

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Drugs and Alcohol Misuse
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> August 2014</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b> Attendance 2 MSPs, 40 Non-MSPs Meeting topic: Support for families affected by alcohol misuse. The meeting looked at the worry and strain placed on families when someone close to them has an alcohol problem. The different types of support available was discussed as well as some of the difficulties faced by families. An updated and refreshed database of

support services was also launched at the meeting.

Speakers at this meeting were:

- Jennifer Curran, Alcohol Focus Scotland.
- Veronica Weston and Alison Christie, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs.
- Shirley Green, VOCAL.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Attendance 2 MSPs, Non-MSPs - 35

The meeting explored sexual and reproductive health issues for people who use alcohol and other drugs. Presentations were by:

- Adrienne Hannah, Scottish Drugs Forum, Sexual and Reproductive Health Training and Development Officer.
- Anne McLellan, Sexual Health Consultant, NHS Lanarkshire.
- Liz Walsh, Specialist Midwife Substance Misuse, NHS Lanarkshire.

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

MSPs - 1 Non-MSPs – 40

This meeting was not quorate.

The meeting looked into issues relating to Heroin Assisted Treatment and received a presentation from

- Thilo Beck, Psychiatrist, Arud Zentren für Suchtmedizin, Zurich, Switzerland

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015**

MSPs – 1 Non-MSPs – 19

This meeting was not quorate.

The meeting considered what is required for a future Alcohol Strategy for Scotland.

Presentations at the beginning of the meeting to stimulate discussion, were from:–

- Clare Beeston, Principal Public Health Adviser – Evaluation, NHS Health Scotland.
- Peter Rice, Board Member, Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP).
- Jennifer Curran, Alcohol Focus Scotland

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

MSPs – 3 Non-MSPs - 10

The meeting focused on work being undertaken by SDF with Alcohol and Drug Partnerships on developing death prevention strategies which would seek to reduce drug related deaths from a range of causes, including overdose, BBVs, bacterial infections and suicide. The meeting received a presentation on this topic from Kirsten Horsburgh, National Naloxone Co-ordinator, Scottish Drugs Forum

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

John Finnie, Independent  
Mary Scanlon, Conservative  
Willie Rennie, Lib Dems  
Richard Simpson, Labour  
Jayne Baxter, Labour  
Bob Doris, SNP

## **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

Dr Oliver Aldridge  
John Arthur  
Dr Lucy Cockayne  
Max Cruickshank  
Iain Davidson  
Kenny Harrison, Argyll & Bute Local Licensing Forum  
Dr Mary Hepburn  
Dr Peter McCann, Castle Craig Hospital  
Dr Eunice Reed  
Dr Richard Watson

### Organisations

Al-Anon Fife  
Alcohol Focus Scotland  
BMA Scotland  
Circle  
Crew  
Scottish Drugs Forum  
SFAAD (Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs)  
Turning Point Scotland  
The Wellbeing Alliance

## 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

Dr Richard Simpson and John Finnie are co-conveners

Deputy Convener

N/A

Secretary

Alcohol Focus Scotland and Scottish Drugs Forum

Treasurer

N/A

## FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

## SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

None.

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	John Finnie
Parliamentary address	
Telephone number	