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 Life Sciences

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.

   Act as a channel for communications and information between the Scottish Parliament and people within organisations working in the life sciences sector in Scotland, including industry, academia, research and manufacturing.

2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.

   - To identify and discuss policy areas of particular relevance to the Scottish life sciences sector, and to support the delivery of government strategies aimed at growing the sector and improving the nation's health.
   - To work with MSPs to ensure the skills needed for a competitive life sciences environment are recognised and met, including reducing the gender gap and attracting more women into the sector.
   - To enable life sciences organisations from across Scotland to showcase their innovation to the Parliament.
   - Life sciences is a key sector for Scotland's economy and health. Ensuring MSPs are well briefed on its often complex challenges and opportunities is in the public interest.

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.

   - The Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences is the only group in the Scottish Parliament focused on this important sector, which encompasses a range of different professions and disciplines. Whilst there are other groups devoted to higher education, Scotland's economy and specific disease areas, no group combines our membership, which is drawn from academia, industry, the NHS, patient organisations and representative bodies of key professions. This unique balance enables the Group to discuss and collaborate on key areas of shared policy

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interest. In previous sessions of Parliament, Scottish Government Ministers with responsibility for life sciences have contributed to the Group's meetings, which underlines its value as a forum for discussion and collaboration.

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

- Clinical research and access to new medicines
- Health data and artificial intelligence
- Medicines and advanced manufacturing
- Cell and gene therapies, vaccines and antimicrobial resistance
- Dementia research
- Skills and the future life sciences workforce

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**
Graham Simpson MSP	Reform UK
Patricia Gibson MSP	Scottish National Party
Adam Harley MSP	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Craig Hoy MSP	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Jackie Baillie MSP	Scottish Labour
Miles Briggs MSP	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Julie MacDougall MSP	Reform UK
Joe Long MSP	Scottish Labour

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Fulton MacGregor MSP	Scottish National Party
Paul Sweeney MSP	Scottish 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	Sandra Auld David Bowie Sir Harry Burns Mark Cook Dr Karen Facey Professor Mike Ferguson Professor Frank Gunn-Moore John Mackenzie Dr Poonam Malik Layla Robinson
Organisations	AbbVie Ltd Amgen Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) AstraZeneca BioAscent Discovery Ltd Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd Brain Health-Alliance Research Challenge Bristol Myers Squibb Burness Paull LLP Cancer Research UK Canon Medical Research Europe Ltd Department for Business and Trade (DBT) Epidarex Capital The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom Firefinch Software GSK Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)

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	Heriot-Watt University Information Commissioner's Office J&J Innovative Medicines Kidney Research UK Kyowa Kirin Limited Lundbeck Moredun Research Institute Myeloma UK NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Pfizer Ltd Pioneer Group PPD, part of Thermo Fisher Scientific Prosper Research Data Scotland Roche Diagnostics Limited Roche Products Ltd The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) The RS Macdonald Charitable Trust Scottish Brain Health Council Scottish Health Technologies Group (Healthcare Improvement Scotland) Scottish Universities Life Sciences Alliance (SULSA) SSERC STADA UK / Thornton & Ross University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of St Andrews University of Strathclyde

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.

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• 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	Graham Simpson MSP
Deputy Convener	Patricia Gibson MSP
Secretary	Claire Headspeath, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)
Named Contact	Graham Simpson MSP (Graham.Simpson.msp@parliament.scot) Claire Headspeath, ABPI (cheadspeath@abpi.org.uk) Graeme Mullin, Office of Graham Simpson MSP (Graeme.Mullin@parliament.scot)
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.	
The Group does not anticipate receiving any financial or material benefit from a single source with a value of more than £500 in a calendar year. The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) provides secretariat support to the Group, valued at less than £500 a year.	
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.	
There is no subscription charged by the Group.	
Statement on Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Must be read and signed by the Convener.	

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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:
  - The names of new MSP members of the CPG and changes to office-bearers;
  - Named contact details;
  - The registration form;
  - All minutes of meetings within 30 days of the meeting being held; **(Substantially verbatim minutes will not be accepted and will be returned)**
  - 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;
- 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 Life Sciences is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed (Convener)	Graham Simpson
Date	30/9/26

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