

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Carers
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.)
29 June 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
8th January 2020
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]
11th December 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
9 January 2020
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.
19th February 2019 Attendance – 1 MSP, 19 Non-MSP's This meeting was not quorate

One of the carers lead on a discussion around the changes within Carers homes and being re designated as retirement homes and the changes that meant in care provision and how that impacted on the resident and their carers.

28th May 2019

Attendees 1 MSP, 31 Non-MSP's **This meeting was not quorate**

At this meeting a speaker from Scottish Government Social Security department gave a presentation on the progress of Devolved social security focusing on the carers and disability benefits

24th September 2019

Attendees 3 MSP's, 25 Non-MSP's

A solicitor attended to give a presentation on the Health and social care complaints procedure. There was discussion around the topic and particularly around the timescales and 12-month time bar. There was a view taken that the convenors would take this forward with a letter to the minister.

10th December 2019

Attendees 1 MSP, 23 Non – MSP's **This meeting was not Quorate**

There were two presentations on transitions from child to adult services, one from the view of young carers and the other from a parent's view. There was also topic put forward for the coming years meetings. These will be decided by survey to be sent out to all members.

This should have been the AGM but only one MSP was present.

8th January 2020 - AGM

Attendees 4 MSP's, 3 Non-MSP's

This meeting was to ratify the minutes from the September meeting and to re-elect the co-convenors for the group.

The convenors were proposed and seconded and re-elected, as was the Secretariat. The minutes were agreed and adopted.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Claudia Beamish (Scottish Labour Party)
Adam Tomkins (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Alex Cole – Hamilton (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Clare Adamson (Scottish National Party)
Joan McAlpine (Scottish National Party)
Johann Lamont (Scottish Labour)
Monica Lennon (Scottish Labour)
Rhoda Grant (Scottish Labour)
Donald Cameron (Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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

Lorraine Allan
Celia Sweeney
Michael Grieve
Carolynne Hunter
Clare Lally – Steele
Cath Purdie
Linsey Currie
Christine Farquhar
Moira McWhinnie

Organisations

Edinburgh Carers Council
First Hand
Learning Disability Alliance Scotland
Leonard Cheshire Disability

North West Carers
Tide
VERG Scotland
Psychiatric Rights Scotland
Stroke Association
One Parent Families
Life Story Network
One Parent Families
Care Inspectorate
Tide
Scottish Youth Parliament
Shared Lives Plus
Scottish Government
Big Lottery Fund
PASDA
Alliance Scotland
Coalition of Carers in Scotland
Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers Centre
MND Scotland
Skills Development Scotland
Alzheimer Scotland
Renfrewshire Carers Centre
Salvensen Mindroom Centre
Shared Care Scotland
Hospice UK
Life Changes Trust
Carers Scotland
Support in Mind Scotland
Headway UK
Centrica Carers Network
CAB, Kinship Carers
CAS Kinship Carer Project
STUC
Central Carers
Borders Carers Centre

Soroptimist International (Scotland) / Support In Mind Scotland
Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland, British Psychological Society
Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs
Mental Welfare Commission
Carers Trust Scotland (secretariat)
Enable Scotland
MS Society Scotland
Dementia Carer Voices
Scottish Youth Parliament
Disability Agenda Scotland
PAMIS
Scottish Commission on Learning Disability
Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance
Leuchie House
Ayrshire Children's Services
Church of Scotland
Families Outside
Care Inspectorate
The Butterfly Trust
Camphill Scotland
Association of Family Therapy Scotland
B-eat
North West Carers Centre, Edinburgh
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance
SPAEN
Edinburgh Carers Council
Marie Curie
MECOPP
Parkinson's UK
Scottish Huntington's Association
University of Edinburgh
University of Aberdeen
East Ayrshire Carers Centre
South Lanarkshire College

	Queen Margaret University Perth College UHI Glasgow Caledonian University Edinburgh Young Carers Ayrshire College Quarriers Moray Carers Helensburgh & Lomond Carers SCIO North Lanarkshire Carers Together Psychological Society The Borders Carers Centre SCIO Stroke Association Standard Life Carers Network Big Lottery Fund Scotland Centrica Carers Network Falkirk & Clackmannanshire Carers Centre VSA Aberdeen VOCAL Hospice UK
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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	Mark Griffin MSP (Co-convenor)
Deputy Convener	Tom Arthur MSP (Co-convenor)
Secretary	Carers Trust Scotland
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.

Carers Trust Scotland – staff time approx. £1500 per year (attendance @4 meetings a year and 2-day administration for each meeting)

Carers Trust Scotland Hospitality costs on average £40 per meeting
Total value of financial benefits 2019: approx. £1640

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 is charged

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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