

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Multiple Sclerosis
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.)
20 September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
10 September 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
8 October 2019
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]
20 September 2018
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.
Thursday 20 September 2018 MSP attendance: 6; Non MSP attendance: 46 Main topic – Neurological Action Plan Meeting covered the election of office bearers; received a presentation from Stephanie Fraser, Chief Executive of Bobath Scotland and Vice-Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on Neurological Conditions (NACNC). A question and

answer session was followed by a speech from Joe Fitzpatrick MSP, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing.

Tuesday 4 December 2018

MSP Attendance: 2; Non MSP attendance: 13

Main topic – Neurological Standards Consultation and Draft Neurological Action Plan

Jenny Preston, NHS Ayrshire & Arran and a member of the two respective Neurological working groups gave a presentation on the Standards and the Draft Action Plan. This was then followed by a discussion on the pre-diagnosis experiences of people with MS led by MS Revive.

Tuesday 26 March 2019

Meeting was cancelled due to unavailability of Group members

Tuesday 4 June 2019

MSP Attendance: 2; Non MSP Attendance: 11

Main topic – Patient Pathways: Issues with access to treatments

Discussion focussed on patient pathways and their access to treatments with a view to informing collective work on the Neurological Action Plan when it is published in the autumn. The Group also had an initial discussion on the future workplan of the Group for the 2019-20 parliamentary session.

Tuesday 10 September 2019

MSP Attendance: 3; Non MSP Attendance: 15

Main topic – Clinical research

Meeting covered the election of office bearers; discussion focussed on clinical research, the progress made in recent years and the potential for future developments. It also included a discussion on the role of pharmaceutical companies in clinical trials and how medicines are brought to the market. The meeting also received a brief on the Stop MS Campaign.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

George Adam MSP – SNP

Neil Findlay MSP – Labour

Clare Adamson MSP – SNP

Donald Cameron MSP – Conservative

Gail Ross MSP – SNP

John Finnie MSP – Green

Lewis Macdonald MSP – Labour

Liam McArthur MSP – Lib Dem

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

Stacey Adam
Fiona Burns
Margaret Burgess, MSS Ayrshire and Arran
Julie Craik
Mhairi Coutts, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Pamela Devine, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Dr Stewart Donald, NHS Lothian
Jacqui Downs, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Moira Flett, NHS Orkney
Carly Gillespie, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Cat Johnson
Andrew Johnston, NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Lynda Kearney, NHS Fife
Lorna MacKinnon, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Angela McCormack,
Pauline McDonald, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Dr Judith McSween
Sarah Mather
Rachel Morrison, NHS Western Isles
Mairi O'Keefe
Duane Patterson, NHS Dundee
Dr Lorna Paul, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Jenny Preston, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Elizabeth Quigley
Alastair Ross
Anne Stewart, NHS Highlands
Dr Ruth Sumpter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Dr Belinda Weller, NHS Lothian
Karine Whitton
Jill Williamson

Organisations	MS Society – secretary ABPI Scottish Mental Health and Neurological Disease Industry Group Carers Trust Scotland Celgene Coalition of Carers in Scotland Coloplast Genetic Alliance UK Leuchie House Merck Group MS Therapy Centre, Dyce MS Therapy Centre Lothian MS Trust Novartis Revive MS Support Roche Scottish HSCT Network Scottish MS Register Sure Ryder Care
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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	George Adam MSP
Deputy Convener	John Finnie MSP Donald Cameron MSP Liam McArthur MSP
Secretary	MS Society Scotland

Treasurer	N/a
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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).

Secretariat support from the MS Society is estimated at approximately £1,000 – £1,500 for the calendar year.

This estimate includes a provisional value of staff time, printing of information packs, catering costs, phone calls and speaker travel.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/a

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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