

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Carers

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. To ensure equality of opportunity for carers in Scotland by liaising with carers' organisations, lobbying the Scottish Government and promoting legislation on carers' behalf; to promote awareness amongst Members of the Scottish Parliament of the needs of carers and former carers; to liaise with Members of both Houses at Westminster and the Welsh Assembly in order to share best practice; and to link with appropriate bodies, including carers organisations, on an international basis.
2. There are at least 759,000 carers aged 16 and over in Scotland, and 29,000 young carers, who provide £10.8bn of care. Many people will fulfil a caring role at some stage in their lives, or experience a caring role within their family. It is vital that carers get adequate support, recognition and services. Additionally, the Scottish Parliament passed legislation in 2016 that will extend and enhance the rights of carers. The pre-implementation and implementation period of the legislative process will require the Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament to liaise with key interests to help shape implementation of the Act. The Group will provide a useful channel to do so.
3. There may be some minor overlap with certain discussion topics in Cross-Party Groups that discuss long term conditions and illnesses, disabilities, and addiction. This is because people who experience these conditions, illnesses, disabilities and addictions may have unpaid carers. However, this Group will be the only Group where unpaid carers in all circumstances are the primary topic of discussion, and where cross-cutting issues affecting all

carers can be discussed.

4. Topics for future discussion:

- Implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act
- Forensic mental health caring issues
- Learning disabilities and mental health
- Carers' rights
- Transitions and self-directed support

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Claudia Beamish (Scottish Labour)

Graeme Dey (Scottish National Party)

Johann Lamont (Scottish Labour)

Joan McAlpine (Scottish National Party)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Clare Haughey (Scottish National Party)

Rhoda Grant (Scottish Labour)

Donald Cameron (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Adam Tomkins (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

Organisations

Alzheimer Scotland National Dementia Carers Action Network

Skills Development Scotland

Coalition of Carers In Scotland

Carers Scotland

MECOPP

Learning Disability Alliance Scotland

	<p>Helensburgh and Lomond Carers (SCIO)</p> <p>Glasgow South West Carers Centre</p> <p>Scottish Youth Parliament</p> <p>Support In Mind Scotland</p> <p>North Lanarkshire Carers Together</p> <p>ENABLE Scotland</p> <p>Health and Social Care ALLIANCE</p> <p>Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland, British Psychological Society</p> <p>The Borders Carers Centre (SCIO)</p> <p>PASDA</p> <p>Stroke Association</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance</p> <p>Shared Care Scotland</p> <p>Carers Trust Scotland</p> <p>Family Fund</p> <p>Standard Life Carers Network</p> <p>PAMIS</p> <p>Centrica Carers Network</p> <p>Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers Centre</p> <p>VSA Aberdeen City (Adult carers and young carers)</p> <p>Mindroom</p> <p>Care Inspectorate</p> <p>VOCAL</p> <p>Marie Curie</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.

Co-convener	Claudia Beamish
Co-convener	Graeme Dey
Secretary	Heather Noller, Carers Trust Scotland
Treasurer	n/a
<p>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS</p> <p>Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.</p>	
<p>Carers Trust Scotland – staff time approx. £800 per year (attendance @ 4 meetings a year + 1 day administration for each meeting)</p> <p>Carers Trust Scotland – hospitality costs – on average £100 per meeting</p>	
<p>SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
None	
<p>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</p>	
Name	Claudia Beamish
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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Carers is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	<i>Candice Beamish</i>
Date	12/07/16