

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Brain Tumours

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.)

Monday 29th April 2024

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday 31st March 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

16/04/25

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

N/A

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.

1. 29 April 2025, 13:00, Teams Meeting

Initial meeting – forming of Cross-Party Group. Discussion of future meetings.

3 MSPs, 1 Non MSPs

2. 8 October 2025, 13:00, Committee Room 3
Inaugural meeting of the Cross-Party Group. Statement by Minister for Public Health and Women's Health Jenni Minto. Professor Pollard and Dr Joanna Birch provided an overview of the scientific challenges facing the research of brain tumours.

6 MSPs, 13 Non MSPs

3. 20 February 2025, 13:00, Committee Room 2
Presentation on Proton Beam Therapy by Professor Anthony Chalmers. Liam Mac Lua-Hodgson, Policy and Campaigns Officer at The Brain Tumour Charity, spoke about the organisation's focus on early and faster diagnosis. Alastair Ross, Head of Public Policy at the Association of British Insurers, shared information about travel insurance for patients with brain tumours.

5 MSPs, 6 Non MSPs

Action: CPG will write to the Cabinet Secretary about the accessibility to proton therapy trials for Scottish patients.

Action: CPG will write to the Cabinet Secretary to better understand what NHS Scotland and the Scottish Government are doing to enable a faster, better diagnosis for those affected to be achieved.

4. 31 March 2025, Teams Meeting
Reconstituting to the CPG and discussing the year ahead, including a potential report on the cost of a brain tumour.

3 MSPs, 1 Non MSPs

MSP Members of The Group

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

Beatrice Wishart

Convener

Party: Scottish Liberal Democrats

Finlay Carson

Deputy Convener

Party: Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Ben Macpherson

Deputy Convener

Party: Scottish National Party

Colin Smyth

Deputy Convener

Party: Scottish Labour

Jackie Baillie

Member

Party: Scottish Labour

Jackson Carlaw

Member

Party: Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Foysol Choudhury

Member

Party: 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	
	Thomas Brayford Hugh Adams
Organisations	Brain Tumour Research Cancer Research UK The Brain Tumour Charity Beatson Cancer Charity The Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission

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

[Beatrice Wishart](#)

Convener

Party: **Scottish Liberal Democrats**

**Deputy
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[Finlay Carson](#)

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Deputy Convener

Party: **Scottish Labour**

Secretary

Brain Tumour Research

Treasurer

N/A

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

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.

N/A

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13 months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	<i>Beatrice Wishart</i>
Date	16/04/25