

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

**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.)

8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Date of Preceding AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

The last AGM took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**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.

### **CPG meeting No.1:18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (hybrid)**

MSPs present 4

Non-MSPs present 18

#### **Main subjects discussed:**

- Apologies and welcome.
- Election of office bearers: Ruth Maguire MSP and Rhoda Grant MSP were voted and seconded as co-conveners and Jacci Stoyale was voted and seconded as secretariat.
- Presentation by Detective Superintendent Stevie Bertram from the Specialist Crime Division, based at Gartcosh regarding commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking for sexual exploitation across Scotland.
- Opportunity for questions from the group.
- Feedback from MSPs on any parliamentary progress concerning CSE.
- AOB and date of next meeting.

### **CPG meeting No.2: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (online)**

MSPs present: 2

Non-MSPs present: 27

#### **Main subjects discussed:**

Apologies and welcome

- Presentation by Ms Reem Alsalem, **United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women** and Girls, in which she shared her findings and recommendations on the thematic report, which she undertook for the United Council to the UN Nations on Sexual Exploitation in the Context of Prostitution, which is linked to violence to women and girls.
  - There was an opportunity for questions from the group.
  - Parliamentary and CPG updates from the MSPs present.
  - AOB and date of the next meeting.

### CPG meeting No.3: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (online)

MSPs present: 3

Non-MSPs present: 22

#### Main subjects discussed:

- Apologies and welcome.
- The team from **Nordic Model Now (NMN)** presented their published research findings, ***The Social and Economic Costs of prostitution and other forms of Sexual Exploitation: The Case for Investing in Equality***, demonstrating that the profits from prostitution were overshadowed considerably by the costs to women and society.
- There was an opportunity for questions from the group.
- Parliamentary and CPG updates were given from the MSPs present
- Maren Schroeder gave an update on Ash Regan's prospective member's Bill and Rhoda Grant said she had sponsored Jacci Stoyale and Sasha Rakoff for the Garden Room Display area to lobby for the Bill.
- AOB and date of the next meeting.

#### MSP Members of The Group

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

**Ruth Maguire SNP MSP**

**Rhoda Grant Scottish Labour MSP**

**Oliver Mundell Conservative MSP**

**John Mason Independent MSP**

**Jeremy Balfour Independent MSP**

**Katy Clark Scottish Labour MSP**

**Ash Regan Independent 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**

**Agnes Martony**  
**Ailsa Scott**  
**Alison Scott**  
**Ann Hayne**  
**Ann Henderson**  
**Anne Martin**  
**Beverley Johnston**  
**Bryan Little**  
**Elaine Miller**  
**Elaine Smith**  
**Emily McLean (staff observer)**  
**Emily St. Denny**  
**Gunilla Ekberg**  
**Jacci Stoye**  
**Janet Warren**  
**Kate Fry**  
**Kirstie Hay**  
**Laura Jeffries**  
**Lisa Mackenzie**  
**Louise Johnson**  
**Lynn Benevento**  
**Maren Schroeder**  
**Marlyn Glen**  
**Siobhan Jess**

	<b>Sophie Reymbaut</b> <b>Steve Rawbone</b> <b>Teresa Little</b> <b>Zara Wynn</b>
<b>Organisations</b>	<b>A Model for Scotland</b> <b>Biera's Place</b> <b>CARE for Scotland</b> <b>CEASE</b> <b>Community Safety Glasgow (TARA)</b> <b>Community Safety Glasgow (Routes Out)</b> <b>COSLA</b> <b>Edinburgh Women's Aid</b> <b>Evangelical Alliance</b> <b>FiLiA</b> <b>For Women Scotland</b> <b>Men at Work C.I.C.</b> <b>Migrant Women Network</b> <b>Nordic Model Now</b> <b>Not Buying It</b> <b>Not for Sale in Scotland</b> <b>People Serving Girls at Risk</b> <b>Religious Sisters of Charity</b> <b>Salvation Army</b> <b>Say-Women</b>

	<b>Scottish Women's Convention</b> <b>SOHTIS</b> <b>Soroptimist (Scotland North Region)</b> <b>UK Feminista</b> <b>Women's Aid (South Lanarkshire)</b> <b>Women's Support Project</b> <b>You My Sister</b>
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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.

<b>Co-Convener</b>	Ruth Maguire
<b>Co-Convener</b>	Rhoda Grant
<b>Secretary</b>	Jacci Stoye
<b>Treasurer</b>	N/A

### **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**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER**

**COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**(Please tick all boxes that apply)**

**I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on 28/10/25, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:**

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	Yes
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	Yes
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Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	Yes
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Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	Yes
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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	Yes
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Provided minutes of all meetings	Yes
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Signed	
Date	28/10/2025