

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities

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.)

27 September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

10 September 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

1st 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]

11 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.

11th December 2024

Attendees:

MSPs: 2 (Brian Whittle MSP, Carol Mochan MSP)

Non-MSP Members: 26

Theme: Health Equity Research

Speakers:

- Kat Smith, Co-lead of the Scottish Health Equity Research Unit
- Allison Catalano, Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Scottish Health Equity Research Unit

19th February 2025 (Non-Quorate)**Attendees:**

MSPs: 1 (Emma Harper MSP)

Non-MSP Members: 39

Theme: Human Rights and Health Inequalities

Speakers:

- Charlie McMillan, Interim Director of the Human Rights Consortium Scotland

4th June 2025**Attendees:**

MSPs: 1 (Emma Harper MSP, Brian Whittle MSP, Carol Mochan MSP, Oliver Mundell MSP)

Non-MSP members: 27

Theme: Barriers to Physical Activity and Health Inequalities

Speakers:

- Tejesh Mistry, Voluntary Health Scotland & Sport Scotland Board Member
- Dr David Meir, University of the West of Scotland and Dr David Scott, Abertay University
- Andy Hook, Street Soccer Scotland

10th September 2025 (AGM)

Attendees:

MSPs: 3 (Brian Whittle MSP, Emma Harper MSP, Craig Hoy MSP)

Non-MSP Members: 33

Theme: Poverty and Health Inequalities

Speakers:

- Ralph Hartley, The poverty Alliance
- Vongayi Mufara, Amma Birth Companions
- Professor Neil McHugh, Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health at Glasgow Caledonian University

MSP Members of The Group

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

Co-Convener: Emma Harper (SNP)

Co-Convenor: Brian Whittle (Conservative)

Miles Briggs (Conservative)

Bob Doris (SNP)

Carol Mochan (Labour)

Craig Hoy (Conservative)

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

1. Abertay University
2. Advocard
3. Age Scotland
4. Alcohol Focus Scotland
5. Amma Birth Companions
6. Art In Healthcare
7. Art in Hospital
8. Arts Culture Health and Wellbeing Scotland (ACHWS)

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. ASH Scotland10. Asthma & Lung UK11. Audit Scotland12. Befriending Networks13. Big Lottery Fund14. Bipolar Scotland15. Blood Cancer UK16. Blue Triangle17. BMA18. Breast Cancer Now19. British Dental Association Scotland20. British Dietetic Association (BDA)21. British Psychological Society22. British Red Cross23. Cancer Card24. Cancer Research Uk25. CAPS Advocacy26. Care Inspectorate27. Carers Scotland28. Carers Trust29. Changeworks30. Changing Faces31. CHAS32. Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland33. Children's Health Scotland34. Church of Scotland35. Community Leisure UK36. Community Pharmacy Scotland37. Community Renewal Trust38. COPE39. Culture Counts40. CYCLING SCOTLAND41. Cyrenians42. Deaf Links43. Diabetes UK44. Eden Project Communities45. Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity46. Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership47. Edinburgh HSCP48. Energy Action Scotland49. Energy Savings Trust50. Faith In Older People |
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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">51. Families Outside52. Family Fund53. Fedcap54. FEED55. FENIKS56. Food Train57. Genetic Alliance UK58. Gilead59. Glasgow Centre for Population Health60. Glasgow Council on Alcohol61. Global Health Policy Unit62. Grassmarket Community Project63. Home-Start UK Scotland64. Ingeus65. Inspiring Scotland66. Kidney Care UK67. Kidney Research UK68. LGBT Health and Wellbeing69. LifeCare70. Macmillan71. Margaret Blackwood Housing Association72. Marie Curie73. MECOPP74. Media Education75. MEND76. Mydex CIC77. MYELOMA78. NESTA79. Nourish Scotland80. NSPCC81. Obesity Action Scotland82. Pancreatic Cancer Action83. Pasda84. PLUS Forth Valley and Children's Health Scotland85. Positive Help86. Positive Steps87. Prostate Cancer UK88. Public Health Scotland (PHS)89. Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland90. Rowan Alba91. Royal College of GPs92. Royal College of Midwives |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 93. Royal College of Nursing (RCN) 94. Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) 95. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow 96. Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE) 97. Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Scotland 98. Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland 99. Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) 100. Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) 101. Royal Voluntary Service 102. Samaritans 103. Scottish Families affected by drugs and alcohol (SFAD) 104. Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) 105. Scottish Health Equity Research Unit (SHERU) 106. Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (SIAA) 107. Scottish Men's Sheds Association 108. Scottish Obesity Alliance 109. Scottish Parliament 110. Scottish Partnership For Palliative Care 111. Scottish Recovery Network 112. Scottish Rural Health Partnership 113. See Scape 114. Shared Lives Plus 115. Shelter Scotland 116. Space Scot 117. St Andrew's First Aid 118. St John Scotland 119. Stroke Association 120. Terrence Higgins Trust 121. The Braveheart Association (NHS Forth Valley) 122. The British Liver Trust 123. The Open University 124. The People's Health Movement Scotland 125. The Salvesen Mindroom Centre |
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	126. Third sector Dumfries and Galloway 127. Town Break Dementia Support 128. University of Edinburgh 129. University of Glasgow 130. University of Strathclyde 131. University of the Highlands and Islands 132. Versus Arthritis 133. Voices of Experience (VOX) Scotland 134. Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA) 135. Voluntary Health Scotland 136. Wales School for Social Prescribing Research (University of South Wales) 137. Walking Scotland (Formerly Paths for All) 138. Waverley Care 139. We Are With You
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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	Co-convenors: Emma Harper MSP and Brian Whittle MSP
Deputy Convener	N/A
Secretary	Sarah Latto, Voluntary Health 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.

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 Health Inequalities, 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
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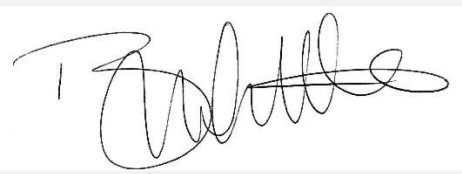
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	x
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Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	x
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Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	x
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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	x
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Provided minutes of all meetings	x
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Signed	
Date	1/10/25