

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Women's Health

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. The purpose of the CPG is to inform Parliament and policymakers on a range of health issues which only, predominantly or disproportionately affect women; to consider the impact which gender and inequalities has on women's health and their ability to access healthcare and treatment and to empower women to make informed choices about their health and ensure they are treated with dignity and respect.
2. It's in the public interest to highlight the impact of gender and inequality on women's health so that these issues can be brought to the attention of policymakers and areas for policy change can be identified.
3. It could be considered that there may be an overlap between the CPG on Health Inequalities. Regardless of this potential overlap, the CPG on Women's Health should still be established because the consideration of health conditions which predominately or only affect women, and the particular impact of gender, requires a broader forum. The purpose of the CPG on Women's Health is aimed at specifically considering the impact of gender and inequalities on women's access and experience of healthcare and treatment. This is not fully covered by existing CPGs.
4. At the initial meeting, it was discussed that the following topics could be discussed over the next year: better awareness of the symptoms of endometriosis, disabled women and reproductive health and rights, structural gender inequalities impact on women's health (including caring responsibilities, domestic abuse), improving smear test attendance, increased awareness of and access to sanitary and incontinence products. These key topics are not an exhaustive of the full list of topics suggested at

the initial meeting, with several other suggestions being provided as possible topics for consideration over the course of the Parliament.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Monica Lennon MSP, Labour

Alison Johnstone MSP, Green

Gillian Martin MSP, SNP

Kenneth Gibson MSP, SNP

Anas Sarwar MSP, Labour

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Liberal Democrat

Neil Findlay MSP, Labour

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

Kate Sang (Researcher, Herriot Watt University)

Liita Cairney (Kalitasha)

Organisations

Engender

Target Ovarian Cancer

Royal College of General Practitioners

British Medical Association

Royal College of Nursing

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Endometriosis UK

Royal College of Midwives

Scottish Circle

Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust

NHS Health Scotland

Girlguiding Scotland

South Lanarkshire College

City of Glasgow College

	Cancer Research UK Breast Cancer Care Rape Crisis Scotland British Menopause Society Breast Cancer Now The Homeless Period Simon Community 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	Monica Lennon MSP
Deputy Convener	Alison Johnstone MSP
Secretary	Nina Strathie (Chartered Society of Physiotherapists)
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.

Financial benefits will not exceed £500

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.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Women's Health is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.
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Date	7 June 2017
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