

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross Party Group
Cross Party Group on Carers
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.)
17 th June 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
7 th December 2022
Date Annual Return Submitted
13 th December 2022
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.
17th June 2021

Attendees 5 MSPs and 4 non-MSPs.

This was the reformation meeting of the Cross Party Group on Carers and included the election of office bearers. This meeting took place on Zoom.

15th September 2021

Attendees 2 MSPs and 31 non-MSPs.

At this meeting the members decided the key topics of discussion for meetings for the next year. There was also a presentation and discussion around National Carer Service proposals. This meeting took place on Zoom.

15th December 2021

Attendees 2 MSPs and 31 non-MSPs.

There was a presentation from Carers Trust Scotland on their findings following a Freedom of Information request to local authorities on how waiting times for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statement had been impacted because of the pandemic.

There was also a discussion around Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 implementation funding.

Life Changes Trust also delivered a presentation around the work being undertaken to support dementia unpaid carers.

This meeting took place on Zoom.

16th March 2022

Attendees 3 MSPs and 11 non-MSPs.

This meeting took place on Young Carers Action Day. The main focus of the topics was around young carers. Carers Trust Scotland delivered a presentation following the launch of its young carer research.

Scottish Government Carers Benefits Team delivered a presentation and then held a discussion on the forthcoming Scottish Carer's Assistance consultation.

This meeting took place on Zoom.

8th June 2022

Attendees 2 MSPs and 24 non-MSPs.

This meeting took place during Carers Week. Carers Scotland provided an update presentation on Carers Week and on its research report that launched this week.

This meeting took place on Zoom.

14th September 2022

This meeting was planned but cancelled due to the death of the Queen.

7th December 2022

Attendees 4 MSPs and 26 non-MSPs.

This was the AGM meeting of the Cross Party Group. Election of office bearers took place.

Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Wellbeing and Social Care attended and provided an update on the forthcoming National Carers Strategy in Scotland. Discussion followed.

Oxfam Scotland provided an update on A Scotland That Cares campaign. A discussion followed this presentation.

Carers Trust Scotland provided a presentation around the launch of its youth led Media Ambassador film. A discussion followed.

This meeting took place on Zoom.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Sharon Dowey	MSP	Conservative
Paul O'Kane	MSP	Labour Co-operative
Miles Briggs	MSP	Conservative
Pam Duncan-Glancy	MSP	Labour
Mark Griffin	MSP	Labour (Co-convenor)
Paul McLennan	MSP	Scottish National Party
Gillian Mackay convenor)	MSP	Scottish Green Party (Co-
Rona Mackay	MSP	Scottish National 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

Carolynne Hunter
Celia Sweeney
Christine Farquhar
Colette Walker
Janice Moreland
Lindsey Currie
Lucy Challoner
Lynn Williams
Moira McWhinnie
Tom Wightman
Claire Steel
Patricia Hewitt

Organisations

Carers Trust Scotland (Secretariat)
Leonard Cheshir
Psychiatric Rights Scotland
NDCAN National Dementia Carers Action Network
MCFB (Multi Cultural Family Base)
Lanarkshire Carers Centre
Firsthand Lothian
North Lanarkshire Carers Together
VOCAL
Pasda
Glasgow Caledonian University
Coalition of Carers in Scotland
Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre
MND Scotland

Shared Care Scotland
Carers Scotland
East Ayrshire Carers Centre
Support in Mind Scotland
Hospice UK
Partners in Advocacy
PAMIS (Promoting a More Inclusive Society)
Carers of East Lothian
Aberdeen City Carers Service
Relationships Scotland Dumfries and Galloway
SFAD (Scottish Families affected by Alcohol & Drugs)
Shared Care Scotland
Carers of West Dunbartonshire
Salvesen Mindroom Centre
Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance (SYCSA)
MECOPP (Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project)
Edinburgh Young Carers
Leuchie House
Church of Scotland
Dochas Carer Centre
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance
Camphill Scotland
South Lanarkshire College
Crossroads (Caring for Carers)
Care for Carers
Family Fund
Carers Scotland
LGBT Health and Wellbeing Centre

	<p>Life Changes Trust Ages Scotland Oxfam Scotland Salvesen Mindroom Centre Care Inspectorate Carers of West Lothian</p>
<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	Mark Griffin MSP
Co-Convenor	Gillian Mackay MSP
Secretary	<p>Paul Traynor, Carers Trust Scotland Karen Maloney, Carers Trust Scotland</p>
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. £1500 per year (attendance @4 meetings a year and 2-day administration for each meeting).</p> <p>Carers Trust Scotland hospitality and travel reimbursement costs for individual unpaid carers, on average £40 per meeting.</p>	

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