

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Funerals and Bereavement
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.)
27 October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
25 November 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
16 December 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]
6 November 2019
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.
10 June 2020 Attendance: 2 MSPs; 17 non-MSP members. Topics discussed: COVID-19 including: Modelling of a Second Peak and the impact on Scotland (Europe Economics Research); Impact of COVID-19 on the funerals sector / revised timetable of the CMA Funerals Market Investigation; Bereavement

Support (update from Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland); Test and Protest; Support for Families in Financial Hardship / Funeral Crisis Loan proposal; Care home deaths being reported to the Procurator Fiscal; Alternative methods of cremation in Scotland (update from Resomation); Future Speakers.

25 November 2020

Attendance: 3 MSPs; 15 non-MSP members.

Topics discussed: Election of Officers; Group Membership; COVID-19; CMA Funerals Market Investigation; Alternative methods of cremation in Scotland (update from Resomation); Future Speakers.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jeremy Balfour (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Colin Beattie (Scottish National Party)
Miles Briggs (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Johann Lamont (Scottish Labour)
Richard Lyle (Scottish National Party)
Fulton MacGregor (Scottish National Party)
Alex Rowley (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	Nina Ballantyne David Beamer James Blackburn Gerard Boyle Nick Britten Andrew Brown Susanne Cameron Nielson Brian Corrigan Eileen Crawley Paul Cuthell Christine Dumonceau Mark Hazelwood John Halliday Morgan Harris Rose Jackson Jon Levett Nigel Lymn Rose
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	Eilidh Macdonald Dec Maguire Helen Malo Jane Matheson Ann McMurray Ruth Mendel Patrick McGlinchey James Morris Rebecca Paterson Mark Porteous Jamie Stewart Alexander Sullivan Gordon Swan Terry Tennens Stewart Wilson
Organisations	Caledonia Cremation Citizens Advice Scotland Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland (CBCS) Golden Charter Hospice UK National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD) Resomation Ltd Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care (founder of the Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief alliance) Scottish Pensioners' Forum Scottish Working Group on Funeral Poverty Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF) Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity (SANDS)
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
Co-Convener	Richard Lyle MSP
Co-Convener	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Secretary	David Beamer
Treasurer	None

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).

2019-2020

David Beamer (a Director of Brevia Consulting) provides secretariat support on behalf of the National Association of Funeral Directors - cost to the organisation of £7,800 plus VAT over the course of a calendar year.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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