

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities
PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purpose of group: The group aims to raise awareness of the causes of health inequalities amongst parliamentarians to influence legislation and amongst policy makers to promote evidence based actions which reduce health inequalities and to avoid legislation and policies which will make health inequalities in Scotland worse. 2. Public interest: The gaps between those with the best and worst health in Scotland are persistent, some are widening, and too many Scots still die prematurely. Deprivation is the key determinant, although age, gender and ethnicity are also factors. Health inequalities are avoidable because they are rooted in political and social decisions and they are costly to society and to the NHS and other public services. The CPG will bring together politicians, public and professional bodies, third sector and academia to raise awareness, educate, inform policy making, and foster collaboration. 3. Overlaps: There is no other group focused on inequalities or the inequalities of health. The CPG on Health Inequalities will concern itself with strategic and cross-cutting policy issues and evidence, because the underlying determinants of health inequalities are economic, social and environmental. The Group may seek to hold joint meetings with other CPGs from time to time, e.g. with the CPS on Housing. There are a number of CPGs proposed on specific health conditions/issues, e.g. mental health, epilepsy and cancer. A new group is also proposed on Improving Scotland's Health beyond 2021, with a public health focus. 4. Topics to be discussed: The group has four scheduled meetings between October 2016 and the 2017 summer recess (25th October, 19th January, 30th March, 15th June). The group will select from the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can stretched primary care/GPs/acute care meet patient needs in deprived areas (e.g. Deep End GPs, community link workers) • Impact/role of closing the attainment gap • Impact/role of employability/fair work measures

- Impact/role of housing and of fuel poverty
- Mental health – e.g. the draft 10 year strategy and the commitment to giving parity to mental and physical health (possible joint meeting with MH CPG)
- People who are disconnected from services, find services hard to access or engage with, and the important role of third sector in advocacy and support
- Issues concerning tobacco, alcohol, obesity and diet (possible joint meeting with the Improving Scotland's Health CPG)
- Issues concerning the built environment - planning, transport, Place Standard, community empowerment, use of green space/A Natural Health Service for Scotland
- Impact of health and social care integration, the wider role of local government finance in deprived communities, 'Once for Scotland' versus localisation
- Issues of gender, age and geography
- Scottish Prison Service: health outcomes five years on from NHS taking responsibility for prisoners' health

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

1. Donald Cameron MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
2. Anas Sarwar MSP, Scottish Labour Party
3. Clare Haughey MSP, Scottish National Party
4. Alison Johnstone MSP, Scottish Green Party
5. Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats
6. Brian Whittle MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
7. Murdo Fraser MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
8. Neil Findlay MSP, Scottish Labour Party
9. Claudia Beamish MSP, Scottish Labour Party
10. Richard Lyle MSP, Scottish National Party
11. Monica Lennon MSP, Scottish Labour 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	Jacque Forde Katherine Smith David White
Organisations	Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS) - Secretary ASH Scotland Audit Scotland Big Lottery Fund BMA British Lung Foundation Cancer Research UK Centre for Health Policy, University of Strathclyde

	Changeworks Changing Faces Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland Community Pharmacy Scotland Deaf Links Tayside Energy Action Scotland Fife Society for the Blind Genetic Alliance Improvement Service LGBT Health and wellbeing Margaret Blackwood Housing Association MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow NHS Health Scotland NSPCC Royal College of Midwives Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Royal Pharmaceutical Society Samaritans Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Shelter Scotland Stroke Association Open University
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	Donald Cameron MSP, Anas Sarwar MSP, Clare Haughey MSP
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Voluntary Health Scotland, 15 Mansfield Place, Edinburgh EH3 6BB. Claire Stevens, Chief Officer: claire.stevens@vhscotland.org.uk
Treasurer	None
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.	

As Secretariat VHS is providing a material benefit to the group of an estimated value of £3,000 (staff time, administration and organisation of meetings, provision of tea, coffee and biscuits)	
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.	
No subscription to be charged.	
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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	25 th October 2016