Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Please read Section 6 of the Code of Conduct before completing this form.

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics 1. Please state the purpose of the Group. The purpose of this group is to bring together key voices in the health system in Scotland to explore the latest evidence on, and experiences of, health inequalities in Scotland and to ensure that this information forms the basis of relevant policy decision-making and parliamentary scrutiny. 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for parliamentarians, public bodies, academics, health professionals, third sector organisations and people with lived experience to examine the latest evidence on health inequalities in Scotland and ensure that this evidence informs policy development, parliamentary scrutiny and public debate. This purpose is firmly in the public interest because health inequalities remain one of Scotland's most significant and persistent public health challenges. People living in the most deprived communities experience substantially worse health outcomes than those in the least deprived communities. Life expectancy is over 10 years lower in the most deprived areas, with men experiencing a gap of 13.2 years and women a gap of 10.5 years compared with the least deprived areas. The inequalities are even greater when considering the number of years people can expect to live in good health. Recent data shows a gap in healthy life expectancy of over 20 years between the most and least deprived communities in Scotland. Health inequalities also contribute to avoidable illness and premature death. People under the age of 75 living in the most deprived areas

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are more than three times as likely to die prematurely as those living in the least deprived areas.

Given the scale and impact of these inequalities on individuals, communities, public services and the economy, there is a clear public interest in maintaining a dedicated parliamentary forum that promotes evidence-informed discussion, amplifies expert and lived experience perspectives, and supports action to improve health equity across Scotland.

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.

Given the lack of information on existing CPGs following the election, this is not clear at this stage.

4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

In the coming months, we hope to explore the role of prevention in tackling health inequalities, the potential implications of public sector reform, as well as exploring key health inequality themes such as promoting healthy weight and the impact of health inequalities for those with long term health conditions.

MSP Members of the Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group. In doing so please note:

- Section 6 of the Code of Conduct requires there be 5 members from the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The SPPA Committee agreed a waiver for this session that requires 5 MSP members from 5 parties represented on the Bureau;
- MSPs can be on no more than 10 CPGs of which fulfil no more than 3 office-bearer positions;
- If the group fails to comply with MSP membership requirements, the Convener must ensure this is resolved within 90 days.

MSP	**Party**
Heather Anderson	SNP

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Kayleigh Kinross O'Neill Miles Briggs Irshad Ahmed Helen McDade Paul McLennan Adam Harley	Greens Conservatives Scottish Labour Reform UK SNP 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 N/A	
Organisations (155 in total)	Age Scotland Alcohol Focus Scotland Amma Birth Companions Art in Healthcare ASH Scotland Befriending Networks Breast Cancer Now The British Liver Trust British Red Cross Cancer Card Cancer Research Uk Carers Scotland Carers Trust Change Mental Health CHAS Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland Children's Health Scotland Community Leisure UK Community Renewal Trust CYCLING SCOTLAND

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	EARS Independent Advocacy Service (SCIO) EVOC TSI Families Outside FENIKS Food Train Grassmarket Community Project Headway East Lothian The Health & Social Care Alliance (The Alliance) Voluntary Action South Ayshire (VASA) Arthritis UK (formerly Versus Arthritis) Voices of Experience (VOX) Scotland Waverley Care We Are With You Winning Scotland Impact Funding Partners Kidney Care UK Kidney Research UK LGBT Health and Wellbeing Lanarkshire Deaf Hub LifeCare Living Streets Marie Curie Obesity Action Scotland Walking Scotland (Formerly Paths for All) Positive Help Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Scotland Rowan Alba Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Royal Voluntary Service The Salvesen Mindroom Centre Samaritans

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	CHEX/Scottish Community Development Centre Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol (SFAD) Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (SIAA) Scottish Men's Sheds Association Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care Scottish Recovery Consortium St John Scotland Stroke Association Terrence Higgins Trust The Braveheart Association (NHS Forth Valley) British Dietetic Association (BDA) Care Inspectorate Diabetes UK Family Fund Macmillan NESTA Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE) Global Health Policy Unit Abertay University Art in Hospital Arts Culture Health and Wellbeing Scotland (ACHWS) Asthma & Lung UK Audit Scotland Advocard Big Lottery Fund Bipolar Scotland Blood Cancer UK Blue Triangle BMA British Dental Association Scotland British Psychological Society

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	CAPS Advocacy Changeworks Church of Scotland Community Pharmacy Scotland Culture Counts Cyrenians Deaf Links Eden Project Communities Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership Energy Action Scotland Energy Savings Trust Fedcap FEED Genetic Alliance UK Gilead Glasgow Centre for Population Health Glasgow Council on Alcohol Home-Start UK Scotland Ingeus Inspiring Scotland Margaret Blackwood Housing Association MECOPP Media Education MEND MYELOMA Nourish Scotland NSPCC Pancreatic Cancer Action Pasda PLUS Forth Valley and Children's Health Scotland Positive Steps Public Health Scotland (PHS)

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	Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Royal College of GPs Royal College of Midwives Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) Scottish Obestity Alliance Scottish Rural Health Partnership See Scape Shared Lives Plus Shelter Scotland St Andrew's First Aid The Open University The People's Health Movement Scotland Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde University of the Highlands and Islands Wales School for Social Prescribing Research (University of South Wales) Voluntary Health Scotland Edinburgh HSCP Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland Changing Faces Improvement Service Scottish Health Equity Research Unit (SHERU) Scottish Parliament Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) Mydex CIC

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	Town Break Dementia Support Scottish Recovery Network Prostate Cancer UK Thrive East Lothian Acorn Resource Centre Bite Back Miscarriage Services The Scottish Women's Convention College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Scottish Book Trust

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.

Please note:

- No more than 3 named contacts per CPG - the Convener, the Secretary and one other individual who can provide information to the Standards Clerks about the activities of the Group. The Convener of a Group must confirm the name of this individual.

Convener	Heather Anderson MSP
Deputy Convener	Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill MSP
Secretary	Sarah Latto, Voluntary Health Scotland
Named Contact	Heather Anderson MSP

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

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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.
Secretariat is voluntary and no benefits received.
Subscription Charged by the Group Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.
None
Statement on Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Must be read and signed by the Convener.
Please read the following: • The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code of Conduct; • The Convener is solely responsible for providing Standards Clerks with: o The names of new MSP members of the CPG and changes to office-bearers; o Named contact details; o The registration form; o All minutes of meetings within 30 days of the meeting being held; **(Substantially verbatim minutes will not be accepted and will be returned)** o The AGM return (to be submitted within 30 days of the AGM to be held within 11 – 13 months of the initial meeting). • Groups are required to have five MSPs from five of the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau; • CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year (not on the same day), where two MSPs members of the Group are present; • CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;

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- If a CPG meeting is cancelled or rearranged, notification must be provided to the Standards clerks by no later than the day after the meeting was originally scheduled to take place;
- If a Group fails to comply fully with the Code for more than one year in a row, the Committee will withdraw recognition from that Group.

I declare that I have read the above and that the Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.
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<tr><td>Signed (Convener)</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Date</td><td>7th October 2026</td></tr>
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