

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Carers
<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.)
29 June 2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [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]
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<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.
18 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Attendees 2 MSP's and 19 non MSP's
There was a general discussion on what the group should focus on going forward and what would be the legacy of the group

## **9<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Attendees 4 MSP's, 35 Non-MSP's

This meeting was held on Zoom as it was during the lockdown for COVID 19 – the meeting focused on the changes that were happening due to COVID-19 and the issues affecting carers due to COVID 19.

There was also a call to have one of the members removed from the group this was put to the group and they agreed that he should be removed.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

Attendees 3 MSP's, 26 Non-MSP's

There were three presentations on research that had been done with young carers during COVID-19, make carers count from Oxfam and how use of SDS had changed during COVID 19

## **8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - AGM**

Attendees 2 MSP, 14 Non – MSP's

There was a presentation on student carer research into the issues for them attending further and higher education

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

As the session was to end next year the group decided to re-elect the current office bearers. There is one meeting left to happen in February 2021 before the session ends

## **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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Lorraine Allan          Celia Sweeney          Michael Grieve          Carolynne Hunter          Clare Lally – Steele          Cath Purdie          Linsey Currie          Christine Farquhar          Moira McWhinnie</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>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</p>

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	Paul Traynor Carers Trust Scotland Karen Maloney 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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