

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

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| Name of Cross-Party Group |
| Cross-Party Group on Funerals and Bereavement |
| Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To provide a forum for the discussion of funeral and bereavement issues.2. Funerals and bereavement have been greatly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and assessing how funerals, funeral directors and bereaved people have been affected, what changes are required in the future and what the lessons learned are, is very much in the public interest. The group will bring together representatives of these sectors and guest experts which will discuss these issues and provide a link with Parliament and other organisations to raise any relevant points and issues.3. There are no overlaps with other CPGs to our knowledge.4. Topics to be covered by the Group over the next 12 months include understanding the lessons learned during the pandemic, what worked and what did not, the statutory Funeral Director Code of Practice, the Funeral Payment, Resomation and other modern methods of disposal, assisting bereaved people post-Covid. |

MSP Members of the Group

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

Jeremy Balfour MSP (CON)

Colin Beattie MSP (SNP)

Rhoda Grant MSP (LAB)

Gillian Mackay MSP (SNP)

Neil Gray MSP (SNP)

Alexander Burnett MSP (CON)

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 | |
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| Organisations | Co-op Funeralcare Cruse Bereavement Care Citizen's Advice Scotland SAIF STUC Dignity Golden Charter Hospice UK Resomation Scotmid Community Renewal NAFD Palliative Care Scotand SANDS |

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| | CHAS The Compassionate Friends |
| 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 | Jeremy Balfour MSP |
| Deputy Convener | Neil Gray MSP |
| Secretary | Nick Britten |
| 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. | |
| Secretariat support as required funded by NAFD | |
| 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. | |
| N/A | |
| Convener Contact Details | |
| Name | Jeremy Balfour |

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| Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct |
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| I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Funerals and Bereavement 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 | Jeremy Balfour MSP |
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| Date | 12 October 2021 |
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