

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Women's Justice

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.)

16/05/18

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

15/05/19

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

7/06/19

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]

16/05/18

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.

16/05/2018 - AGM
31/10/2018
16/01/2019
15/05/2019 – AGM

Future dates;
25/09/2019
11/12/2019

16/05/18 – AGM

6 MSPs
11 non-MSP members
1 non-member visitor

- Discussion around alternatives to custody for women.
- Discussion around lack of support for mums in prison, when compared to dads.
- Broad discussion around the various issues that can affect women in the justice system, e.g. mental health, access to legal aid, prison estates, etc.

31/10/18

3 MSPs
6 non-MSP members

- Discussion around the presumption of short sentences.
- Anne Pinkman gave a presentation on a Prison Reform Trust report.
- Discussion around costs of keeping people in custody on remand and cross party support for a reduction in the use of remand.
- Discussion around mental health in relation to women offending.

16/01/19

5 MSPs
14 non-MSP members

- Wendy Sinclair gave a presentation focusing on the mental health of women in prison.
- Q&A session with Wendy followed.
- Members updates; including discussion around centrally funded places for secure units and them not being funded by local authorities, and whether strip searches are necessary.

15/05/19

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Rona Mackay MSP – SNP
Richard Lyle MSP - SNP

Mary Fee MSP - Labour
Rhoda Grant MSP - Labour
Liam McArthur MSP – Lib Dem
Maurice Corry MSP - Conservative
Daniel Johnston MSP - Labour

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	Adel Hill Amy Callaghan Alicia Turner Carole Dearie Clare Hendry Deborah Carmichael Deborah Carmichael Deborah Russo Dr Margaret Malloch Karyn McCluskie Lily Humphreys Linda Kincaid Maggie Mellon Wendy Sinclair.
Organisations	Community Justice Scotland Zero Tolerance Prison Reform Trust - Secretary Engender Women for Justice Scottish Community Safety Network Justice Watch Families Outside Say Women Glasgow

	Community Justice Scotland Early Years Scotland SACRO Scottish Working Group on Women's Offending
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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	Rona Mackay MSP
Deputy Convener	Mary Fee MSP
Secretary	Anne Pinkman from Prison Reform Trust
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.

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).

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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