

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

Purpose of The Cross Party Group on Life Sciences

- Act as a channel for communications and information between the Scottish Parliament and people within organisations working in the life sciences sector in Scotland, including industry, academia, research and manufacturing.
- To identify and discuss policy areas of particular relevance to the Scottish life sciences sector and to support the delivery of the Scottish Life Sciences Strategy as set out by the Life Sciences Scottish Industry Leadership Group.
- Work with Scottish parliamentarians to ensure that the skill-set required to deliver the Scottish Life Sciences Strategy is acknowledged and met including positively addressing the challenge of women into science.
- To enable the Life Sciences sector from across Scotland to showcase their world class work to the Scottish Parliament.

Explanation of the purpose and why it is in the public's interest

The Scottish Government has identified the life sciences industry as a key growth sector for the Scottish economy, a recognition of both the current contribution and the enormous potential of the sector for Scotland. Not only does this cutting-edge, science based industry constantly push the limits of medical research and application helping to improve the lives of millions, it is a significant contributor to the Scottish economy. The economic contribution of the Pharmaceutical Sector in Scotland', commissioned by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) Scotland, shows that researching, making and distributing medicines is worth £2.7 billion a year to Scotland's industrial output, with Scotland's pharmaceutical sector also boasting the biggest jobs growth of any of the Scottish Government's key 'Growth Sectors' in recent years. It is identified by the Scottish Government as one of their key sectors with the mission to grow Life Science in Scotland to an £8 billion turnover by 2025.

Overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups

We do not believe there are any overlaps with any existing Cross-Party Groups.

Our hope is that the Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences will complement the work of the Group on Science And Technology. The Group on Life Sciences will seek to focus on the sector, as defined by the Strategy. However, we are clear that achieving the growth and innovation ambitions of the Strategy will rely heavily on Scotland's enlightened approach to STEM and we would not rule out a joint meeting before the end of the Parliamentary term to bring together the insights of the two groups.

Small explanation as to why they need to be separate groups:

Our concern is that the inclusion of discussions of aspects of the Life Sciences sector within the curriculum of the Group on Science and Technology might, given its focus as a policy priority, limit discussion on other important areas of science and technology. Equally, the requirement of fairness across all of science, technology, engineering and maths would mean very little time was available to convene important discussion of life sciences compared to that afforded by having a Group dedicated to this sector.

Topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months

Meeting 1 – March 27th, 2018

Life Sciences for all... let's not miss out on 50% of the workforce!

- Invite Dame Anne Glover President of Royal Society of Edinburgh to present on her views as to barriers and opportunities to life sciences for girls.
- Invite Dr Barbara Blaney Bio City and/or SLA Athena Swan Lead to present on opportunities in life sciences from an industrial and academic perspective.
- Invite a female apprentice (GSK manufacturing) to present on her motivations to follow science as a career.
- A look at NHS clinical trials in Scotland (Chief Scientist Office)
- Where we are with real world evidence (Professor Roma McGuire)
- Input from Academia namely Scottish Universities Life Science Alliance

Meeting 2 - June 2018

Life Sciences Strategy for Scotland 2025 Vision

- Invite the Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy and Dr Dave Tudor, co-authors of the Scottish Life Sciences Strategy to discuss success and future challenges in reaching the Scottish vision for life sciences.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

1. Kenneth Gibson - Scottish National Party
2. John Scott - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
3. Miles Briggs - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
4. Donald Cameron - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
5. Graham Simpson - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
6. Willie Rennie - Scottish Liberal Democrats
7. Clare Adamson - Scottish National Party
8. Kezia Dugdale - Scottish Labour Party
9. Alex Cole-Hamilton - 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	
Organisations	European Lead Factory Association British Pharmaceutical Industry Celgene Tepnel NovaBiotics GSK Roche Stratified Medicines Scotland Skills Development Scotland British Lung Foundation Ettrickburn Roslin Innovation Centre and Roslin BioCentre MSD Cancer Research UK Amgen AstraZeneca

	VQC Analytics Ltd Moredun Foundation UCB Pharma NRS University of Edinburgh Cancer Research UK NHS National Services Scotland Association of British Healthcare Industries College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Scottish Life Science Association Bristol Myeres Squibb Novartis Royale Pharmaceutical Society Scottish Council for Development and Industry Healthcare Public Affairs Ltd.
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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	Kenneth Gibson MSP
Deputy Convener	John Scott MSP, Graham Simpson MSP
Secretary	ABPI
Treasurer	

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

The cost for secretariat will not exceed £500.00

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Not Applicable

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Kenneth J Gibson MSP
Date	19 December 2017