Head of Training & Development at Alcohol Focus Scotland and Andrew Fraser, Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services at West Dunbartonshire Council.</p> <p>1st March 2012 Attendance: 6 MSPs & 62 non-MSPs</p> <p>Joint Meeting with Children and Young People CPG on impact of parental drinking on children – Speakers were: Dr Mary Hepburn of Glasgow Special Needs in Pregnancy Service; Dr Louise Hill of the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children; and representatives from the Princes Trust Young Ambassadors.</p> <p>19th April 2012 Attendance: 2 MSPs & 27 non-MSPs</p> <p><i>Legal Highs</i> – Developments in new psychoactive substances, prevalence of use and the attendant enforcement, prevention and treatment issues. Austin Smith, Scottish Drugs Forum, Simon Dennis Scottish Police Services, Forensic Services, Kenny Simpson SCDEA and Katy McLeod, Crew.</p> <p>9th May 2012 – Attendance: 3 MSPs & 33 non-MSPs</p> <p><i>Alcohol and Drugs – combinations and comparisons.</i> Speakers: David Gray, Phoenix Futures, Polmont HMP&YOI; Paul Mooney, Addictions Support & Counselling, Forth Valley;</p>	

Kenny Malcolm, Drugs Action (Aberdeen), Meg Wright, Glasgow Council on Alcohol.

24th October 2012 – Attendance: 3 MSPs & 32 non-MSPs

Welfare Reform – Issues Speakers - Maggie Kelly, Poverty Alliance, 2 members of SDF User involvement volunteer group, Leon Wylie, Hepatitis Scotland and Dr. Oliver Aldridge, Edinburgh DTTO

21st November 2012 Attendance: 1 MSP & 25 non-MSPs

Why corporate marketing is harming our health. Speaker: Professor Gerard Hastings, Director of the Institute of Social Marketing at the University of Stirling.

20th February 2013 incorporating Annual General Meeting.

Attendance: 4 MSPs and 81 non-MSPs. The topic of discussion was the Review of Opiate Replacement Therapies. Speakers included: Dr Charles Lind, retired former Consultant Psychiatrist, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; Dr Kennedy Roberts, retired former Senior Medical Officer, Glasgow Addiction Services.

The Review was commissioned by the Scottish Government's Chief Medical Officer, Sir Harry Burns and the discussion at the meeting was used to prepare a response to the Expert Group working on the Review.

5. GROUP MEMBERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
Kezia Dugdale John Finnie Mary Scanlon Willie Rennie Richard Simpson Jayne Baxter Bob Doris	Dr Oliver Aldridge John Arthur Dr Lucy Cockayne Max Cruickshank Iain Davidson Kenny Harrison, Argyll & Bute Local Licensing Forum Dr Mary Hepburn Dr Peter McCann, Castle Craig Hospital Dr Eunice Reed Dr Richard Watson
	Organisations

	Al-Anon Fife Alcohol Focus Scotland BMA Scotland Circle Scottish Drugs Forum SFAD (Scottish Families Against Drugs) Turning Point Scotland The Wellbeing Alliance	
6. GROUP OFFICERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4 Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.		
Convener	Kezia Dugdale and John Finnie are co-conveners	
Vice-Convener		
Secretary	Scottish Drugs Forum and Alcohol Focus Scotland	
Treasurer	None	
7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10 <p>The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.</p> <p>The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.</p>		
Date	Amount	Description
		None
8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9 Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.		

Amount per group member per year	None
Date subscription applied	n/a
9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS	
If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.	
Staff name	n/a
Title of post	n/a
Name and address of employer organisation	n/a
Type of employer organisation	n/a
10. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4</i>	
Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.	
Name	Kezia Dugdale / John Finnie
Parliamentary address	
Telephone number	
Constituency Office telephone number	