

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Adult Survivors Of Childhood Sexual Abuse

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.)

21st September 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

13th September 2017

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]

21st September 2016

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

29 September 2017

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.

21st September 2016

- Inaugural meeting (Session 5) and Election of Office Bearers and new MSP members
- Updated Remit of Group in light of the predominance of the National Inquiry into Historical In Care Abuse
- Update on debate in Parliament and meeting with Health Minister

- Update on Scottish Government SurvivorScotland Strategy
- Proposal to link with other CPGs
- Discussion on future Work programme
- The CPG were contacted by the Scottish Parliament's Justice Committee regarding the Limitations Bill as it was going through the Scottish Parliament. The Bill proposes to remove the current three year Time Bar that is in place for survivors of abuse bringing court action. The Committee asked if we could circulate their details to identify agencies, and or individuals who may be willing to share their views. Members of the CPG provided their views and helped circulate to agencies and survivors.
- Details of screening of Hidden in Silence at Edinburgh University
- Details of Tackling Child Sexual Abuse book by Dr Sarah Nelson

MSPs attending: 4

Non-MSPs attending: 20

9th November 2016

- The amended and updates Procedure and Terms of Reference for the CPG were circulated and adopted
- Suggestions for the Future Work Programme was discussed in detail; Focus on physical health issues, a Community Development approach and compassion led model for working with survivors, CSA to be recognised as and Equalities & Public Health issue, prevention of sexual abuse, collaboration across related policy areas and CPGs.
- Update on Work Programme
- Update on Apology Bill and changes made during its passage through Committee Stage.

MSPs attending: 4

Non-MSPs attending: 11

18th January 2017

- Report from the Child Abuse Prevention Group. The CSA Prevention Framework Group hosted by the Scottish Government's Survivor Scotland Policy Team and facilitated by Evaluation Support Scotland worked collaboratively to develop a framework for practitioners on prevention methods for children at risk.. Members of this group informed and updated the CPG on its deliberations. The CPG provided input into this process through the expertise of its membership.
- Apologies Bill update
- The CPG will host in the Parliament a screening of Hidden in Silence. The issue of Childhood Sexual Abuse (CSA) in Scotland, particularly in the Scottish Ethnic Minorities (SEMs), has been raised in a documentary form for the first time. The documentary brings out the socio-cultural barriers to disclosure and reporting CSA; emotional and psychological trauma experienced by the survivors; challenges in accessing culturally sensitive trauma-services in Scotland. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with survivors who participated in the documentary, the film makers, CPG members and survivor agencies. Proposed date 26th April 2017.

- SurvivorScotland Policy update
- National Trauma Training Framework Development Project update

MSPs attending: 4

Non-MSPs attending: 13

26th April 2017

- Update from Child Abuse Prevention Framework Group
- Update on Apologies Bill
- Update on Work Programme CPG Work Programme. A sub group of members from the CPG was convened to deliberate on the above objectives and report back to the wider group.
- Presentation on National Trauma Training Framework Project by Dr Sandra Ferguson NHS Education. This Framework is designed to be workforce wide and underpinned by review of the literature on what is most likely to be effective for survivors of all traumatic events but particularly including childhood abuse. The key underpinning themes are a universal trauma informed approach to services, a relational approach and a key focus on supporting staff. The CPG members participated in the consultation process for the NSKT. Dr Ferguson will keep the CPG updated on it progress.

MSPs attending: 3

Non-MSPs attending: 19

13th September 2017 AGM

Convener's Report: Johann Lamont MSP, Deputy Convener provided an update on the previous year's activities and active work programme.

Treasurer's Update: The Treasurer provided a Report and financial breakdown.

Election of Office Bearers:

Convener – Margaret Mitchell MSP

Deputy Convener – Johann Lamont MSP

Co-convener – Anne Macdonald

Co-convener – Andrew Campbell

Treasurer – Janine Rennie

MSPs attending: 3

Non-MSPs attending: 12

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Alison Harris MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Johann Lamont – Scottish Labour
 Monica Lennon MSP – Scottish Labour
 Margaret Mitchell- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Fulton MacGregor MSP – Scottish National Party
 Gail Ross MSP – Scottish National Party

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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Andrew Campbell Co Convenor Anne Macdonald Co Convenor Dr Javita Narang Researcher Dr R. Eric Swanepoel Researcher Carol Willson Student</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Barnardos Break the Silence Health in Mind Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project Moira Anderson Foundation NHS Education for Scotland Open Secret Rape Crisis Scotland Relationships Scotland Rowan Alba Safe Space Safe to Say Say Women SAMH Stop it Now Scotland University of Edinburgh Wellbeing Scotland</p>

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	Margaret Mitchell MSP
Deputy Convener	Johann Lamont MSP
Secretary	Andrew Campbell Co Convenor Anne Macdonald Co Convenor
Treasurer	Janine Rennie

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.

£15.00 per parliamentary year for refreshments at meetings and travel expenses of speakers. Organisation members of the CPG who wish to contribute more are able to do so. Student members pay a fee of £5 per parliamentary year.

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