

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on MS

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.)

2 October 2013

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

7 October 2014

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]

N/A (will be October 2015)

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

14 October 2014

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.

5 February- MS Society gave rationale for group, by presenting My MS, My Needs research and workplan was approved.
Attendance; five MSP members, 18 non MSPs

23 April-Access to Medicines. In light of the MS Week 'Treat Me Right' campaign, launched during MS Week 2014, the MS Society presented its Voices for Change report. This detailed people's experiences of accessing MS medicines, and

highlighted the barriers many people face.
Attendance; 5 MSPs and 18 non MSPs

7 October-AGM

Financial Security, welfare reform and MS. Guest speaker for MS Revive Support shared his experiences of supporting people with MS through the benefits system.
Attendance; 6 MSPs and 15 non MSP members

MSP members have also been sent relevant briefings throughout the year and supported the MS Week Treat Me Right campaign (Garden Lobby exhibit, reception and members' debate)

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

George Adam MSP-SNP
Bob Doris MSP-SNP
Neil Findlay MSP-Scottish Labour
John Finnie MSP-Independent
Jamie Hepburn MSP-SNP
Jim Hume MSP-Scottish Liberal Democrats
Lewis MacDonald MSP-Scottish Labour
Nanette Milne MSP-Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Stewart Stevenson MSP-SNP
Mark McDonald MSP-SNP
Malcolm Chisholm MSP-Scottish Labour
Rhoda Grant MSP-Scottish 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

Cat Johnson
Gareth Marr
Merv Graham
Judith
McSween
Elizabeth
Quigley
Moirra Flett
Julie Craik
Fiona Burns

Organisations	MS Revive Support NHS Ayrshire and Arran NHS Dundee Dumfries and Galloway NHS NHS Lothian NHS Lothian MS Therapy Centre Lothian MS Society Government Affairs Manager Scotland, Novartis Biogen Idec Genzyme Consilient Health Ltd NHS Orkney NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Leuchie House NHS Ayrshire and Arran NHS GG&C
---------------	--

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	Lewis MacDonald MSP
Secretary	MS Society
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).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

No subscription charge

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	George Adam MSP
Parliamentary address	M3.02 The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5869