

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
CPG Medicinal Cannabis
<b>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please state the purpose of the Group.</li><li>2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.</li><li>3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.</li><li>4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This new CPG seeks to better understand the benefits of Medicinal Cannabis and recognise case studies indicating its positive impact on patients suffering from a variety of conditions. It also seeks to support patient rights to get access to medicine.</li><li>2. It is in the public interest as it will examine evidence-based research and will seek to investigate case studies where those with chronic illnesses could benefit from medicinal cannabis.</li><li>3. There is no overlap with any other CPGs.</li><li>4. <u>Anticipated Topics</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Access to Bedrolite, other cannabis-based drugs, high costs</li><li>✓ Red Card (Colorado), MedCan Card for Medical Cannabis</li><li>✓ Patient Rights (human rights) v Public Health</li><li>✓ NHS v Private Treatments</li><li>✓ Medical Benefits – risks, side effects</li><li>✓ Reducing Stigma – evidence based to unlock institutional (e.g. NHS) and political resistance</li><li>✓ Legislation for Cannabis Growers</li></ul></li></ol>
<b>MSP Members of the Group</b> <p>Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.</p>

Pauline McNeill MSP - Labour  
 Rona Mackay MSP - SNP  
 Oliver Mundell MSP - Conservative  
 Miles Briggs MSP - Conservative  
 Monica Lennon MSP - Labour  
 Paul Sweeney MSP - Labour  
 Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP - 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	<p>Carol Dew – office of Emma Harper, but attending in a personal capacity</p> <p>Cllr Ben Lawrie – Lib Dem Drugs Emergency Spokesperson</p> <p>Lisa Quarrell</p> <p>Dr Anna Ross – Edinburgh University</p>
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Organisations	<p>Patient-Led Engagement and Access (PLEA)</p> <p>Scottish Patient sub-group,</p> <p>Scottish Cannabis Consortium,</p> <p>MS Society Scotland</p>
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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.

Conveners	Pauline McNeill MSP & Rona Mackay MSP
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Deputy Convener	Oliver Mundell MSP
Secretary	Dr Anna Ross
Treasurer	n/a
<p><b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
The CPG does not expect to receive financial benefits	
<p><b>Subscription Charged by the Group</b></p> <p>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
The CPG will not charge subscription.	
<p><b>Co-Convener Contact Details</b></p>	
Name	Pauline McNeill MSP
Parliamentary address	M1: 06, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
Telephone number	T: 0131 348 6476
<p><b>Co-Convener Contact Details</b></p>	
Name	Rona Mackay MSP
Parliamentary address	The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Telephone number	T: 0131 348 5789
<b>Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct</b>	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	 Pauline McNeill MSP
Date	28/09/2021