

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Families Affected by Imprisonment
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. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
26 October 2011
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
30 April 2013
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
<p>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.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>
<p>Date: 26th October 2011 Activity: Inaugural meeting of then CPG. Office bearers elected. Discussion then focussed on feedback from the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Day of General Discussion: Children of Prisoners. Suggestions were taken about future plans of the CPG.</p> <p>Attendance: MSPs – 5, non-MSPs – 22</p>
<p>Date: 18th January 2012 Activity: Discussions were on a) abolition of Prison Visiting Committees and b) promoting independent prison visitor centres.</p> <p>Attendance: MSPs – 5, non-MSPs – 34</p>
<p>Date: 14th March 2012 Activity: Mary updated the CPG on her Parliamentary work then there was a report on the UN CRC Comments & Recommendations by Oliver Robertson, Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO).</p> <p>Attendance: MSPs – 0, non-MSPs – 66</p>
<p>Date: 23rd May 2012 Activity: Mary gave an update on parliamentary business and then a discussion was</p>

held on the Women's Offender Report by the Angiolini Commission.

Attendance: MSPs – 4, non-MSPs – 19

Date: 12th September 2012

Activity: Mary gave an update on parliamentary business. Then updates were given on the Universal Periodic Review, followed by a discussion on supporting children of imprisoned parents through education.

Attendance: MSPs – 1, non-MSPs – 18

Date: 21st November 2012

Activity: Update on parliamentary business. A discussion was held on reform to civil and criminal legal aid in Scotland. Further updates were given on the Universal Periodic Review and the EUROCHIPS meeting.

Attendance: MSPs – 1, non-MSPs – 22

Date: 30th January 2013

Activity: AGM of the CPG. No changes to the office bearers. Update on parliamentary business. Then there was a presentation and discussion on Human Rights, the Courts and the impact on children and families.

Attendance: MSPs – 3, non-MSPs – 18

Date: 13th March

Activity: Update on parliamentary business. Then there was a discussion on work between Families Outside and Lothian and Borders CJA developing a framework of how different agencies can engage with children and families to provide the support they need when someone goes to prison

Attendance: MSPs – 1, non-MSPs – 17

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.

Mary Fee

Richard Lyle

Margaret McDougall

Drew Smith

Richard Simpson

Mary Scanlon

Kezia Dugdale

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	Gareth Brown – Secretary Janice McGowan
Organisations	Aberlour Childcare Trust Action For Children ADSW Alcohol Focus Scotland Alternative to Violence Project Barlinnie Barnardos Barnardo's Scotland Barnardos South Ayrshire Services Caledonian youth Care For The Family Children 1st CHILDREN 1ST Children and Families Department, The City of Edinburgh Council Children in Scotland Children's 1st CIE Circle Civil Legal Assistance Office Cornerstone Cornton Vale Crossreach Division of Clinical Psychology Scotland Edinburgh Visiting Centre

	<p>Families Outside</p> <p>Family Addiction Support Service</p> <p>Family Mediation Central Scotland</p> <p>Family Member</p> <p>Fife & Forth Valley CJA</p> <p>Gateside Prison Greenock</p> <p>Glenochil</p> <p>HMIP</p> <p>HMP Cornton Vale</p> <p>HMP Edinburgh</p> <p>HMP Glenochil</p> <p>HMP Greenock</p> <p>HMP Perth Visiting Centre</p> <p>HOPE</p> <p>Howard League Scotland</p> <p>Independent Consultant</p> <p>Inside Out (CAB)</p> <p>Kibble Education and Care Centre</p> <p>Lanarkshire CJA</p> <p>Lighthouse Foundation</p> <p>HMP Low Moss</p> <p>NHS Forth Valley</p> <p>NHS Lothian</p> <p>Northern Community Justice Authority</p> <p>Offender Learning, Skills and Employability Services</p> <p>The Howard League</p> <p>Parkhead CAB</p> <p>Perth</p> <p>Perth & Kinross Council</p> <p>Perth (Volunteer) Glenochil (Joint Co-ordinator)</p> <p>Phoenix Futures</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.

Convener	Mary Fee MSP
Deputy Convener	Richard Lyle MSP and Margaret McDougall MSP
Secretary	Gareth Brown
Treasurer	N/A
<p>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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<p>SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
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<p>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</p>	
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