

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Multiple Sclerosis

**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.)

**20 September 2016**

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

**19 September 2017**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**12 October 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]

**20 September 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.

#### **Tues 20 September 2016**

MSP attendance: 5; Non MSP attendance: 18

#### **Main topic – Access to care and support for people with MS.**

Meeting covered the election of office bearers; Discussion of the MS Society's My MS My Needs 2 report on access to care and support for people with MS; Presentation on the Scottish MS Register report from Belinda Weller; Short

discussion on the upcoming MS Trust 'Forward View' project.

**Tues 29 November 2016**

MSP Attendance: 5; Non MSP attendance: 15

**Main topic – Employment and MS**

The MS Society provided insights on their latest report into impacts of MS on employment and how best to support people to remain in and return to employment. Further input was given by Remploy on how they support people with disabilities into work. The CPG wrote to the Govt to highlight the report; Further items for discussion included issues around MS nurse provision in NHS Lanarkshire and the upcoming submission of Fampyra to the SMC.

**Tues 7 February 2017**

MSP Attendance: 3; Non MSP Attendance: 13

**Main topic – MS Specialist nurses**

The MS Trust spoke through their recent Forward View report into MS nurse levels across the UK, highlighting areas where there are issues and introducing fundraising plans to try and fill gaps; Sue Ryder Care presented their recent Rewrite the Future campaign which showed areas that needed to be improved in neurological care; the MS Society put forward initial discussions on MS week and their plans for campaigning around MS nurses.

**Tues 18 April 2017**

MSP Attendance: 2; Non MSP Attendance: 13

**Main topic – MS Week**

Discussion initially focussed on progress in Lanarkshire and issues relating to MS nurse provision in that area, the CPG had written to the health board for an update on action; The MS Society talked through their MS Week plans which included a reception, display in Parliament, and debate in parliament. Members were encouraged to get involved and share their own MS Week plans; Brief discussion on Social Security and agreement that the Minister should be invited to the next meeting.

**Tues 19 September 2017**

MSP Attendance: 3; Non MSP Attendance: 15

**Main topic – Social Security**

The meeting focussed on the single issue of Social Security. The Minister for Social Security attended and responded to comments from the MS Society, Inclusion Scotland and Enable Scotland before taking questions from the rest of the CPG. People with MS will be affected by the changes to disability benefits and it gave a good opportunity for members to engage with the Minister.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

George Adam MSP – SNP

Neil Findlay MSP – Labour

Clare Adamson MSP – SNP  
 Donald Cameron MSP – Conservative  
 Gail Ross MSP – SNP  
 John Finnie MSP – Green  
 Lewis Macdonald MSP – Labour  
 Liam McArthur MSP – Lib Dem

**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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Cat Johnson          Merv Graham          Fiona Burns          Stacey Adam          Elizabeth Quigley          Julie Craik          Harry Travers          Jaqui Downs, NHS Ayrshire and Arran          Dr Ruth Sumpter, NHS GGC          Dr Belinda Weller, Consultant Neurologist, NHS Lothian          Jenny Preston, Consultant Occupational Therapist, NHS Ayrshire and Arran          Margaret Burgess, MSS Ayrshire and Arran          Dr Lorna Paul, MS Physiotherapist and Researcher, NHS Greater Glasgow &amp; Clyde          Duane Patterson, MS Specialist Social Worker, NHS Dundee          Anne Stewart, MS Specialist Nurse, NHS Highlands          Dr Judith McSween, Speech and Language Therapist, Person with MS          Alastair Ross</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>MS Society - secretary          Revive MS Support          MS Therapy Centre Lothian          MS Trust          ABPI Scottish Mental Health and Neurological Disease Industry</p>

	Group Leuchie House Carers net Sure Ryder Care Genetic Alliance UK MS Therapy Centre Lothian
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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	George Adam MSP
Deputy Convener	John Finnie MSP Donald Cameron MSP Neil Findlay MSP
Secretary	MS Society 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.

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).

Secretariat support from the MS Society is estimated at approximately £1,000 – £1,500 for the calendar year.

This estimate includes a provisional value of staff time, printing of information packs, catering costs, phone calls and speaker travel.

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

N/a

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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