

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Chronic Pain

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. This is a re-registration application for a CPG which has been campaigning continuously since 2001. Its purpose remains: to raise awareness of how those with chronic pain are treated and to work for earlier and better care. The Group works with parliamentarians to influence legislation and policy makers to improve the lives of an estimated 800,000 people affected in Scotland; to obtain proper facts and information for patients, oppose secrecy, radically improve Waiting Times and support NHS staff who voice concerns to aid their patients.

2. The CPG's work is entirely in the public interest and rooted in the Parliament. When it started some 15 years ago, there was no specific campaign for long term pain. Initially, it won backing from 130,000 contacting Holyrood. The CPG has significant achievements – it won the unanimous backing of the Parliament and Scottish Government over its long campaign to create Scotland's first Residential Pain Service, replacing patients being sent to Bath in Somerset; gained the first full report (working with HIS) on shortages at pain clinics, won a key Freedom of Information case to gain disclosure of Waiting Times, and has compiled Petitions from patients for the Public Petitions Committee and conducts its own research.

3. Chronic pain is recognised by the Scottish Government as a condition in its own right. While several CPGs deal with specific health conditions, this is the only one dedicated to chronic pain overall, whatever the presenting condition, so covers all conditions producing chronic pain. Over 800,000 suffer in Scotland including some 80,000 children (Scot. Govt estimate) through hundreds of conditions and accidents which can't be covered by all CPGs. Relief from pain is the priority of these patients and aid in coping. This CPG is different from Palliative Care for the dying, as most sufferers are not terminal, including young people and children.

4. Topics to be discussed over the next year would include cutbacks on services affecting chronic pain (e.g. long term conditions units), update on the new National Residential Service in Glasgow, focus on Scottish areas with inadequate pain clinic staffing, renewed watch on Waiting Lists in Scotland, evaluation of national policy, liaison with health ministers and Opposition members. Focus on mental health is also likely as suicide is one risk at worst pain levels - shortage of psychological help remains an issue. Plus the CPG expects to continue coping, as it has done for years, with regular appeals from individual patients and staff.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

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

John Thomson, Anne Murray, Lord George Foulkes, □ Dr Colin Rae, Dorothy Grace Elder (Hon. Sec) 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, □ Ros Meek, □ Janette Barrie □, Anne Hughes, □ Dr Pat Roche, Alasdair Barron, Heather Cameron, Paulo Quadros, □ Kenny

	<p>Boyle, □ Phil Atkinson, □ Helen McLuskey, Lloyd Mawson, George Welsh,</p> <p>Catherine Hughes, □ Julie Mcanulty, □ Ooi Thye Chong, Professor Tim Eden, Prof Jim McEwen, □ Bailie Josephine Docherty, Maire Whitehead, Dr David Weeks, □ Bill Sinclair, Claire Schiavone, Laura Clark, Anne Hughes, Margaret Coats, Tasneem Nadeem, Mohammed Nadeem, Akhtar Javaid,</p> <p>Lara Grant, Margaret Searle, Lyssa Clayton, Helen Campbell, Ian Brogan</p>
Organisations	<p>The Health & Social Care Alliance, Scotland Action on Pain, UK; Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scotland; Community Pharmacy Scotland; Complementary & Natural Healthcare Council ;Fibromyalgia Friends, Scotland; BMA;</p> <p>“Affa Sair” Moray campaign group; Arthritis Care, Scotland & UK;</p> <p>Grunenthal □ Healthcare Improvement; Leuchie House chronic conditions respite centre; National Osteoporosis Society; □ NHS Ayrshire & Arran; □ NHS GGC; NHS Highland; NHS Lothian; □ NHS Tayside; □ Pain Association □ Scotland; Pain</p>

	Concern; □RCN □Reckitt Benckiser; □Royal College of General Practitioners; □Royal Pharmaceutical Society; □Scottish Massage Therapists Association; Intlife; Scottish Neurological Society, Marfans Association.
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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	MSP Co Conveners: Elaine Smith, Rona Mackay, Miles Briggs
Deputy Convener	Anas Sarwar
Secretary	Dorothy-Grace Elder (Voluntary, as individual)
Treasurer	N/A

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

N/A Voluntary Secretary donates own time.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Elaine Smith MSP
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Telephone number	0131 348 5824

STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	
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Date	
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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.)
September 2011
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
May 20, 2015
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
June 25, 2014
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
June 19, 2015
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.
It's been another hard working year for the Group. As volunteers, we've had to cope with problems which should have been tackled by official bodies paid to do so. On the plus side, the CPG found that previous Health Secretary Alex Neil and his deputy Michael Matheson went out of their way to listen to our patients and doctors and act when problems were presented & we've been supported throughout Parliament.