

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.)

17th June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

6th December 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

6th 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]

7th December 2022

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.

19th April 2023

Attendees 2 MSP's and 15 Non MSP's

This meeting was postponed from March due to industrial action and focused on young carers issues highlighted during surveys carried out for Young Carers Action Day.

This was a hybrid meeting with some member joining via a team's link.

6th June 2023

Attendees 2 MSPs and 15 non-MSPs.

This meeting took place during Carers Week. Carers Scotland and Carers Trust Scotland provided an update presentation on Carers Week and on its research report that launched this week., Also included presentation on the Challenges Facing Short Break (Respite) Providers.

Carers Trust Scotland presented on their research on older adult unpaid carers.

This was a hybrid meeting with some member joining via a team's link.

5th September 2023

This meeting took place but was not quorate.

6th December 2023

Attendees 2 MSPs and 22 non-MSPs.

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

This meeting included a presentation from Carers Scotland on their State of Caring in Scotland 2023 report.

It also included a presentation on mandatory awareness training for all education professionals and staff.

There was also a presentation on the issues faced by unpaid carers of people with Neurodiversity.

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
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	Claire Steel Patricia Hewitt
Organisations	<p>Carers Trust Scotland (Secretariat)</p> <p>Leonard Cheshire</p> <p>Psychiatric Rights Scotland</p> <p>NDCAN National Dementia Carers Action Network</p> <p>MCFB (Multi Cultural Family Base)</p> <p>Lanarkshire Carers Centre</p> <p>Firsthand Lothian</p> <p>North Lanarkshire Carers Together</p> <p>VOCAL</p> <p>Pasda</p> <p>Glasgow Caledonian University</p> <p>Coalition of Carers in Scotland</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre</p> <p>MND Scotland</p> <p>Shared Care Scotland</p> <p>Carers Scotland</p> <p>East Ayrshire Carers Centre</p> <p>Support in Mind Scotland</p> <p>Hospice UK</p> <p>Partners in Advocacy</p> <p>PAMIS (Promoting a More Inclusive Society)</p> <p>Carers of East Lothian</p> <p>Aberdeen City Carers Service</p> <p>Relationships Scotland Dumfries and Galloway</p> <p>SFAD (Scottish Families affected by Alcohol & Drugs)</p> <p>Carers of West Dunbartonshire</p> <p>Salvesen Mindroom Centre</p> <p>Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance (SYCSA)</p> <p>MECOPP (Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project)</p> <p>Edinburgh Young Carers</p> <p>Leuchie House</p> <p>Dochas Carer Centre</p> <p>Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance</p> <p>Camphill Scotland</p> <p>South Lanarkshire College</p> <p>Crossroads (Caring for Carers)</p> <p>Care for Carers</p> <p>Family Fund</p>

	Carers Scotland LGBT Health and Wellbeing Centre Life Changes Trust Ages Scotland Oxfam Scotland Care Inspectorate Carers of West Lothian
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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	Mark Griffin MSP
Co-Convenor	Gillian Mackay MSP
Secretary	Paul Traynor, Carers Trust Scotland Karen Maloney, Carers Trust Scotland
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.

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 and travel reimbursement costs for individual unpaid carers, on average £40 per meeting.

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