

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences</b>
<b>Date Group Established</b> (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.)
Tuesday 15th June, 2021
<b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
Wednesday 18 June, 2025
<b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>
Wednesday 16 July, 2025
<b>Date of Preceding AGM</b> [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]
Tuesday 30th May, 2023
<b>Group Meetings and Activities</b>
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.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 28 Non-MSPs

This meeting focused on Scotland's excellence in manufacturing, with an update on the University of Strathclyde Centre for Innovation in Medicines Manufacturing, CMAC, and presentations on two advanced manufacturing sites in Scotland: RoslinCT, which is making gene therapies, and vaccines specialists Valneva Scotland.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 46 Non-MSPs

This meeting focused on the threat of antimicrobial resistance and some of the steps being taken in Scotland to tackle this global problem. The meeting received presentations on the Pathogen Genomics Strategic Plan from Public Health Scotland and the Edinburgh AMR Forum centred on the University of Edinburgh. The teams behind a point of care AMR testing device and the One Health Genomics Edinburgh Community explained their work.

**Tuesday 18 February 2025**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 39 Non-MSPs

This meeting received an update from Minister for Business Richard Lochhead MSP, whose portfolio includes life sciences. The Glasgow University-based chair of the UK Government's Obesity Mission presented on the broader implications for technology transfer of GLP-1 receptor agonists, and a Silicon Valley-based Global Scot talked about how Scotland might emulate the USA in nurturing entrepreneurs and high growth companies.

**Tuesday 13 May and Tuesday 17 June 2025**

This meeting was postponed twice due to Stage 3 legislative proceedings in the Chamber continuing into the evening.

**Wednesday 18 June 2025**

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 12 Non-MSPs

A short AGM was held online.

**MSP Members of The Group**

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

1. Kenneth Gibson MSP - Scottish National Party
2. Graham Simpson MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
3. Jackie Baillie MSP – Scottish Labour Party
4. Miles Briggs MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
5. Craig Hoy MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
6. Michael Marra MSP - Scottish Labour Party
7. Fulton MacGregor MSP - Scottish National Party
8. Paul Sweeney MSP - Scottish Labour Party
9. Sue Webber MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
10. Brian Whittle MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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	
<b>Organisations</b>	3D Communications AbbVie Accenture Amarin Amgen Antibody Analytics AstraZeneca AXIS Consulting Bayer BioAscent BioCity Biogen Blue Yonder Boehringer Ingelheim Bristol-Myers Squibb Burness Paull Cancer Research UK Canopus Scotland Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult

Charles River  
Chiesi  
Community Pharmacy Scotland  
Daiichi Sankyo  
Department of International Trade  
Diabetes UK  
Eli Lilly  
Epidarex  
Ettrickburn  
Exact Sciences  
Fraser of Allander Institute  
Genetic Alliance  
GSK  
Healthcare News Scotland  
Healthcare Public Affairs  
Heriott-Watt University  
Highlands & Islands Enterprise  
Hologic  
iCAIRD  
Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre  
InnoScot Health  
Intercept  
Interface Knowledge Connection  
Intuitive Surgical  
Ipsen  
IQVIA  
Johnson & Johnson  
Kidney Research UK Scotland  
Kyowa Kirin  
Map Bio Pharma  
Medtronic  
Merz Pharma  
Moredun Research Institute  
MS Society  
MSD  
Mydex  
NHS Research Scotland  
NHS Scotland  
NovaBiotics  
Novartis  
ODX Innovations  
Omega Diagnostics  
Orion

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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.

<b>Convener</b>	Kenneth Gibson MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Graham Simpson MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Alison Culpan, ABPI
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<p>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). ✓</p>	
<p><b>Subscription Charged by the Group</b></p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
<p>There is no subscription charged by the group</p>	
<p><b>Convener Contact Details</b></p>	
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