

**CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**  
**2012 ANNUAL RETURN FORM**  
**CPG on Armed Forces Veterans**

<b>1. GROUP NAME</b> <i>Code of Conduct 6.2.4</i>	
Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title <i>Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament</i> .	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Armed Forces Veterans	
<b>2. DATE GROUP APPROVED</b>	<b>3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT</b>
September 2011	26 September 2012
<b>4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>	
For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).	
<p>5<sup>th</sup> October 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inaugural meeting – 8 MSP and 3 external members present</li> <li>• Election of office bearers</li> <li>• General discussion on issues and agreement on topics for subsequent meetings</li> </ul> <p>30 November 2012 – 7 MSP and 7 external members present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing on veterans issues in Scotland – Veterans Scotland</li> <li>• Housing issues</li> <li>• Alcohol and its effects on the community</li> <li>• Mental health issues</li> </ul> <p>25 February 2012 – 7 MSP and 12 external members present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glasgow's helping heroes – briefing and discussion on success of GHH and the effectiveness of the model.</li> <li>• Presentation by Veterans Scotland on housing issues affecting veterans</li> <li>• Briefing by SFHA on Housing Hubs</li> </ul> <p>25 April 2012 – 5 MSP and 15 External members present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol issues and how they are being tackled within the Armed Forces</li> <li>• The Surgeon General and representatives from the Military attended.</li> <li>• Wide ranging discussions about the effects of alcohol on society and the need for the military to ensure they do not transfer their problems to the civilian stakeholders</li> </ul>	

**5. GROUP MEMBERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8**

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Convener: Alex Fergusson</u></li> <li>• <u>Deputy Convener: Hugh Henry</u></li> <li>• <u>Deputy Convener: Stewart Maxwell</u></li> <li>• <u>Deputy Convener: Willie Rennie</u></li> <li>• <u>Aileen McLeod</u></li> <li>• <u>Annabelle Ewing</u></li> <li>• <u>Dennis Robertson</u></li> <li>• <u>Jackie Baillie</u></li> <li>• <u>Jackson Carlaw</u></li> <li>• <u>Jamie McGrigor</u></li> <li>• <u>Kenneth Gibson</u></li> <li>• <u>Nanette Milne</u></li> <li>• <u>Richard Lyle</u></li> <li>• <u>Richard Simpson</u></li> </ul>	<p><b>Organisations</b></p> <p>Veterans Scotland            Scottish Veterans Housing Association            Poppyscotland            Scottish War Blinded            Scottish Association Mental Health.(SAMH)            Erskine            Royal British Legion Scotland</p>

**6. GROUP OFFICERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4**

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

<b>Convener</b>	Rt. Honourable Alex Fergusson MSP
<b>Vice-Convener</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hugh Henry MSP</li> <li>• Stewart Maxwell MSP</li> <li>• Willie Rennie MSP</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary</b>	Robert McFarlane
<b>Treasurer</b>	Robert McFarlane

**7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10**

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
		NIL
<b>8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9</i></b> Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.		
<b>Amount per group member per year</b>		NIL
<b>Date subscription applied</b>		
<b>9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS</b> If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.		
<b>Staff name</b>		NIL
<b>Title of post</b>		
<b>Name and address of employer organisation</b>		
<b>Type of employer organisation</b>		
<b>10. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4</i></b> Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.		
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