

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Chronic Pain
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.)
October 26, 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
October 4, 2017
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
October 30, 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]
October 26, 2016
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.
In 2016 – 17, the CPG worked voluntarily over most of the year against concealment of key facts on chronic pain waiting times. The CPG won a Freedom of Information case against NHS Dumfries & Galloway. The CPG also lodged a complaint with the UK Statistics regulator, who came to Holyrood over the Information Services Division removing key facts over waiting times.

This took months of research and dozens of Parliamentary questions but gained pledges of change and transparency.

Meeting & AGM October 26, 2016: Meeting chaired by Elaine Smith & Rona Mackay. 4 MSPs, 41 patients, health professionals, campaigners, total: 45. Office bearers elected: MSP Co –chairs Elaine Smith, Rona Mackay, Miles Briggs, deputy chair: Anas Sarwar; voluntary secretary: Dorothy-Grace Elder.

Closures: The meeting agreed writing to the Health Secretary, condemning the closure of Lightburn Hospital by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and of the bed ward at the Centre for Integrative Care. **Secrecy over Waiting Times:** The meeting agreed to protest to Paul Gray, head of the NHS in Scotland, under the NHS Code of Conduct.

Return patients - Issues again raised from return patients, Lanarkshire & Grampian, being many months over treatment renewal times.

Meeting March 15, 2017: Chaired by Miles Briggs MSP. 6 MSPs, 38 non MSPs, 44 total: MSPs: Rona Mackay, Miles Briggs, Anas Sarwar, Ivan McKee, Douglas Ross, Alex Neil. Minutes of October 26 meeting approved.

Secrecy again: Facts were cut on Waiting Times from the latest Summary (March 14) by the statistics body, ISD.

Lodging a complaint was agreed. **Speaker: Dr Gregor Smith, deputy chief medical officer**, who will chair the new Government appointed Advisory Group on chronic pain. **The Scottish Health Council:** CPG patients claimed the SHC, as a “patient voice” had been no use to them over cuts to services. Secretary to ask for SHC improvement plans. **Update on the Group’s complaint over behind scenes actions related to the NHS Code of Conduct.** The complaint was lodged in December 2016, by co convener Miles Briggs MSP, acknowledged but no info from Paul Gray by our March 15 meeting.

Meeting June 20, 2017 6 MSPs, 33 Non MSPs. 39 total. Elaine Smith (chairing), Rona Mackay, Anas Sarwar, Alex Neil, Jackie Baillie, Jackson Carlaw. Speakers: Dr Rachel Atherton, clinical lead at the **Scottish National Residential Pain**

Management Programme and Patrick Hughes, patient. Dr Atherton thanked the CPG for its years of campaigning to achieve this service, now financed at £700,000 annually by the Scottish Government. **Shortages at day clinics and waiting times facts removed:** The group’s complaint over Chronic Pain Waiting Times facts being removed by the Information Services Department, ISD, had gone to the UK statistics regulator on April 28. A revealing email trail was obtained under FOI. **New Chronic Pain Advisory Committee** The meeting decided to challenge the remit and limited composition of the new committee. Action: MSP co convener Elaine Smith to write to the deputy chief medical officer & the health secretary. **NHS Code of Conduct: are its worthy words heeded?**

Complaint submitted December 2016, Mr Gray, head of NHS Scotland, replied April 4, inadequately, in the Group’s view. Objection continues. **Update: Centre for Integrative Care beds closure**

Patient reports that, despite strong public and Parliamentary protests, Glasgow’s health board closed the inpatient ward at the CIC in April and have now confirmed they would close Lightburn Hospital.(also for long term conditions).

Meeting & AGM October 4, 2017 Rona Mackay MSP (chairing). 2 MSPs, Rona Mackay and Miles Briggs, 22 non MSPs. This meeting clashed with health awards that night -congratulations to some CPG members nominated for awards.

AGM Election of Office Bearers. MSPs Elaine Smith, Rona Mackay, Miles Briggs, Anas Sarwar had all agreed to serve again and were elected co conveners. Dorothy-Grace Elder was re-elected hon. secretary and Kathleen Powderly volunteered help. Minutes of 20th June meeting and of the previous AGM approved.

Update on musculoskeletal pain. Speaker: Prof. Martijn Steultjens, Professor of Musculoskeletal Health, Glasgow Caledonian University. His talk showed how, from Scotland, Prof. Steultjens co ordinates an extensive European study on arthritis pain, financed by the European Commission. **Result of CPG complaint on statistics.** The UK Statistics Regulator, Ed Humpherson, dealt with the CPG's complaint that ISD had been asked by officials at the Clinical Priorities dept to cut facts on pain waiting times. One official also emailed that they didn't want Return Patient information published. The regulator's published view encouraged ISD to resume trying to obtain Return Patient data. He said that "ISD made a series of misjudged decisions" and he urged ISD to work with the CPG. ISD's Head of Statistics made contact right away and is arranging a first meeting, a very positive sign. The CPG passed a resolution asking the health secretary if chronic pain issues could be transferred from the Clinical Priorities dept to another government department.

Update on the Centre for Integrative Care's future after bed closure. Patient Catherine Hughes reported that the CIC, since the bed ward closure, was now reduced to only two or three nurses. The hospital had 22 nurses in 2010 but had been targeted for cuts regularly, despite their treatments reducing the drugs bill.

Brief consultation by ISD on pain waiting times publications. The CPG welcomed this consultation but had been approached by people who found difficulty with the IT used – which ISD had to change. They advised ISD to give more than one month for response in future.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Elaine Smith Lab,
Rona Mackay, SNP,
Miles Briggs, Con,
Anas Sarwar Lab,
Alex Neil, SNP,
Willie Rennie, Lib Dem;

Donald Cameron, Con;

Jackie Baillie, Lab;

Bill Kidd, 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

Dorothy Grace Elder

John Thomson

Anne Murray

Lord George Foulkes

Dr Colin Rae

Margaret McInnes

Councillor Frank McAveety

Linda Mawson

Frank Mawson

Pete McCarron

Lesley Riddoch

Michael Grieve

Jim Scanlon

Martha Heaney

Jean Rafferty

Anne Cassels

Christine Martin

Dr Sabu James

Professor Martin Steultjens

	Prof. Blair Smith
	Jacquie Forde
	Irene Logan
	Pat Onions
	Arlene Byrne
	Linda Tierney
	Fiona Robinson
	Geraldine McGuigan
	Janice Connelly
	John Lawrence
	Dr Fiona McLeod
	Dr Martin Johnson
	Dr Helen Jackson
	Dr Gordon McGinn
	Dr Michael Basler
	Dr Mike Serpell
	Janette Barrie
	Gordon Barrie
	Anne Hughes
	Dr Pat Roche
	Alasdair Barron
	Heather Cameron
	Paulo Quadros
	Kenny Boyle
	Phil Atkinson

	Helen McLuskey
	Lloyd Mawson
	George Welsh
	Catherine Hughes
	Julie Mcanulty
	Ooi Thye Chong
	Prof Jim McEwen
	Bailie Josephine Docherty
	Maire Whitehead
	Dr David Weeks
	Bill Sinclair
	Claire Schiavone
	Laura Clark
	Anne Hughes
	Margaret Coats
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	Mohammed Nadeem
	Akhtar Javaid
	Lara Grant
	Margaret Searle
	Lyssa Clayton
	Helen Campbell
	Ian Brogan
	Anne Simpson
	Margaret Wyllie

	<p>Karen Hooton</p> <p>Dr Sheila Inglis</p> <p>Jim Eadie</p>
Organisations	<p>The Health & Social Care Alliance Scotland</p> <p>Action on Pain UK</p> <p>Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scotland</p> <p>Community Pharmacy Scotland</p> <p>Complementary & Natural Healthcare Council</p> <p>Fibromyalgia Friends Scotland</p> <p>BMA</p> <p>“Affa Sair” Moray campaign group</p> <p>Arthritis Care Scotland & UK</p> <p>RCN Grunenthal</p> <p>Healthcare Improvement</p> <p>Leuchie House chronic conditions respite centre</p> <p>National Osteoporosis Society</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran</p> <p>NHS GGC</p> <p>NHS Highland</p> <p>NHS Lothian</p> <p>NHS Tayside</p> <p>Pain Association Scotland</p> <p>Reckitt Benckiser</p> <p>Royal College of General Practitioners</p> <p>Royal Pharmaceutical Society</p>

	Scottish Massage Therapists Association Intlife Scottish Neurological Society Marfan Association ASH Scotland Femme Fatigue, Glasgow Caledonian University Equality Council
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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	Co Convener MSPs: Elaine Smith, Rona Mackay, Miles Briggs, Anas Sarwar
Deputy Convener	n/a
Secretary	Dorothy-Grace Elder (voluntary)
Treasurer	n/a (no income, no fees)

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

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