

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group Medicinal Cannabis
Date Group Established
30/9/2022
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
13/11/24
Date Annual Return Submitted
04/03/2025
Date of Preceding AGM
27th September 2023
Group Meetings and Activities
<p>27/9/2023</p> <p>MSPs: Tess White, Oliver Mundell (online).</p> <p>Invited guests: Professor David Nutt, Kyle Esplin, Will Ewart, Kirsty Morrison (Cancard).</p> <p>Agenda items discussed: Update on children with epilepsy; policing; David Nutt on state of play of medicinal cannabis in the UK (prescription is not yet available on the Scottish NHS); Kyle Esplin, Will Ewart, Kirsty Morrison on problems of patient access to medicinal cannabis.</p> <p>15/11/2023</p> <p>MSPs: Tess White, Pauline McNeil, Collette Stevenson.</p>

Invited guests:

Kyle Esplin (patient group and cannabis industry expert).
Lynn O'Connor (patient presentation).
Dr. Lucy Troup (UWS, presentation on policing and stigma).

Agenda items discussed: Kyle Esplin on an overview of policing; Dr Lucy Troup on the impact of policing and criminalisation on medical patients; Potential action points identified as SIGN guidance on prescribing and a Lord Advocate's reference on policing.

27/3/2024

MSPs: Tess White, Pauline McNeill, Ben Macpherson.

Invited guests:

Professor Alison Strath (Chief Pharmaceutical Office)
Dr Lucy Troup (UWS, clinical neuroscientist)
Dr Rob Forbes (Consultant Anaesthetist & Pain Specialist)

Agenda items discussed:

Alison Strath on clinical trials and global body of evidence as a catalyst for licensing and giving confidence to clinicians in prescribing these treatments; Lucy Troup report on body of scientific literature supporting the use of CBMPs for pain and difficulties in conducting clinical trials; Rob Forbes finds that patients reporting significant benefits of using medicinal cannabis for pain, and report for UK Parliament APPG for drug policy reform found good evidence of efficacy for cannabis and pain, but multiple barriers to prescribing.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Pauline McNeil MSP, Labour
Tess White MSP, Scottish Conservative
Oliver Mundell MSP, Scottish Conservative
Paul Sweeney MSP, SNP
Rona Mackay MSP, Party SNP
Collette Stevenson MSP SNP
Monica Lennon MSP Labour
Beatrice Wishart MSP
Emma Harper MSP
Fulton MacGregor MSP SNP

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

1. Jim Davidson
2. Andrew Lundy
3. Linda MacPhee
4. Liam Lewis
5. Edward Douglas
6. Laura Brennan-Whitefield –
7. Lez Angus -
8. Conor MacLeod
9. Claire Bywalec
10. Martin Ruzicka
11. Victoria Logan
12. Arleen Sinclair
13. David Braidwood
14. Fiona Whiteford
15. Alistair MacKinnon.
16. Megan Calnan
17. Scott Rhodes
18. Jonathan Farrel
19. Karen Grey
20. Cheryl Davies
21. Lynn O'Connor
22. Carl Hovey
23. Dr Mikael Sodergren
24. Kyle Esplin
25. Elisabetta Faenza
26. Jan Armstrong
27. Scott Hughes
28. Jan Gerlings

29. Hamish Clegg
30. Neil Ewart
31. Will Ewart
32. Jas Nottay –
33. Gary Yates
34. Stuart Cornwell
35. Ruth MacLeod
36. John Wallace
37. Kirsty Morrison
38. David Johnston
39. Kayleigh Ross
40. Gillian Flood
41. Dr. Lucy Troup
42. Dr Anna Ross
43. Dr Angus Bancroft
44. Fiona Gilbertson
45. Rob Forbes
46. Linda Hendry
47. Ruby Deevoy
48. Karin Goodwin
49. Sarah Sinclair
50. Tyler Cary
51. Professor Jim Mills
52. Dr. Andrew McCall
53. Stefan Taylor
54. Jan Alexander
55. Scott Aitken
56. Carol Dew
57. Ben Lawrie
58. Monique McAdams
59. Dionne Mackison
60. Gemma McCormack

	61. Les Angus 62. Andrew Westall 63. Lisa Quarrel 63. Marc Landers
Organisations	Ms Society Autoinflammatory UK Cancard The University of Edinburgh The University of the West of Scotland Recovering Justice Sapphire clinic Scottish Hemp Association Scottish Cannabis Consortium Rokshaw Laboratories Hilltop Leaf Agron Pods Celadon Pharmaceuticals
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
Co-Convener	Tess White MSP
Secretary	Professor Jim Mills
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

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