

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Disability

**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.)

20 September 2016

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

19 September 2017

**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]

20 September 2016

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

4 October 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.

Meeting held on 20 September 2016  
MSP attendees: 4 (Jeremy Balfour MSP, Anas Sarwar MSP, George Adam MSP, Alexander Stewart MSP)  
Non-MSP attendees: 15  
Topics discussed: Re-establishing the CPG on Disability including new office bearers

and priority issues for future meetings, members' updates.

Meeting held on 31 January 2017

MSP attendees: 2 (Jeremy Balfour MSP (Convenor), Alexander Stewart MSP) (also Minister for Social Security, Jeane Freeman MSP attended in her role as Minister)

Non-MSP attendees: 36

Topics discussed: Discussion with Jeane Freeman, Minister for Social Security, who attended the meeting, including responsibility for disability issues, to discuss the 'Fairer Scotland for Disabled People' plan and social security issues; possible joint statement; members' updates.

Meeting held on 16 May

MSP attendees: 3 (Jeremy Balfour MSP (Convenor), Stuart McMillan MSP (Deputy Convenor), Clare Adamson (non-member MSP))

Non-MSP attendees: 39

Topics discussed: Joint statement, accessible housing, issues with the Blue Badges scheme, accessible toilets, members' updates.

19 September 2017

MSP attendees: 3 (Jeremy Balfour (Convenor), Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convenor) and John Mason MSP)

Non-MSP attendees: 27

Topics discussed: Independent inquiry into hate crime legislation, AGM business and topics for future meetings.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

- Jeremy Balfour MSP, Convenor (Conservative)
- Stuart McMillan MSP, Deputy Convenor (SNP)
- George Adam MSP (SNP)
- Jackie Baillie MSP (Labour)
- Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (Liberal Democrat)
- John Mason MSP (SNP)
- Pauline McNeill MSP (Labour)
- Anas Sarwar MSP (Labour)
- Colin Smyth MSP (Labour)
- Alexander Stewart MSP (Conservative)
- Adam Tomkins MSP (Conservative)

## **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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janice Connelly</li> <li>• Carolynne Hunter</li> <li>• John Sutherland MBE</li> </ul>
Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAS (Disability Agenda Scotland) - secretary</li> <li>• Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance (SATA) - treasurer</li> <li>• Action on Hearing Loss Scotland</li> <li>• Action Duchenne</li> <li>• Arthritis Care Scotland</li> <li>• Autism Rights</li> <li>• Capability Scotland</li> <li>• Camphill Scotland</li> <li>• Carers Trust Scotland</li> <li>• Changing Faces</li> <li>• Contact a Family Scotland</li> <li>• Down's Syndrome Scotland</li> <li>• Drake Music Scotland</li> <li>• EKTG</li> <li>• ENABLE Scotland</li> <li>• Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (GCIL)</li> <li>• Glasgow Disability Alliance (GDA)</li> <li>• Inclusion Scotland</li> <li>• Lead Scotland</li> <li>• MECOPP</li> <li>• PAMIS</li> <li>• PhoneAbility</li> <li>• Quarriers</li> <li>• RCSLT (Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists)</li> <li>• RNIB Scotland</li> <li>• Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH)</li> <li>• Scottish Churches Disability Group (SCDG)</li> <li>• Scottish Disability Equality Forum (SDEF)</li> <li>• Sense Scotland</li> <li>• Scottish Personal Assistant Employers Network (SPAEN)</li> <li>• Talk Time Edinburgh</li> </ul>

**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	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Deputy Convener	Stuart McMillan MSP
Secretary	Disability Agenda Scotland (DAS)
Treasurer	Mike Harrison, SATA

### 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.

Subscription is requested from non-MSP members at £20 a year, as a contribution to costs, namely refreshments at meetings. It is not compulsory though as we would not wish this to be a barrier to membership.

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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