

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence against Women and Children
Date Group Established
29 th September 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
26 th October 2022
Date Annual Return Submitted
17 th November 2022
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]
29 th September 2021
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.
29th September 2021 Attendance: 6 MSP, 12 non-MSP members, 4 non-member visitors Topics discussed

- Confirmation of details regarding the Cross Party Group, including name, purpose, membership and office-bearers.
- Member Updates, including Equally Safe in Schools, Survivor Reference Group, podcast, Helpline (Rape Crisis); Clients assisted and engagement achieved with young survivors (ASSIST); Work carried out as people were emerging from lockdown (City of Edinburgh Council, Community Justice, Domestic Abuse Services and City of Edinburgh Council, Community, Safer Families); Bespoke support to young families and work carried out with young people (INCLUDEM); Work carried out with Dumfries and Galloway regarding resources, including raising awareness of CSE (Women's Support Project); Impact of backlog of cases in the judicial system and women's access to legal aid and the justice system, the impact of delay in implementation of some policies, the issue of a lack of housing so that women have somewhere to go if they leave a refuge, an update on a time-limited project in Edinburgh to provide two specialist solicitors (Scottish Women's Aid); the opportunity for the group to work across portfolios (Elena Whitham MSP); Particular issues faced by women experiencing domestic abuse in island and rural communities, for example barriers in accessing legal services (Beatrice Wishart MSP).

26th January 2022

Attendance: 4 MSP, 14 non-MSP members, 1 non-member visitors

Topics discussed

A thematic session examining the 2022 Policy Landscape, with presentations by Engender, Scottish Women's Aid and Rape Crisis Scotland.

This was followed by discussion around potential themes for sessions for 2022.

30th March 2022

Attendance: 3 MSP, 14 non-MSP members, 2 non-member visitors

Topics discussed

A thematic session, examining COVID and Violence against Women and Girls and Gender, with presentations by Engender, Close the Gap, ASSIST and Victim Support Scotland.

26th October 2022

Attendance: 4 MSP, 11 non-MSP members, 0 non-member visitors

Topics discussed

This meeting was the AGM. As part of this, minutes were approved and the Convener (Rona Mackay MSP), Deputy Convener (Elena Whitham) and Secretariat (Scottish Women's Aid) were re-elected.

There was a thematic session, which focussed on commercial sexual exploitation, with a presentation delivered by Linda Thompson of the Women's Support Project.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Audrey Nicoll, Scottish National Party
Claire Baker, Scottish Labour
Katy Clark, Scottish Labour
Natalie Don, Scottish National Party
James Dornan, Scottish National Party
Sharon Dowey, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour
Rona Mackay, Scottish National Party
Tess White, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Beatrice Wishart, Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

Gillian Baker
Nikki Dillon
George Eckton
Liz Gilchrist
Christine Gray
Lily Greenan
Kelly Johnson
Nancy Lombard
Stephen Madill
Kallia Manoussaki
Dr Melanie McCarry
Mhairi McGowan

	<p>David Morran</p> <p>Katy Proctor</p> <p>Richard Whitecross</p>
Organisations	<p>Amina Muslim Women Resource Centre</p> <p>ASSIST</p> <p>Caledonian System</p> <p>Central Advocacy Partners, Falkirk</p> <p>Church of Scotland</p> <p>City of Edinburgh Council, Community Justice</p> <p>Clinical Psychology Division of the Forensic Mental Health and Learning Disability Service of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS</p> <p>Close the Gap</p> <p>COSLA</p> <p>Edinburgh Women's Aid</p> <p>The Empower Project Scotland</p> <p>Engender</p> <p>Girlguiding Scotland</p> <p>Includem</p> <p>NHS Lanarkshire Gender-Based Violence Services</p> <p>NUS Scotland</p> <p>Pilton Community Health Project</p> <p>Rape Crisis Scotland</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Perth & Kinross</p> <p>Scottish Association of Social Workers</p> <p>Scottish Women's Aid</p> <p>SAY Women</p> <p>Thriving Survivors</p>

	UN House Scotland White Ribbon Scotland Women's Support Project YWCA Scotland Zero Tolerance
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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.

Convener	Rona Mackay MSP
Deputy Convener	Beatrice Wishart MSP (16 th November 2022) <i>Note:</i> Elena Whitham MSP had been re-elected at the AGM on 26 th October 2022. However, she resigned on becoming Minister for Community Safety on 2 nd November 2022.
Secretary	Scottish Women's Aid
Treasurer	None

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.

Scottish Women's Aid provided secretariat support to the CPG (e.g. preparing and distributing meeting papers, liaison with members and invited speakers, taking minutes at the meeting etc.). The cost to the organisation, for an estimated 45 hours over the year, is assessed to be around £750.

Total value of financial and material benefit provided by Scottish Women's Aid was £750

Convener Contact Details

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