

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
Fourth AGM: 9 th October 2020
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]
18 th September 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
04/11/2020
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.
Two formal meetings of the Group took place over the year:- 18th September 2019 – Formal Meeting and Annual General Meeting Attendance: 3 MSPs; 32 non-MSPs; 1 invited guest Convener: David Stewart MSP

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

The meeting was attended by Morris Fraser, Acting Head of Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs at the Health Improvement Division of the Scottish Government who provided an update to the Group on 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 third 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 12th June 2019 were approved.

26th February 2020 – Formal Meeting

Attendance: 2 MSPs; 21 non-MSPs; 16 invited guests

Convener: Brian Whittle MSP

The topic discussion for the meeting was The National Preconception Health and Care Framework and opportunities to reduce risks to parents and children from health-harming products

Guest speakers attending the meeting were Ashley Goodfellow, Consultant in Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire and Chair of the National Preconception Framework Group; Carolyn Wilson, Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing, Scottish Government; Dr Sarah Brown, Consultant Paediatrician at NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Aliy Brown, FASD Project Lead, FASD Hub Scotland; and Mary Ross Davie, Scotland Director of the Royal College of Midwives

Questions and answers took place following the presentations.

New members were approved and the minute of the meeting on 18th September 2019 was approved.

Following the meeting of the CPG on 26 February 2020, Co-convener Kenneth Gibson MSP lodged a [motion](#) in March 2020 asking that the Parliament recognise the prevalence and significant impact of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in Scotland. The motion achieved cross-party support from 19 MSPs. The Covid-19 pandemic has delayed the motion being debated in the chamber; it is hoped that this will take place later this year.

A further meeting had been scheduled for 17th June 2020, but was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

A meeting took place on 16th September 2020, attended by the Minister for Public Health and the Chief Executive of Public Health Scotland. This was also the original date for the AGM of the CPG, however the meeting was not MSP quorate and was therefore classed as an informal meeting. The AGM was rearranged and took place on 9th October 2020.

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	Laura Andre Kenneth Anderson Iain Broom Simon Capewell Laurence Gruer Colwyn Jones Peter Rice
Organisations	Alcohol Focus Scotland - Secretariat ASH Scotland - Secretariat Abertay University Addaction Association for Nutrition Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation Partnership Befriending Networks

	<p>Breast Cancer Now Breastfeeding Network British Dietetic Association British Heart Foundation Scotland Big Lottery Fund Scotland 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 COPE Scotland Consensus Action on Salt, Sugar and Health 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 Children's Hospital Charity 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 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</p>
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	<p>Royal College of General Practitioners Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health Scotland 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 ScotCen Social Research Scottish Cancer Foundation Scottish Drugs Forum Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) Scottish Obesity Alliance 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</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	<p>There are 3 co-Conveners of the Group:-</p> <p>Kenneth Gibson MSP David Stewart MSP Brian Whittle MSP</p>
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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 for the two meetings: **£1,868**

Refreshments at 2 meetings (cost shared between Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland) - **£157.20** (18th September 2019 - £67.20 and 26 February 2020 - £90.00)

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

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CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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