

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Drug and Alcohol Misuse

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.)

26th October 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

22nd November 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]

n/a

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

11/12/17

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.

26th October 2016

2 MSPs present

2 others in attendance

Cross Party Group re established. Key areas of work agreed:

- Concerns regarding the £15 million funding reductions to Alcohol and Drug Partnerships in 2016/17.
- The continued high levels of drug related deaths in Scotland
- The emergence of an aging cohort of older people with a drug problem (aged 35 and over) –now being half of the 61,500 people with a drug problem and predicted to increase in size over the coming years.
- The impact of inequalities on the size and scale of Scotland’s substance problem
- Decriminalisation of the possession of drugs

18th April

4 MSPs present

19 others in attendance

Topics:

Older people with a drug problem – people aged 35 and over

Speaker

Dr John Budd, Edinburgh Access Practice and chair of Working Group on older people with a drug problem.

Funding cuts to ADPs

Speaker

Austin Smith, Policy and Practice Officer, SDF

13th June

3 MSPs present

13 others in attendance

Topic: Outbreaks of infection among injecting drug users in Scotland

Speakers:

The Glasgow outbreak of HIV among drug injectors
Dr Louise Carroll, Public Health Programme Manager
– HIV, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

Other significant recent outbreaks of infection
Emma Hamilton, National Training and Development Officer (Harm Reduction and
Emergency Responses), Scottish Drugs Forum

22nd November

AGM

4 MSPs present

16 others in attendance

Topic: Refresh of the Road to Recovery

Speakers

Professor Roy Robertson, GP Edinburgh

Aileen O’Gorman, Lecturer, University of West of Scotland

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

John Finnie MSP, Green Party

Monica Lennon MSP, Labour Party

Miles Briggs MSP, Conservative and Unionist Party

Stuart McMillan MSP, SNP

Tom Arthur MSP, SNP

Michelle Ballantyne MSP, Conservative and Unionist 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.

Individuals

John Arthur

	<p>Dr Lucy Cockayne</p> <p>Max Cruickshank</p> <p>Iain Davidson</p> <p>Kenny Harrison, Argyll & Bute Local Licensing Forum</p> <p>Dr Mary Hepburn</p> <p>Dr Peter McCann, Castle Craig Hospital</p> <p>Dr Eunice Reed</p> <p>Dr Richard Watson</p> <p>Cath Logan</p> <p>Bruce Malcolm</p> <p>Iain Atherton</p> <p>Sian Fiddimore</p> <p>Jaclyn Kehoe</p> <p>Michael Kehoe</p> <p>Stephanie Morrison</p> <p>Uday Mukherji</p> <p>Stuart Pearson</p> <p>Stewart Tracy</p>
Organisations	<p>Scottish Drugs Forum</p> <p>Alcohol Focus Scotland</p> <p>Al-Anon Fife</p> <p>BMA Scotland</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund</p> <p>CDPS Edinburgh</p> <p>Circle</p> <p>Community Pharmacy Scotland</p> <p>CREW</p> <p>East Lothian Substance Misuse Service</p> <p>Howard League</p>

	MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit. University of Glasgow NHS Borders NHS Fife Addiction Services NHS GGC NHS Health Scotland NHS Lanarkshire NHS Lothian NHS Tayside NSPCC Rise Recovery Cafe Robert Gordon University Royal Pharmaceutical Society Salvation Army Samaritans Scotch Whisky Association Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Scottish Parliament Scottish Youth Parliament Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs Stirling ADP Stirling University The Lost Foundation Turning Point Scotland University of the West of Scotland Wellbeing Alliance West Lothian Drug & Alcohol Service
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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	John Finnie MSP – co-Convener Monica Lennon MSP – co-Convener
Deputy Convener	Miles Briggs MSP, Conservative and Unionist Party Stuart McMillan MSP, SNP Tom Arthur MSP, SNP

Secretary	Secretariat: Scottish Drugs Forum
Treasurer	
<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>	
<p>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). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<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>	
n/a	
<p>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</p>	
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