

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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.)

29/09/2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

17/09/2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

16/10/2025

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]

18/09/2024

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.

Meeting 1: 26 February 2025

Topics discussed: Factors contributing to delayed diagnosis and impact on patient outcomes, lived experience representative's diagnosis experience, the national primary care diagnostic pathway for lower gastrointestinal symptoms.

MSP attendees: 3

Non-MSP attendees: 22

Meeting 2: 11th June 2025

Topics discussed: Importance of access to IBD Nurse Specialists, IBD Standards update with a focus on patient experience, specialist review times, initiatives, and challenges at NHS Forth Valley.

MSP attendees: 3

Non-MSP attendees: 16

Meeting 3: AGM 17th September 2025

Topics discussed: psychological care in IBD, the Catherine McEwan Foundation Mental Health Service for people living with IBD, the importance of nutritional support for IBD, BSG and Lower GI Pilot Update.

MSP attendees: 2

Non-MSP attendees: 26

MSP Members of The Group

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

Pauline McNeill MSP, Scottish Labour

Clare Adamson MSP, SNP

Colin Smyth MSP, Scottish Labour

Liam McArthur MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Sue Webber MSP, Scottish Conservatives

Dame Jackie Baillie MSP, Scottish Labour

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

Dr Ian Arnott

Dr Daniel Gaya

	Prof Richard Russell Sr Vikki Garrick Dr Jonathan MacDonald Dr Graham Naismith Dr Iain Chalmers Derek McEwan Dr Amy Bednarz Nancy Greig Kirsty Gibson Edmund Murray Lis Bardell Angus Holden Dr Harvey Humphrey Siobhan Ross Cher-Antonia Khedim Patricia Kelly Katherine Keay Dr Shahida Din
Organisations	Crohn's & Colitis UK The Health & Social Care Alliance (The Alliance) University of Strathclyde
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	Pauline McNeill MSP

Deputy Convener	Clare Adamson MSP
Secretary	Phoebe Sheppard, Crohn's & Colitis UK
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 to the group was provided by Phoebe Sheppard as part of her paid role as Policy Lead (Scotland & NI) with Crohn's & Colitis UK. This support is approximately 3 days per meeting equating to £1170.

Catering costs and staff travel, amount to around £2000 on average for one year including tea and biscuits for the meetings and accommodation and travel for 2 staff members.

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 <X>, 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	X

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		
Date	16/10/2025	