

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses

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. To raise awareness of holistic sexual health and blood borne virus issues and to inform and promote policies grounded in evidence that will address Scotland's response, and health and wellbeing in this field, through the involvement of stakeholders and populations with direct experience.
2. There is currently no Cross-Party Group that specifically covers the areas of sexual health and blood borne viruses. The purpose highlights the wide remit the group will have, which is reflected in the wide ranging membership of the group. Moreover, the purpose also notes the aspiration of the group to engage with populations with direct experience of these issues. The Scottish Government's current Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework raises a suite of issues, for example improving sexual health across the wider population and better supporting people living with and at increased risk of blood borne viruses. The work of the group would assist in scrutinising issues contained within the Framework, but also be able to react to current issues that arise within this policy field, through drawing on the expertise contained within its membership.
3. It is not anticipated that the work of this group will directly overlap with the current work of any existing Cross Party Groups. As discussed at the inaugural meeting, there may be opportunities to work jointly with some existing groups, for example LGBTI+ issues, Health Inequalities and Drug and Alcohol. The remit of this proposed Group demonstrates the wide-ranging issues it would be seeking to raise, which are not consistently raised through other groups.
4. Testing and screening for blood borne viruses; availability of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis; sexual health education; treatment and care; mental health and wellbeing; legal status of sex work in Scotland; patient/community

involvement; transgender population; digital health; sexual health in primary care; HIV-related stigma; care in the community.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Kezia Dugdale MSP (Scottish Labour),
Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour),
Patrick Harvie MSP (Scottish Greens),
Tom Arthur MSP (SNP),
Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (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

Organisations

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;
NHS Lothian;
Waverley Care;
SCOT-PEP;
Scottish Paediatric and Adolescent Infection and Immunology Network;
University of Glasgow;
S-X; NHS Fife;
Scottish Transgender Alliance;
Terrence Higgins Trust Scotland;
LGBT Health and Wellbeing;
The Hepatitis C Trust;

	Glasgow Caledonian University; Stonewall Scotland; Scottish Drugs Forum; Hepatitis Scotland; HIV Scotland.
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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	Kezia Dugdale MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Tom Arthur MSP, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	HIV Scotland
Treasurer	

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.

Estimated value of secretarial support provided by HIV Scotland: 5 days per year at £145 cost to HIV Scotland per day = £725 value. HIV Scotland also to meet costs of refreshments for meetings = £200. Total: £925.

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.

None relevant.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Date