

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Long Covid

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.)

8th September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

14th December 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

6/2/25

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]

21st November 2023

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.

The CPG met on the 1st October 2024. The group discussed developments in the campaign for Long Covid sufferers and future plans.

The CPG met with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care in December 2024. The group put forward a series of asks including Public Health Messaging, support for Children and Young People, Equality of Care, the economic impact of Long Covid, and Data Collection and Coding.

The group held a drop-in awareness raising event for MSPs on 13th March 2024 in the Scottish Parliament.

The group met and held the AGM on 14th December 2024.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Jackie Baillie MSP, Scottish Labour

Alex Cole Hamilton MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Sandesh Gulhane MSP, Scottish Conservatives

Paul O’Kane MSP, Scottish Labour

Beatrice Wishart MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Bill Kidd MSP, 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

Kate McLachlane

Stuart McIver

Susan Hedgely

Samantha Tully

Sheena Alalami
Dorothy Grace Elder
Paula Lally
Jennifer Syme
Esperanza Miyake
Jane Ormerod
Jasmine Mailley
Sarah Marshall
Sheeran Smith
Shaun Qureshi
Amy Small
Freja Lundberg
Shaben Begum
Moirra Newiss
Christina Moriarty
Caroline Macdonald
Morag Connell
Jackie Baxter
Emma Davies
Barbara Melville
Joanna Leszczuk
Miranda Curry
Leanne Mitchell
Helen Goss
Conor Walker
Lesley Walker
Ben Finch
Maria Timoney
Jenny O'Boyle
Ramsay Meldrum
Elizabeth Ritchie

	<p>Helen Gibson</p> <p>Alison Love</p> <p>Kyla Johnson</p> <p>Callum O'Dwyer</p> <p>Chris White</p> <p>Kevin Bell</p> <p>Sarah Jayne Marshall</p> <p>Academic Members</p> <p>David Blane</p> <p>Gail Carson</p> <p>Prof. Kay Cooper</p> <p>Dr Tracy Ibbotson</p> <p>Eddie Duncan</p> <p>Nicholas Sculthorpe</p>
Organisations	<p>Long Covid Scotland Long Covid Support Group: Scotland Long Covid Kids Scotland Long Covid Support (UK) The ALLIANCE British Association for Music Therapy Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland (CHSS) Royal College of Paediatrics and Child health (RCPCH Scotland) The Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) ZeroCovid</p>
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	<p>Jackie Baillie MSP Sandesh Gulhane MSP Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP</p>

Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Long Covid Scotland
Treasurer	Long Covid Scotland
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 Long Covid 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. [unclear]". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial letter.

Date

06/02/2025