

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Chronic Pain

### 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. Purpose of the group** The aim is to raise awareness of how those with chronic pain are treated and to work for earlier and better care. The Group aims to raise awareness of the condition amongst parliamentarians, to influence legislation and policy makers in order to improve the lives of people affected.

This CPG has worked voluntarily in five Parliaments since 2001 and strives to be approved for a 6<sup>th</sup> Parliament, if possible. The Group met on Sept 14, 2021.

**2. The purpose** is the constant need to get action. Waiting times for return patients reached three year waits for help needed every six months between 2018 and 2021 in some parts of Scotland. The purpose includes trying to ensure genuine improvements of a long underfunded condition. Some 800,000 in Scotland are affected to varying degrees, only 60,000 of whom reach specialist treatment. The Group does its own research and challenges lack of openness. This is totally in the public interest and is part of campaigning for mental as well as physical aid, as the suicide risk is well known through excessive delays.

**3. Overlaps?** We are the only CPG dealing with chronic pain, said to be “the largest cause of disability” therefore we do not find overlap a problem but co operate with other groups. We deal with primary

chronic pain and with those suffering long term pain through other specific conditions. Severe long term pain is the key factor which can lead to loss of jobs, depression, personality change, family break up, loneliness, poverty.

4. **Topics.** We will be acting on **Three year waits for pain relief:** In Sept 2021, it was confirmed that some areas were only now coping with injections due in Sept 2018, well before the pandemic.

A key topic will be the need to publish waiting times for all return patients.

The three year admission was rare – by one Lanarkshire official.

Another key topic will be on Government plans for a new “Framework”. We have not been informed of any details. Nor do we know which treatments policy declared they wished to “reduce reliance” upon. We often work seven days voluntarily and use FOI regularly to obtain information.

### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

SNP:

Rona Mackay

Neil Gray

Clare Adamson

Lab:

Jackie Baillie

Monica Lennon

Paul O’Kane

Pam Duncan-Glancy

Con:

Miles Briggs

Jackson Carlaw

Dr Sandesh Gulhane

Lib Dem:

Alex Cole-Hamilton

### **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

Prof Martyn Steultjens  
John Thomson  
Lord George Foulkes  
Dr Colin Rae  
Margaret McInnes  
Councillor Frank McAveety  
Rob Friel  
A Floyd  
Katherine Kilgour  
Fiona Collins  
David Caulfield  
Rob McDowall  
Prof Jim McEwen  
Bailie Josephine Docherty  
Maire Whitehead  
Dr David Weeks  
Dorothy-Grace Elder  
Bill Sinclair  
Claire Schiavone  
Laura Clark  
Maureen McAllister  
Tasneem Nadeem  
Mohammed Nadeem

	Akhtar Javaid Laura Grant Margaret Searle Lyssa Clayton Helen Campbell Ian Brogan Anne Simpson Karen Hooten Jim Eadie Marion Scott Irene O'Neill John Mutch Dr Andreas Kelch, Lesley Riddoch Martha Heaney Anne Cassels Jacquie Forde Irene Logan Linda Tierney John Lawrence Dr Martin Johnson Dr Helen Jackson Dr Mike Serpell Alasdair Barron Lloyd Mawson Vicky Bulman Drew Searil, Susan Archibald Alan Watt Billy Hillhouse Helen McCluskey
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	Anne Murray Christine Martin Linda Mawson Frank Mawson Pete McCarron Marion Scott Olive McIlroy Lisa Megginson June Greenhorn Nancy Honeyball Karen Neil Claire Daisley Pauline Firth Janice Castlemilk Lorna Kettles K. Humphreys Jean Rafferty Marie Fallon Michael Grieve Selina Mehra Iain McPhee George Welsh Sue Lavery J.Canning Lynn Laidlaw John Russell Russell Malcolm Dr Bill Macrae Amber Welsh L Bennie Miriam Smith
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	Fiona Stalker Graeme Houston Gillian Watt Lorna Farrell Marion Macmillan P T Weir Marian Kenny Donald Macaskill Elizabeth Roper Heather Ann Baxter Christine Macdonald Adam Stachura Owen Hughes Rab Wilson Rona Agnew Carla Kaspar Steve Kent Liza Horan Nan Black Lucie Black Keir McKechnie Craig Smith Kathleen Powderly Dr Patrick Trust Irene Loudon Dr Malcolm Maclean Ming Robertson Frances Boyle Hazel Young Ooi Thye Chong Catherine Hughes Anne Hughes
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	Fiona Robinson Margaret Coats Des Quinn Arlene Byrne I.J. Tierney Geraldine McGuigan Janice Connelly Irene R. Logan Josie Isles Dr Jackie Mardon Anne Marie Diamond Dr Mary Loudon Liz Barrie Gordon Barrie Dr Sabu James Greg Halliday Lynsay Brasington Lauraine Macdonald Ruth Lewis Kay Hildersley Prof Colin Howie Paulo Quadros. Kenny Boyle Katharine Kilgour James Sandeman Claire Stevens Marion Butchart Elric Honore Alex Stobart Nicola Mills Margaret Wyllie Ian Semmons
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	<p> Karen Hooton  Irene Loudon  Dr Malcolm Maclean  Ming Robertson  Frances Boyle. David Caulfield  Carole Brown Joanna McParland  Claire Watson  Claire Headspeath  Dr Kirsty Proctor  Baiiie Soryia Siddique  Isabella Smith  Paul Smith  Alex Neil  Hussein Patwa  Marion Brown  Jim McBeth  Peter Gordon  Lorraine Purdie  Stuart Mclver  Barbara Melville </p>
Organisations	<p> Action on Pain UK  Inclusion Scotland  Glasgow Disability Alliance  Scottish Care  Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scotland  Royal College of Physicians &amp; Surgeons of Glasgow  Scottish Mesh Survivors campaign  Community Pharmacy Scotland  Complementary &amp; Natural Healthcare Council UK  Fibromyalgia Friends Scotland </p>

	<p>FFU-Scotland (Fibromyalgia)</p> <p>Fibromyalgia Action UK</p> <p>BMA</p> <p>Independent Federation of Nurses in Scotland</p> <p>Cope Scotland</p> <p>RCN</p> <p>Campaign for a Safe &amp; Accountable NHS in Scotland</p> <p>Healthcare Improvement Scotland</p> <p>Leuchie House respite centre</p> <p>National Osteoporosis Society</p> <p>Royal College of General Practitioners</p> <p>Intlife</p> <p>Scottish Neurological Society</p> <p>Marfan Association</p> <p>Femme Fatigue</p> <p>Glasgow Caledonian University</p> <p>CPG on Arthritis &amp; Musculoskeletal Conditions</p> <p>Equality Council</p> <p>Open Democracy</p> <p>Scottish Care</p> <p>Friends of the Centre for Integrative Care</p> <p>Open Government.</p> <p>Get involved</p>
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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	Rona Mackay MSP
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Deputy Convener	Monica Lennon MSP Miles Briggs MSP.
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Secretary	Voluntary Secretary: Dorothy-Grace Elder
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Treasurer	N/A
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**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.

N/A Secretary donates services and cost.

**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.

None

**Convener Contact Details**

Name	Rona Mackay MSP
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Telephone number	0131 348 5789 (Rona Mackay MSP)
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<b>Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct</b>	
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I declare that the Cross-Party Group on chronic pain is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
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Signed	Rona Mackay
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