

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women and Children

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.)

28th 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]

This was the first AGM- initial meeting held on 28th September 2016

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

18th 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.

28th September 2016

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 6 non MSP members

Topics discussed - Confirmation of members and requirements of membership; Election of office bearers; Agreement of guest speakers to be invited and future work programme priorities: Sexual Violence, the proposed new criminal offence of

domestic abuse, implementation of “Equally Safe” and judicial training

6th December 2016

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 7 non –MSP members and guest, Rebecca Malcolm, Intern at Christina McKelvie’s office

Topics discussed

- Approval of new members; Scheduling of future meetings; Members’ updates from their respective work areas and organisations; guest speakers to be invited
- Discussion and agreements on subjects for further discussion as upcoming Agenda items - Implementation of the “Equally Safe” VAW Strategy, as a permanent agenda item, with update from Scottish Gov; Brexit impact, implications, Human Rights Act and international instruments and obligations.; Access to Justice and representation of children; DA offence- proposed Bill with the new offence and possible CPG input; Austerity, the Benefits system and intersections between economic discrimination, VAW and the impact on women and children; Immigration, asylum and the “no recourse to public funds” issue; FGM, forced marriage and Commercial Sexual Exploitation; Primary Prevention

31 January 2017

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 4 non MSP members and guest, Sarah Masson, Scottish Parliament

Topics discussed-

- Approval of new members; forthcoming debate on FGM and HBV scheduled in the Scottish Parliament; update on “Equally Safe” implementation; update and discussion on the Scottish Government’s published research on forced marriage; the civil decision in the “Goodwillie” case; Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 and protection for victims in court; work with the proposed Cross Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation; guest speakers to be invited

28th February 2017

Attendance: 1 MSP, 6 non- MSP members

Topics discussed -Subjects for the forthcoming discussion with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice at the CPG - implementation of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2017; the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill; Forensic medical examinations following rape and sexual assault; Women with no recourse to public funds (NRPF); progress on implementation of the Istanbul Convention; immigrant women’s entitlement to support and services

Guest speaker- Trevor Owen, Equalities Unit, Scottish Government

Topics discussed- Update on the main activities and plans of Equally Safe; members’ updates and invitation to speakers

Note that this meeting was not quorate so did not count as an official meeting. The actions agreed at this meeting were subsequently approved at the quorate CPG meeting on 19th September 2017

31st May 2017

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 6 non-MSP members and 2 guests- Ashleigh Hannon, intern from Christina McKelvie ‘s office and Kallia Manossaki, University of West of

Scotland

Topics discussed- CPG response to Scottish Parliamentary motion on “parental alienation” and shared parenting; the “Power Up/Power down project; members’ updates

Guest speakers- Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Ria Phillips, Violence Against Women, Criminal Justice Division, Scottish Government and Patrick Down, Criminal Law & Practice Unit, Scottish Government

Topics discussed -The Cabinet Secretary for Justice provided updates and answered questions on the following- Scottish Government’s timetable for implementation of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 and issues around extra-territorial jurisdiction in that Act and the Domestic Abuse Bill; Scotland’s compliance with the Istanbul Convention; forensic medical examination process for sexual assault victims and proposed work to improve the response; delivering support to victims of violence regardless of immigration status as laid out in the EU Directive on the Rights of Victims; the Justice Review into prostitution and how this will be progressed

19th September 2017

AGM

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 6 non-MSP members and 2 guests, Samantha Ferrell-Schweppenstedde and Angela Voulgari from Bright Choices

Guest speaker- Emma Forbes, Phd student

AGM Topics discussed -Election of Office Bearers; overview of the work of the CPG over the previous year and timing of future meetings of the CPG

Meeting- topics discussed

Approval of actions discussed in the non-quorate meeting on 19th February 2017; Scottish Government proposals on short term sentences and CPG response; presentation from SWA on the “Power Up/Power Down” project and a showing of the project videos

Guest speaker- Emma Forbes, Phd student

Topic discussed- presentation from Emma Forbes on her research around DA victims’ experience of court system and giving evidence

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

- Christina McKelvie MSP- Scottish National Party
- Claire Baker MSP- Scottish Labour Party
- Claudia Beamish MSP- Scottish Labour
- Gil Paterson MSP- Scottish National Party
- James Dornan MSP- Scottish National Party
- Johann Lamont MSP- Scottish Labour
- John Finnie MSP- Scottish Green Party
- Rhoda Grant MSP- Scottish Labour
- Sandra White MSP- Scottish National Party
- Tavish Scott MSP- Scottish Liberal Democrats

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	Gillian Baker Lily Greenan Nancy Lombard Stephen Madill George Ekton Dr Melanie McCarry
Organisations	Scottish Women's Aid ASSIST Engender Rape Crisis Scotland SAY Women Women's Support Project Zero Tolerance Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Perth & Kinross White Ribbon Scotland Campaign EVA Services- NHS Lanarkshire The Empower Project Kallia Manoussaki

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	Co-Convenors:- Christina McKelvie MSP and Claire Baker MSP
Deputy Convener	Claudia Beamish MSP
Secretary	Scottish Women's Aid
Treasurer	None

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).

Anne Marie Docherty, Rosemary Banner and Louise Johnson provided secretariat support to the CPG on behalf of Scottish Women's Aid (e.g. preparing and distributing agendas and minutes, time for phone calls, emails, liaison with members and invited speakers, taking minutes at the meeting, etc.)

The cost to the organisation, for an estimated 50 hours over the year, is assessed to be around £1000.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

No subscription fee is charged

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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