

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People</b>
<b>Date Group Established</b>
<b>26 October 2021</b>
<b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
<b>25 October 2022</b>
<b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>
<b>16 November 2022</b>
<b>Date of Preceding AGM</b>
<b>26 October 2021</b>
<b>Group Meetings and Activities</b>  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.
<b>1 Oct 2021</b> This meeting was the AGM and covered the reconstitution of the CPG - including the election of office bearers and confirming the purpose of the group, topics to priorities for future meetings. This meeting also included a review the member's survey and a discussion of the convenors and membership's priorities. The CPG runs a member's

survey every year to gather feedback from the membership for future planning. In attendance were 20 non-MSP members and 2 MSPs.

**MSPs in Attendance**

Kaukab Stewart, MSP

Meghan Gallacher, MSP

**Non MSPs in Attendance**

Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland

Chris Ross, Children in Scotland

Dana Vreeswijk, Children in Scotland

Kelly Munro, Carer's Trust

Kirsten Shield, Salvesen Mindroom Centre

David Ashford

Sarah Rogers, Forces Children Scotland

Helen Forrest, Children's Health Scotland

Rosie Moore, CELCIS

Amy Woodhouse, Children in Scotland

Elaine Kerridge, Children in Scotland

Brian Magee, COSCA

Susan Hughes, Skills Development Scotland

Lynne Gilmour, Stirling University

Khaleda Noon, Intercultural Youth Scotland

Nic McGowan, Intercultural Youth Scotland

Cath Logan, TNL Community Fund

Janet Morton, BBC Scotland

Nina Collins, Forces Children Scotland

Claire Hunter, Red Harbour

**21 Dec 2021**

This meeting focused on the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on children, young people and families and the organisations that work with them. The meeting acted as an evidence gathering session which contributed to a headline report, sent to the Scottish Government in winter 2022. In attendance were 30 non-MSP members and 3 MSPs.

**MSPs in Attendance**

Meghan Gallacher MSP

Kaukab Stewart MSP

Jeremy Balfour MSP

**Non MSPs in Attendance**

Dana Vreeswijk, Children in Scotland

Chris Ross, Children in Scotland  
Parisa Shirazi, Children in Scotland  
Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland  
Khaleda Noon, Intercultural Youth Scotland  
Nic McGowan, Intercultural Youth Scotland  
Brian Magee, COSCA  
Jane Malcolm, National Day Nursery Association  
Felicity Vidya Mehendale, Centre for Global Health Research, Usher Institute, The University of Edinburgh  
David Ashford  
Joan Mowat, University of Strathclyde  
Megan Farr, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland  
Rebecca Marshall, Salvansen Mindroom Centre  
Paul Sullivan, CELCIS  
Kelly Munro, Carer's Trust  
Gemma Richardson, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
Parveen Ishaq, Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC)  
Ghzala Khan, WSREC  
Unyimeobong Matthew, Inspiring Families Development Network Scotland- INFADENS  
Mercy Tochukwu Christopher, Together Scotland  
Lyndsay McDade, Crimestoppers Trust  
Nina Collins, Forces Children Scotland  
Sarah Anderson, LGBT Youth Scotland  
Amy Woodhouse, Children in Scotland  
Cath Logan, National Lottery Community Fund  
Florence Burke, BBC Children in Need  
Claire Hunter, Red Harbour  
Joyce Sweeney, Quarriers  
Kirsty-Louise Hunt, Barnardo's Scotland  
Finlay Allmond, Magic Brekfast

### **14 February 2022**

This meeting covered policy, evidence and support relating to children in care. Carole Patrick from the Life Changes Trust, and Morag Burnett from the Promise Scotland both presented. The meeting also included a presentation on the pandemic impact survey, which was held in between the Dec and Feb meetings, and its resulting report. In attendance were 28 non-MSP members and 2 MSPs.

### **MSPs in Attendance**

Kaukab Stewart MSP

Clare Adamson MSP

**Non MSPs in Attendance**

Aimee Thorpe,

Brian Magee, COSCA

Chris Ross, Children in Scotland

Claire Hunter, Red Harbour

Dana Vreeswijk, Children in Scotland

David MacKay, Children in Scotland

David Ashford

Dr. Mirjam Allik, University of Glasgow

Elaine Kerridge, Children in Scotland

Elizabeth Lumsden, ROSPA

Fiona O'Sullivan, Royal Hospital for Children and Young People

Greg Hiddleston, SDS

Jane Malcolm, National Day Nurseries Association

Joan Mowat, University of Strathclyde

Joyce Sweeney, Quarriers

Kelly Munro, Carers Trust Scotland

Laura Campbell, The Spark

Lizzie Thomson, CELCIS

Lyndsay Fraser Robertson, Children in Scotland

Lynne Gilmour, University of Stirling

Salena Begley, Family Fund

Sarah McClarey, Salvesen Mindroom Centre

Sarah Newton, TNL Community Fund

Sarah Paterson, Youth Link Scotland

Sharon Fairley, SPNA

Snow Curtis-Kolu, Includem

Susan Mitchell, One Parent Families Scotland

Shaun Horne

**3 May 2022**

The meeting focused on following up on the CPG's recent report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The group was joined by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Shirley Ann Somerville to learn more about the impact of the pandemic on families. A panel was hosted which included Lorna Kettles, Early Years Scotland, Tim Frew, YouthLink Scotland, Megan Moffat, Who Cares? Scotland, and Clare Simpson, Parenting Across Scotland, each shared how the pandemic has continued to impact the families they support. In attendance were 35 non-MSP members and 2 MSPs.

**MSPs in Attendance**

Meghan Gallacher MSP

Kaukab Stewart, MSP

**Non MSPs in Attendance**

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills Shirley-Anne Somerville,  
Scottish Government

Chris Roberts, Scottish Government

Bryony Revell, Scottish Government

Aimee Thorpe, Children in Scotland

Caitlin Mooney, Skills Development Scotland

Chris Ross, Children in Scotland

Clare Simpson, Parenting Across Scotland

Dana, Children in Scotland

David Ashford

Finlay Allmond, Magic Breakfast

Gabrielle Blackburn, Scottish Women's Aid

Gemma Richardson, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Glen Reynolds, Aberdeenshire Council

Helen Forrest, Children's Health Scotland

Jane Brumpton, Early Years Scotland

Jessalyn Mahony

Joan Mowat, University of Strathclyde

Kelly Munro, Carers Trust Scotland

Kerry Reilly, YMCA Scotland

Kirsten Shield, Salvesen Mindroom

Laura Campbell, The Spark

Lizz Curley, Children in Scotland

Lorna Kettles, Early Years Scotland

Lyndsay Fraser, Robertson, Children in Scotland

Lynne Gilmour, Stirling University

Meg Thomas, Includem

Megan Moffart, Who Cares?

Salena Begley MBE, Family Fund

Sarah McMillan, Scottish Association of Social Work

Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland

Sharon Fairley, Scottish PNA

Time Frew, YouthLink Scotland

Toni Groundwater, Families Outside

Tracey Thompson, Early Years Scotland

Vonnie Sandlan, Children 1<sup>st</sup>

## **28 June 2022**

This meeting focused on inequalities and intersectionality, with a focus on the disproportionate levels of poverty among BAME children and young people. Kirsty McNeill from the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights and Ally Zlatar, an artist, presented. The meeting also included a group discussion with members which contributed to a CPG response to the Scottish Parliament's consultation on Public Participation. In attendance were 21 non-MSP members and 2 MSPs.

### **MSPs in Attendance**

Meghan Gallacher MSP

Kaukab Stewart, MSP

### **Non MSPs in Attendance**

Amy Woodhouse, Children in Scotland

Aneel Singh Bhopal, WSREC

Brian Magee, COSCA

Dave Evans, MYPAS

David Mackay, Children in Scotland

Elaine Kerridge, Children in Scotland

Elaine Walls, Skills Development Scotland

Fiona O'Sullivan, Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity

Councillor Glen Reynolds, Aberdeenshire Council

Judi Martin, University of Edinburgh

Joyce Sweeney, Quarriers

Kate MacKinnon, CELCIS

Kelly Munro, Carers Trust

Leah Duncan-Karrim, Children in Scotland

Lyndsay Fraser Robertson, Children in Scotland

Marguerite Adam, Skills Development Scotland

Salena Begley, Family Fund

Sarah McClarey, Mindroom

Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland

Chris Ross, Children in Scotland

Dana Vreeswijk, Children in Scotland

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

**Michael Marra MSP, Scottish Labour Party**

**Karen Adam MSP, Scottish National Party**

**Colin Beattie MSP, Scottish National Party**

**Jeremy Balfour MSP, Scottish Conservative Party**

**Fulton MacGregor 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**

Lynne Gilmour  
David Ashford  
Rozanne Chorlton  
Bill Cook  
Kirsty Craig  
Gerry Croall  
Jackie Doig  
Susan Elsley  
Mairi Ferris  
Margot Gillon  
Tracy Griffen  
Fiona Henderson  
Clare Lally  
Kenny Lindsay  
Katy MacFarlane  
Kirsteen MacKay  
Donna Mackie  
Louise Marryat  
Vicky McGraw  
Robert McHarg  
John McKinney  
Martine Miller  
Pat Salter  
Jayne Scotland  
Neil Seaton  
Carolyn Wilson  
Mark Wong

	Kit Wyeth
<b>Organisations</b>	<p> Children in Scotland - secretary  YouthLink Scotland - treasurer  A &amp; M Training  Aberlour  Action Duchenne  Action for Children Scotland  Action for Children's Arts  Action for Sick Children Scotland)  Afac Scotland  Alcohol Focus Scotland  The ALLIANCE  Article 12 in Scotland  Association of Family Therapist in Scotland  The Barn Youth Centre  Barnardo's Scotland  Beat  Befriending Networks  Bellenden  Big Lottery Fund  BMA Scotland  British Association for Adoption and Fostering  British Psychological Society Division of Clinical  Psychology in Scotland  Caledonia Consulting  Central Scotland Rape Crisis &amp; Sexual Abuse  Centre  CAHRU - University of St Andrews  CALL Scotland  Camphill  Capability Scotland  Carers Trust  CCPS  Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in  Scotland  Changing Faces Scotland  CHAS  Child Brain Injury Trust  Child Poverty Action Group  Children 1<sup>st</sup> </p>

Children's Health Scotland  
Children's Hearings Scotland  
Children in Need  
Children's Parliament  
Church of Scotland Committee on Education  
Circle  
Clan Childlaw  
CLIC Sargent  
Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership  
College of Occupational Therapists  
Columba 1400  
Common Thread  
Contact a Family Scotland  
COSCA  
Covey Befriending  
Crossroads Youth and Community Association  
Diabetes UK  
Division of Forensic Psychology - Scotland  
DofE  
Downs Syndrome Scotland  
Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse  
Centre  
Enable  
Engender  
Enquire  
Families First St Andrews  
Families Need Fathers  
Families Outside  
Family Fund  
Fife Gingerbread  
Firsthand  
The Fostering Network  
Foursquare  
Generations Working Together  
Girlguiding Scotland  
Grounds for Learning  
GYP Borders  
Highland Children Forum  
Home Link Family Support  
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In train  
Intercultural Youth Scotland  
Keys to Inclusion  
Kibble  
Kids VIP  
KIND (Scotland)  
Legal Services Agency  
LGBT Youth  
Licketyspit  
Living Streets  
Lothian Autistic Society  
Mindroom  
National Autistic Society  
National Deaf Children's Society  
NewsDirect  
NHS Health Scotland  
The Notre Dame Centre  
NSPCC Scotland  
Obesity Action Scotland  
Ocean Youth Trust Scotland  
One Parent Families Scotland  
Open Secret  
PAMIS  
Parenting Across Scotland  
Partners in Advocacy  
Partners in Play  
Personalised Education Now  
The Place 2Be  
Play Scotland  
PlayTalkRead  
Plus Forth Valley  
Prince's Trust  
Quarriers  
Rathbone  
Real World Learning Scotland  
Relationships Scotland  
Resolve ASL  
Rising Stars  
RNIB  
Roshni

RoSPA  
Royal College of Nursing  
Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health  
Royal College of Psychiatrists  
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy  
Samaritans  
Save the Children  
Sense Scotland  
Scotcen  
Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People  
Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils  
Scottish Child Law Centre  
Scottish Child Psychotherapy Trust  
Scottish Childminding Association  
Scottish Children's Reporter Administration  
Scottish Children's Services Coalition  
Scottish Council of Independent Schools  
Scottish Division of Education Psychology  
Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems  
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance  
Scottish Natural Heritage  
Scottish Parent Teacher Council  
Scottish PNA  
Scottish Pre-School Play Association  
Scottish Sports Association  
Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum  
Scottish Women's Aid  
Scottish Youth Parliament  
Shared Lives Plus  
Shelter Scotland  
Sick Children's Hospital  
Skills Development Scotland  
Smart Play Network  
Sound Lab  
Spark of Genius  
Strathcarron Hospice  
STUC  
TACT  
Tartan Silk  
The Salvation Army

	The Spark Together Scotland UK ADHD Partnership University of Edinburgh – CAHRU, CRFR, NSPCC Centre Vocal West Lothian Youth Action Project With Kids Who Cares? Scotland Working on Wheels WSREC YWCA Scotland Young Scot Your Voice Youth Bus Youth Scotland Zero Tolerance
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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.

<b>Convener</b>	Kaukab Stewart MSP, SNP  Jeremy Balfour MSP, Scottish Conservative.
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	Children in Scotland
<b>Treasurer</b>	YouthLink Scotland

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).

COST OF MATERIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARIAT (paid for by the organisations who make up the joint secretariat)

YouthLink Scotland – time of one staff member £2,950

Children in Scotland – time of one staff member £2,950

### **Subscription Charged by the Group**

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

**N/A**

### **Convener Contact Details**

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