

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Autism
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>27.03.18</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>23.10.18</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>26.10.18</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]</b>
<b>NA</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>14.11.17</b> Overview: Initial meeting to establish the CPG.  <b>3 MSP</b> <b>13 Non MSP</b>

**23.03.18**

Overview: Second meeting of the group. The group discussed issues relating to the mental health of children and young people.

**3 MSP****32 Non MSP****27.06.18**

Overview: Third meeting to discuss the challenges adults with autism face when seeking/in employment.

**2 MSP****18 Non MSP****29.08.18**

Overview: Fourth meeting to discuss the challenges people with autism face in Aberdeenshire. The meeting was held in Camphill School in Aberdeen.

**3 MSP****27 Non MSP****23.10.18**

Overview: Fifth meeting and AGM. The group discussed a joint report published in September 18 by NAS Scotland, Scottish Autism and Children in Scotland on how children and young people with autism are struggling within the education system. DFM and Cabinet Secretary for Education John Swinney spoke at this meeting.

**6 MSP****40 Non MSP****MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

DANIEL JONHSON MSP (LAB)

ALEX-COLE HAMILTON MSP (LIB DEM)

OLIVER MUNDELL MSP (SCOT CON)

JEREMY BALFOUR MSP (SCOT CON)

BILL BOWMAN MSP (SCOT CON)

JOHANN LAMONT MSP (LAB)

FULTON MACGREGOR (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	Maurice Frank Steve Billingham Dr Catherine Compton
Organisations	The National Autistic Society Scotland Scottish Autism Autism Network Scotland Association for Real Change SWAN Scottish Autism The Richmond Fellowship Scotland Autism Initiatives Autism Rights Group Highland Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service AMASE (Autistic Mutual Aid Society Edinburgh) Grampian Opportunities Speak Out Advocacy Project Artlink Edinburgh and Lothians Lothian Autistic Society Caern Project Learning Disabilities & Autism Services (Barnardo's) Highland Cycle Ability Centre Perth Autism Support Into Work TCV Scotland

	<p>The Shirlye Project</p> <p>Tailor Ed Foundation</p> <p>Disability Shetland</p> <p>Central Advocacy Partners</p> <p>Indepen-dance</p> <p>Mental Welfare Commission</p> <p>PASDA</p>
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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	ANNIE WELLS MSP (SCOT CON)
Deputy Convener	ALEXANDER BURNETT MSP (SCOT CON)
Secretary	NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY SCOTLAND & SCOTTISH AUTISM
Treasurer	NA

**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).

***The Group has considered the above and concluded that support falls under the threshold for disclosure.***

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

**NA**

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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