

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross Party Group (CPG) on Improving Scotland's Health: 2021 and Beyond
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.)
2 nd November 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
Third AGM of the Group: 18 th September 2019
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
3 rd October 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
19 th September 2019
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.
Three formal meetings of the Group took place over the year:- 3rd October 2018 – Formal Meeting and Annual General Meeting Attendance: 4 MSPs; 39 non-MSPs; 3 invited guests Convener: Brian Whittle MSP

A report of the second year's activities of the Group was available and the Convener highlighted some key points.

The meeting was attended by the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing Joe FitzPatrick MSP; and Morris Fraser and Orlando Heijmer-Mason from the Scottish Government. The Minister gave an overview of the five new Government health action plans and strategies, and the new public health priorities and body. Questions and answers took place.

This was the second Annual General Meeting of the Group. The Group approved the appointments of Kenneth Gibson MSP, David Stewart MSP and Brian Whittle MSP as co-Conveners of the Group. The Group also approved the appointment of Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland as joint Secretariat to the Group.

The Group approved the Annual Return.

New members were approved and the minutes of the meeting on 25th January 2018 (formal) and 22nd May 2018 (informal) were approved.

It was noted that in the light of the new General Data Protection Regulations, the Secretariat of the Group had published privacy notices in relation to the CPG.

20th February 2019 – Formal Meeting

Attendance: 3 MSPs; 36 non-MSPs; 4 invited guests

Convener: Kenneth Gibson MSP

Guest speakers attending the meeting were Dr Nathan Critchlow from the University of Stirling and Ms Vivienne Maclaren from Scottish Women's Football. The topic discussion was 'Marketing unmasked: dispelling the myths and taking a stand'. Questions and answers took place following the presentations.

Alison Douglas (AFS) raised the alcohol marketing pledge that was signed by a range of organisations and the majority of MSPs. Given the Scottish Government's commitments on alcohol marketing, Alison suggested that it is now a good time to revisit this, asking willing members to sign this.

New members and the minute of 3rd October 2018 were approved.

Under Any Other Business, the Convener highlighted his intention to submit a motion on this meeting, which provides an overview of the presentations and highlights the alcohol marketing pledge. It would be best that this motion is lodged to generate support with the possibility of lodging motions for debate considered for the future.

12th June 2019 – Formal Meeting

Attendance: 2 MSPs; 30 non-MSPs; 3 invited guests

Convener: Brian Whittle MSP

Guest speakers attending the meeting were Tom Bennett from Forth Valley Recovery Community and Stephanie Girdwood from Happy Valleys in Lanarkshire. The topic for discussion was 'Empowered communities reducing use of and harm from unhealthy commodities'. Questions and answers took place following the presentations.

Three specific actions came out of the meeting:-

- Brian Whittle MSP will try to secure party debate time in the chamber on the role of the third sector in public health.
- The secretariat will disseminate the Scottish Government and COSLA consultation on the new public health body.
- Members to submit potential issues, topics and actions to the Secretariat.

New members and the minute of 20th February 2019 were approved.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Miles Briggs MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Kenneth Gibson MSP – Scottish National Party (**co-Convener**)
 Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrats
 Alison Johnstone MSP – Scottish Green Party
 Jenny Marra MSP – Scottish Labour
 Willie Rennie MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrats
 Anas Sarwar MSP – Scottish Labour
 David Stewart MSP – Scottish Labour (**co-Convener**)
 Brian Whittle MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party (**co-Convener**)

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	Kenneth Anderson Iain Broom Simon Capewell Colwyn Jones Laurence Gruer Peter Rice Alan Rodger (resigned 21 st November 2018) Jonathan Sher (Moved to organisational member February 2019)
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Organisations	<p>Alcohol Focus Scotland - Secretariat ASH Scotland - Secretariat</p> <p>Abertay University Addaction Befriending Networks (Joined October 2018) Breast Cancer Now (Joined October 2018) British Dietetic Association (Joined November 2018) British Heart Foundation Scotland Big Lottery Fund Scotland British Lung Foundation Scotland and NI British Medical Association Scotland Cancer Research UK Centre for Global Development, University of Aberdeen Changeworks Children's Health Scotland Children in Scotland Church of Scotland Consensus Action on Salt, Sugar and Health (joined April 2019) COPE Scotland Crew 2000 (Scotland) Cycling Scotland Faculty of Public Health in Scotland Families Outside Fife Alcohol and Drug Partnership Food Standards Scotland Glasgow Caledonian University Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (NHS) Glasgow Council on Alcohol Group for Research on Inequalities and Tobacco (GRIT), University of Edinburgh Health Economics Research Unit, University of Aberdeen Homes for Scotland (joined March 2019) The Institute of Health and Wellbeing, University of Glasgow Local Licensing Forum, Argyll & Bute Council Mental Health Foundation Mentor Scotland MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Health Scotland NHS Lothian NHS Tayside Nourish Scotland Obesity Action Scotland Paths for All Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland The Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen Royal College of General Practitioners</p>
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	Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland Royal Pharmaceutical Society ScotGen Social Research Scottish Cancer Foundation Scottish Drugs Forum Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) Scottish Obesity Alliance (joined March 2019) Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN) Scottish Recovery Consortium Support in Mind Scotland University of Aberdeen University of Dundee University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Stirling Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS) West Lothian Drug and Alcohol Service Young Scot
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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	There are 3 co-Conveners of the Group:- Brian Whittle MSP David Stewart MSP Kenneth Gibson MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Joint Secretariat: Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland
Treasurer	

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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

The Secretariat is provided free of charge by Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland – estimated cost of staff time **£2,742** (for three meetings).

Refreshments at 3 meetings (cost shared between Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland) - **£307.80** (3rd October 2018 £109.50; 20th February 2019 £109.50; 12th June 2019 £88.80)

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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