

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on

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.)

30/09/2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

06/02/2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

19 February 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]

26/10/2023

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.

26 October 2023 – AGM – (Minutes approved)

2 MSPs – 1 Attendee

Nomination of Office Bearers

Convener – Alasdair Allan MSP

Deputy Convener – Jeremy Balfour MSP

Deputy Convener – David Torrance MSP

Discussed future direction of CPG.

29 November 2023 – (Minutes approved)

2 MSPs – 14 Attendees

Epilepsy and Client Contributions in Non-Residential Care – by Lesslie Young, Epilepsy Scotland and Shubhanna Hussain-Ahmed, (Partnership Development Officer, Coalition of Carers in Scotland)

On 13 August 2024 – The following update was made to the CPG on Epilepsy:-

CPG Clerk/team notified of the change to the CPG on Epilepsy :

Alasdair Allan MSP- Resigned from CPG and Convener'ship of CPG due to Ministerial commitments.

Jeremy Balfour MSP stepping up from Vice-Convener to Convener of the CPG

New Members to add to CPG

Marie McNair MSP

Carol Mochan MSP

9 October 2024 – (No Minutes held for this meeting)

1 MSP and 10 External Attendees

Theme of the meeting: Statutory Funding for Social Support for Epilepsy

Louise Bowen, Development Lead, IRISS – Presentation on recommendations of the report Enabling Social Support for People with Epilepsy.

Andrew Lindsay, Head of Policy and External Affairs at Epilepsy Scotland – presented findings and figures from a review of statutory funding for social support across Scotland conducted by Epilepsy Scotland

5 December 2024 – (Minutes to be approved at next meeting)

3 MSPs and 13 External Attendees

Epilepsy Services and Networks Marie McNair MSP highlighted concerns regarding inequitable access to epilepsy services

Transitioning young people to Adult Epilepsy Services by - Patient advocate Alyssa Faulker

Sameer Zuberec – Presentation.

Christopher Stevenson (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde – Presentation on Neurophysiology Training Crisis -

6 February 2025 – AGM – (Minutes to be approved at next meeting) –
(Held Late for year 2024)

3 MSPs, 6 Attendees

Appointment of Office Bearers:-

Convener – Jeremy Balfour MSP

Deputy Convener – David Torrance MSP

Treasurer – No post.

Secretariat – Epilepsy Scotland

Reduce number of meetings to two per annum.

Focus of the Group going forward.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Jeremy Balfour (CON) - Convener

David Torrance (SNP) – Deputy Convener

Marie McNair (SNP)

Kenneth Gibson (SNP)

Carol Mochan (LAB)

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

Ann Greenall

Patricia Graham

Ellaine Collard

Ailsa McLellan

Derek Robertson

Pamala Martis

Karen Gray

Jennifer Irvine

Lorraine McKenzie

Celia Brand

Jay Shetty

John Toland

Susan Duncan

Jean Barclay

Sylvie Lawrence

Yvonne Leavy

Richard Chin

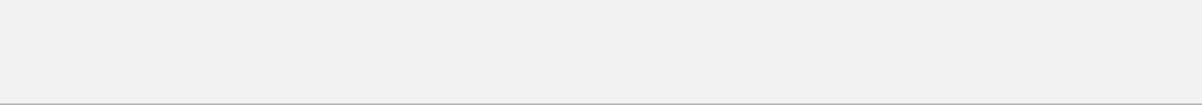
	Rachael Lloyd
Organisations	<p>Epilepsy Scotland – Secretary</p> <p>Blue Sky Autism</p> <p>Bian Pharma</p> <p>Carta Neurological Solutions</p> <p>Citizen’s Advice Scotland</p> <p>Division of Clinical Psychology Scotland</p> <p>Eisai Ltd</p> <p>Enable</p> <p>Epilepsy Connections</p> <p>Epilepsy Consortium</p> <p>Epilepsy Nurses Association (ESNA)</p> <p>Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity</p> <p>Headway</p> <p>Lanarkshire Epilepsy</p> <p>LivaNova</p> <p>Mindroom</p> <p>PAMIS</p> <p>Positive and Behaviour Support Scotland (PABSS)</p> <p>Quarriers/Scottish Epilepsy Centre</p> <p>Royal Pharmaceutical Society Scotland</p> <p>SUDEP Action Scotland</p> <p>UCB Pharma</p> <p>Veriton</p> <p>West Dunbarton Epilepsy Support Group</p>
Group Office Bearers	
<p>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</p>	

more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-convener or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Deputy Convener	David Torrance MSP
Secretary	Epilepsy Scotland
Treasurer	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.

Nil.



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 Epilepsy, 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months		✓
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM		✓
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM		✓
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings		✓
Provided minutes of all meetings		
Signed		
Date	19 February 2025	