

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross Party Group (CPG) on Improving Scotland's Health
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.)
15 th September 2021
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
1st October 2024
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
6th September 2023
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
3rd October 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.
Two formal meetings of the Group took place over the year. 6th December 2023 – Formal Meeting Attendance: 3 MSPs; 52 non MSPs; 1 invited guest. Convener: Foyso! Choudhury MSP

Paul Johnston, Chief Executive of Public Health Scotland shared his thoughts on Scotland's wider health trends, pressure on the NHS, and the importance of addressing the role of health-harming commodities as a key element of making progress on these trends.

The minute from the meeting held on 6th September 2023 was approved without amendment.

Alison Douglas, representing the CPG secretariat, presented the updated CPG conflict of interest policy paper.

26th March 2024 – Formal Meeting

Attendance: 3 MSPs; 33 non MSPs; 1 invited guest. Convener:
Brian Whittle MSP

Jenni Minto MSP, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health spoke about progress in tackling non-communicable diseases (NCDs), by tackling the risk factors of alcohol, tobacco, and unhealthy food; future priorities; and how the CPG can support the aim that this should be a public health Parliament. This was followed by a Q&A session.

The minute from the meeting held on 6th December 2023 was approved without amendment.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Foyso Choudhury – Scottish Labour Party
Brian Whittle – Scottish Conservative Party
Alex Cole-Hamilton – Scottish Liberal Democrats
Pam Duncan-Glancy – Scottish Labour Party
Emma Harper – Scottish National Party

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	Kenneth Anderson Laura Andre John Iain Broom Christina Buckton Prof Simon Capewell Colwyn Jones Peter Rice Sue Whittle Harpeet Kohli Ewan Carmichael Nicola McIntosh
Organisations	Abertay University Alcohol Focus Scotland Institute of Alcohol Studies ASH England ASH Scotland Association for Nutrition Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation Partnership Breast Cancer Now Breastfeeding Network British Dietetic Association British Heart Foundation Scotland British Medical Association (BMA)Scotland British Psychological Society Centre for Global Development, University of Aberdeen Change Mental Health Children's Health Scotland COPE Scotland Church of Scotland Crew 2000 (Scotland) CRUK Diabetes Scotland Faculty of Public Health in Scotland Families Outside Fedcap Scotland Fife Alcohol and Drug Partnership Food Standards Scotland Generations Working Together Glasgow Caledonian University Glasgow Council on Alcohol "Group for Research on Inequalities and Tobacco (GRIT), University of Edinburgh"

The Health Agency
Health Economics Research Unit, University of Aberdeen
Homelessness and Inclusion Health Society, University of Edinburgh
Homes for Scotland
The Institute of Health & Wellbeing, University of Glasgow
Kidney Research UK
Local Licensing Forum, Argyll & Bute Council
Mental Health Foundation
MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow
NESTA
NHS Ayrshire& Arran
NHS Borders
NHS Fife
NHS Highland
NHS Grampian HSCP
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
NHS Lanarkshire
NHS Lothian
NHS Shetland
NHS Tayside
Nourish Scotland
Obesity Action Scotland
Patchwork
Paths for All
Public Health Scotland
Public Health Scotland
Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health Scotland
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland
Royal Pharmaceutical Society
ScotCen Social Research
Scottish Cancer Foundation
Scottish Drugs Forum
Scottish Government
Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP)
Scottish Obesity Alliance
Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN)
Scottish Recovery Consortium
SPECTRUM
St Andrews school of medicine and Nursing Midwifery and Allied
Health Professional research unit University of Stirling
Stirling & Clackmannanshire Health & Social Care Partnership
Support
Thornton and Ross
University of Aberdeen
University of Aberdeen, The Rowett Institute
University of Bath
University of Dundee
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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	There are 3 co-Conveners of the Group:- Emma Harper – MSP Brian Whittle – MSP Foyso Choudhury - MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	CPG Secretariat: ASH Scotland and Alcohol Focus Scotland
Treasurer	
FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP	
Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.	

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Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information, please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500). ☒

CPG is unfunded however the two organisations providing the Secretariat, ASH Scotland and Alcohol Focus Scotland, provide in kind administrative support and funding for refreshments for in person meetings at Parliament.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

n/a

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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