

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Care Leavers

### 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.

1. To inform MSPs of the many social, emotional wellbeing and financial challenges which care leavers face via a forum where parliamentarians can learn from the experiences of care leavers and those who support them; to work collaboratively with other relevant Cross-Party Groups and identify how the work of the Parliament and Government can provide solutions to the challenges raised by Care leavers.
2. The CPG on care leavers will provide the first-ever forum in the Scottish Parliament where MSPs can hear directly from care leavers and those who support them. This is in the public interest as care leavers are a consistently under-represented and under-privileged group who will benefit from having a forum to communicate directly with decision-makers to inform them of the challenges they face and the solutions they propose, which MSPs might not otherwise be made aware of.
3. The group should be established regardless of any overlap because there is currently no CPG focussing directly on the experiences of care leavers or care-experienced young people - we believe that given this group's status as under-represented, the CPG should be established to change this. There may be areas of crossover within the work plan with other CPGs, for instance the CPG on poverty, as this is such an all-encompassing policy area. In such situations, we would seek to work collaboratively with the CPG which shares our goals.
4. Our work plan will be set by our members and informed by care leavers. However, we expect topics of interest to include: a minimum income guarantee for care leavers, securing the financial wellbeing of care leavers,

mechanisms by which care leavers can be better represented in Parliament, and keeping the Promise.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Paul O’Kane MSP,  
Fulton McGregor MSP,  
Karen Adam MSP,  
Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP,  
Collette Stevenson MSP,  
Paul McLennan MSP,  
Miles Briggs MSP,  
Alexander Burnett MSP

### **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	Angela Dulley
Organisations	Staf; Aberlour; CELCIS with Who Cares? Scotland, The Promise Scotland.

### **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	Paul O’Kane
Deputy Convener	Fulton McGregor
Secretary	Staf
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.

NA

**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.

NA

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	Paul O'Kane MSP
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**STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

Signed	
Date	10/03/2022