

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

**Cross-Party Group on Women, Families and Justice**

**Date Group Established** (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

15 September 2021

### Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

10 September 2024

### Date Annual Return Submitted

12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**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]

5 September 2023

### 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.

### **Meeting 5 September 2023**

Attendance: 3 MSPs and 26 non-MSPs.

Guest Speakers:

- Siobhan Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety: Update on the work of the Women's Justice Leadership Panel and the work of the Community Custody Units.

This meeting was the AGM covering the reconstitution of the CPG, including the election of office bearers and consideration of priorities and topics for future meetings. Discussion amongst attendees focused on the Minister's update, and also how the CPG might be able to take forward issues relating to the rights of children with a parent in the criminal justice system.

### **Meeting 5 December 2023**

Attendance: 2 MSPs and 18 non-MSPs.

Guest speakers:

- Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health: Update on the work of the Scottish Government to improve health outcomes of women in custody.
- Gill Imery, External Chair, Deaths in Prison Custody Action Group: Update on implementation of recommendations of the Independent Review of the Response to Deaths in Prison Custody.

Discussion amongst attendees focused on the issues raised in the updates provided by both guest speakers.

### **Meeting 5 March 2024**

Attendance: 2 MSPs and 23 non-MSPs.

Guest speakers:

- Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport: Update on the work the Scottish Government is doing in relation to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, specifically within a justice context.

- Dr Jonathan Sher: Presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Scotland's Justice System
- Graeme Dickson, Scottish Prison Service: Introduction to SPS Policy for the Management of Transgender People in Custody

Discussion amongst attendees focused on the issues raised in the contributions of guest speakers.

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

Rona Mackay, Scottish National Party  
 Collette Stevenson, Scottish National Party  
 Miles Briggs, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
 Maggie Chapman, Scottish Green Party  
 Katy Clark, Scottish Labour  
 Audrey Nicoll, Scottish National Party

### **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**

Anne Pinkman  
 Elyse Brown  
 Carol Dearie  
 Karen Mabon  
 Maggie Melon  
 Briege Nugent  
 Yvonne Robson

#### **Organisations**

Aberdeen City Council  
 Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership  
 Apex Scotland  
 British Association of Social Work  
 Circle Scotland  
 Community Justice Aberdeen  
 Community Justice Glasgow  
 Community Justice Scotland  
 Cornerstone

CrossReach  
Cyrenians Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution  
Dumfries and Galloway Council  
Early Years Scotland  
Engender  
Falkirk Council  
Families Outside  
Fife College (SPS Education Providers)  
Fife Council  
Glen Isla and Glen Cova Projects, Angus Council  
Highland Council  
HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland  
includem  
Justice for Women  
Mental Welfare Commission  
Midlothian Council Justice Services  
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde  
NHS Lothian  
Perth Prison Visitor Centre  
Phoenix Futures  
Place2Be  
Prison Reform Trust  
Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland  
Resilience Learning Partnership  
Sacro  
Salvesen Mindroom Centre  
Scottish Association of Social Work  
Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research  
(SCCJR)  
Scottish Community Safety Network  
Scottish Prison Service  
Scottish Recovery Consortium  
Social Work Scotland  
Soroptimists Scotland  
Stirling Council  
St Mary's Kenmure  
Tomorrow's Women Glasgow  
Turning Point Scotland  
University of Glasgow  
University of Stirling  
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.

**Convener**

Rona Mackay MSP

**Deputy Convener**

Collette Stevenson MSP

**Secretary**

Families Outside

**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.

None

Rona Mackay MSP

## COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Women, Families and Justice, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties

X

Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months		X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM		X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM		X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings		X
Provided minutes of all meetings		X
Signed	Rona Mackay MSP	
Date	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	