

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on End of Life Choices

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.)

28 Sept 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

28 Nov 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

5 Dec 2023

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]

27 Sept 2022

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.

23/5/2023 – 4 MSPs. An update from Liam McArthur MSP on the proposed Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. Professor Ben Colburn announced the formation of the Philosophers Consortium for Assisted Dying in Scotland. A Q&A followed with attendees – the meeting was held online.

28/11/2023 – AGM. 4 MSPs. Liam McArthur gave an update on his proposal. Office bearers re-elected (Rona MacKay MSP (Convener), Rachael Hamilton MSP (Co-convener), Friends at the End/Amanda Ward (Secretary). Speaker – Lesley McLeod, who is the assistant director for nursing in Queensland Voluntary Assisted Dying Service. Lesley discussed the implementation of assisted dying in Queensland and the impact this had on the nursing profession.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Rona Mackay (SNP) Rachael Hamilton (Conservative) Karen Adam (SNP) Jackson Carlaw (Conservative) Katy Clark (Labour) Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) Meghan Gallacher (Conservative) Douglas Lumsden (Conservative) Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrats) Collette Stevenson (SNP) Evelyn Tweed (SNP) Elena Whitham (SNP) Maggie Chapman (Green).

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	
	Amanda Ward Stacey Adam Liz Currie Alastair Moodie Dr Hugh Wynne Ben Colburn Renée Blean Guin Williams Karen Rookwood Jessie Reid Dr Gillian MacDougall Gordon Wyllie Brian Taylor Tom Lorimer Gordon Drummond Scott Kennedy Brenda McGovern Karin Currie John Raven Dr Raymond Dempsey Rudi Vogels Hilary Mounfield Jane Hunter Barbara Chalmers Hilary Peppiette Jane Duncan Rogers Tessa Thomas Dr Michael Irwin Liz Nichols Dr Colin Brewer Tracey Taylor Marcos Freire de Andrade Neves Caroline Brocklehurst David Obree Sarah Kelly
Organisations	Friends at the End (FATE) - secretary Dignity in Dying (DiD) DmD Catalunya Doctors for Assisted Suicide Community Pharmacy Scotland CARE Cruse Scotland MDMD (My Death My Decision) Equality Council

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 and Rachael Hamilton (co-conveners)
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Amanda Ward
Treasurer	Friends at the End

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.

None.

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 End of Life Choices, 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	x
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	x

Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM		The AGM was held earlier than usual in 2022, the usual time is November of each year.
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM		x
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings		x
Provided minutes of all meetings		x
Signed	Rona Mackay	
Date	21.12.23	