

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Carers
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.)
29 June 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
11 December 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
14 January 2019
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
28 June 2017
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.
9 November 2017 Attendance: 2 MSPs, 30 non-MSPs Speakers from Shared Care Scotland, Dundee City Council and Dundee Carers Centre gave presentations about the short breaks service model in Dundee.

27 February 2018

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 23 non-MSPs

This meeting focused on young carers and there were several young carer attendees. Discussions focused on Young Carer identification cards and the Young Carer Grant. A letter was sent to the Minister for Public Health regarding Young Carer Identification Cards and the potential to roll these out nationally following local pilot schemes.

16 May 2018

Attendance: 1 MSP, 31 non-MSPs. **This meeting was not quorate**

This meeting focused on caring for someone with brain injury and also featured a presentation on the new Health and Social Care standards, including a new dedicated written and video resource for unpaid carers to use the Standards.

27 June 2018

Was down as AGM but no notes or record to show if meeting was quorate. Convenor Graeme Dey MSP had been promoted to Ministers post no new convenor had been elected.

3rd October 2018

Attendance 2 MSP's, 25 non -MSP's due to parliamentary business both MSP's were not present throughout and change of secretariat meant no election was carried out. This was postponed to meeting in December

11th December 2018

Attendance 2 MSP's, 18 Non -MSP's. This meeting became the AGM. New convenors Tom Arthur MSP and Mark Griffin were elected by the meeting. Carers spoke about the issues with the complaints procedure for Health and Social care. There was also discussion on Transitions and the effect on Benefits and allowances.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Mark Griffin MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Tom Arthur MSP (Scottish National Party)

Claudia Beamish (Scottish Labour Party)

Adam Tomkins (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Clare Adamson (Scottish National Party)

Joan McAlpine (Scottish National Party)

Johann Lamont (Scottish Labour)

Monica Lennon (Scottish Labour)

Rhoda Grant (Scottish Labour)

Donald Cameron (Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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	Lorraine Allan Celia Sweeney Michael Grieve Carolynne Hunter Clare Lally-Steele	Cath Purdie Linsey Currie Christine Farquhar Moira McWhinnie
Organisations	Carers Trust Scotland (secretariat) National Dementia Carers Action Network – Alzheimer Scotland Skills Development Scotland Coalition of Carers in Scotland Carers Scotland MECOPP Learning Disability Alliance Scotland Helensburgh and Lomond Carers (SCIO) Glasgow South West Carers Centre Scottish Youth Parliament Support in Mind Scotland North Lanarkshire Carers Together ENABLE Scotland Health and Social Care ALLIANCE Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland, British Psychological Society The Borders Carers Centre (SCIO) PASDA Stroke Association Big Lottery Fund Scotland Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance Shared Care Scotland Family Fund Standard Life Carers Network PAMIS Centrica Carers Network Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers Centre VSA Aberdeen City (Adult carers and young carers) Mindroom Care Inspectorate VOCAL Marie Curie Life Changes Trust Parkinson's UK	

	Camphill Scotland tide – together in dementia everyday MND Scotland Disability Alliance Scotland (DAS) Shared Lives Plus Edinburgh North West Carers Hospice UK Soroptimist International Scotland Edinburgh North West Carers Centre
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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	Mark Griffin MSP (Co-convenor)
Deputy Convener	Tom Arthur MSP (Co-convenor)
Secretary	Paul Traynor, Carers Trust Scotland
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.

Carers Trust Scotland – staff time approx. £750 per year (attendance @ 4 meetings a year + 1 day administration for each meeting)
 Carers Trust Scotland – hospitality costs – on average £40 per meeting

Total value of financial benefits in 2017-2018: approx. £910

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

No subscription is charged. This will be reviewed at the next meeting of the group

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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