

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women and Children
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.)
28 th September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
18 th September 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
16 October 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]
5 th September 2018
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.
<u>5 December 2018</u> Attendance: 4 MSPs, 13 non MSP members, 23 non-member visitors

Topics discussed:

- Thematic session on working with men as perpetrators, incl.: presentation on working with men through the Caledonian System by Rory Macrae (Caledonian System); presentation on engaging men in challenging VAWG by Davy Thompson (White Ribbon Scotland); presentation on recent research on men as victims of domestic abuse by Marsha Scott (Scottish Women's Aid); presentation on NHS STAR Service for offenders of intimate partner violence by Sarah Weldon (Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS).
- Update on the final 5 recommendations for the attention of Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills, as suggested by the CPG members.
- Members updates, incl. launch of a toolkit for challenging gender stereotypes by Zero Tolerance, ongoing multiagency work to establish a Safe & Together Institute in Scotland, White Ribbon's engagement project with the Association of British Bookmakers.
- Confirmation of new members (3 organisations)
- Co-opting of additional Co-Convenor – Rona Mackay MSP

6 February 2019

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 6 non-MSP members

Topics discussed:

- Discussion about various aspects of VAWG for consideration as topics for the remaining 2019 sessions.
- Member updates, incl. Stalking Protection Order Bill proposal, Equal Protection Bill consultation, continuous promotion of the Gender Equality Toolkit for Early Years.
- Confirmation of new members (1 organisation and 1 individual)

5 June 2019

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 11 non-MSP members, 7 non-member visitors

Invited guest: Maree Todd MSP - Minister for Children and Young People

Topics discussed:

- Thematic session on Children and VAW, incl.: presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences and Violence Against Women and Children by Jane Callaghan (Stirling University); presentation on the Independent Care Review and children's experiences of VAW by Fiona Duncan (Independent Care Review); presentation on system responses to children experiencing domestic abuse by Anna Mitchell (Safe & Together Institute, US).
- Updates on implementation of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018
- Member updates, incl.: roll out of new feedback protocol for prosecution of sex offences, progression of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Bill
- Call to MSPs to sponsor a parliamentary reception for the launch of good practice guidance on domestic abuse for social housing providers.

18 September 2019 – AGM

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 12 non-MSP members, 8 non-member visitors

AGM topics:

- Election of office bearers

Meeting topics discussed:

- Thematic session on Policing of VAWG, incl.: presentation on policing of domestic abuse when children are involved by John Devaney (University of Edinburgh); presentation on children's experiences and recommendations of police responses by Susie Dalton (Scottish Women's Aid); presentation on best preventative approach to FGM by Samiha Ishan and Laila Ali (Saheliya); response from ACC MacDonald, DCI Forrester and DCS Boal (Police Scotland) to matters highlighted in the presentations
- Possible follow up actions from the thematic session
- Discussion on topic and format of December meeting during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
- Updates on implementation of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018
- Member updates, incl.: publication of the Initial Report of Survivor Reference Group by Rape Crisis Scotland; piloting delivery of the Caledonian System in a prison; results of the consultation on Stalking Protection Order Bill
- Confirmation of new members (3 organisations)

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

- Claire Baker MSP- Scottish Labour
- Claudia Beamish MSP- Scottish Labour
- Gil Paterson MSP- Scottish National Party
- James Dornan MSP- Scottish National Party
- Johann Lamont MSP- Scottish Labour
- John Finnie MSP- Scottish Green Party
- Rhoda Grant MSP- Scottish Labour
- Rona Mackay MSP - Scottish National Party
- Sandra White MSP- 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

- Christine Gray
- David Morran

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eckton • Gillian Baker • Kallia Manoussaki • Kelly Johnson • Lily Greenan • Dr Melanie McCarry • Nancy Lombard • Nikki Dillon • Paula Mitchell • Tammy Connell
Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amina Muslim Women Resource Centre • ASSIST • Barnardo's Scotland • Caledonian System • Church of Scotland • City of Edinburgh Council, Community Justice • Clinical Psychology Division of the Forensic Mental Health and Learning Disability Service of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS • Close the Gap • COSLA • Edinburgh Women's Aid • The Empower Project Scotland • Engender • Girlguiding Scotland • NHS Lanarkshire – EVA Services • NUS Scotland • Pilton Community Health Project • Rape Crisis Scotland • Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Perth & Kinross • Scottish Association of Social Workers • Scottish Women's Aid • SAY Women • Thriving Survivors • Women's Support Project • White Ribbon Scotland • YWCA Scotland • Zero Tolerance

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	Co-conveners: Claudia Beamish MSP & Rona Mackay MSP
Deputy Convener	n/a
Secretary	Scottish Women's Aid
Treasurer	none

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).

Ania Kinross provided secretariat support to the CPG on behalf of Scottish Women's Aid (e.g. preparing and distributing meeting papers, liaison with members and invited speakers, taking minutes at the meeting etc.). The cost to the organisation, for an estimated 60 hours over the year, is assessed to be around £1000.

Scottish Women's Aid covered the costs of refreshments and venue at a cost of £290.80.

Total value of financial and material benefit provided by Scottish Women's Aid was £1290.80.

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 fee is charged.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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