

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
28 June 2017
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]
29 June 2016 (initial meeting of group in Session 5)
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
30 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.
6 October 2016 Attendance: 6 MSPs, 38 non-MSP The Minister for Social Security, Jeane Freeman MSP, gave an overview of the social security consultation, which was ongoing at the time of the meeting. Six carers

shared their stories of receiving Carers Allowance and other social security payments aimed at carers.

22 February 2017

Attendance: 5 MSPs, 32 non-MSP

Support in Mind Scotland spoke about rights and advocacy for mental health carers, and two carers shared their personal stories

The Children and Young People's Commissioner for Scotland spoke about their young carers research

28 June 2017

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 21 non-MSP

This meeting was the AGM. All office bearers were re-elected unopposed. There was a discussion about the recently published Social Security (Scotland) Bill, an update on the Carers (Scotland) Act secondary legislation, and a discussion on the topics of future meetings.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Claudia Beamish (Scottish Labour Party)
Graeme Dey (Scottish National Party)
Monica Lennon (Scottish Labour Party)
Clare Adamson (Scottish National Party)
Clare Haughey (Scottish National Party)
Rhoda Grant (Scottish Labour Party)
Donald Cameron (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Adam Tomkins (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Johann Lamont (Scottish Labour)
Joan McAlpine (Scottish National Party)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

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
Organisations	<p>Carers Trust Scotland (secretariat)</p> <p>National Dementia Carers Action Network – Alzheimer Scotland</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>Coalition of Carers in Scotland</p> <p>Carers Scotland</p> <p>MECOPP</p> <p>Learning Disability Alliance Scotland</p> <p>Helensburgh and Lomond Carers (SCIO)</p> <p>Glasgow South West Carers Centre</p> <p>Scottish Youth Parliament</p> <p>Support in Mind Scotland</p> <p>North Lanarkshire Carers Together</p> <p>ENABLE Scotland</p> <p>Health and Social Care ALLIANCE</p> <p>Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland, British Psychological Society</p> <p>The Borders Carers Centre (SCIO)</p> <p>PASDA</p> <p>Stroke Association</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance</p> <p>Shared Care Scotland</p> <p>Family Fund</p> <p>Standard Life Carers Network</p> <p>PAMIS</p> <p>Centrica Carers Network</p> <p>Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers Centre</p> <p>VSA Aberdeen City (Adult carers and young carers)</p> <p>Mindroom</p>

	Care Inspectorate VOCAL Marie Curie Life Changes Trust Parkinson's UK Camphill Scotland tide – together in dementia everyday MND Scotland Disability Alliance Scotland (DAS)
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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	Claudia Beamish (co-convener)
Deputy Convener	Graeme Dey (co-convener)
Secretary	Heather Noller, 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.

Heather Noller, Carers Trust Scotland – staff time approx. £720 per year (attendance @ 4 meetings a year + 1 day administration for each meeting)

Carers Trust Scotland – hospitality costs – on average £50 per meeting

Total value of financial benefits in 2016-2017: £900

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 2018 AGM.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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