

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
Cross-Party Group on Sexual Commercial Exploitation
<b>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please state the purpose of the Group.</li><li>2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.</li><li>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.</li><li>4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The purpose of the group is to be a forum for like-minded people who believe that the legislation surrounding prostitution and sex trafficking is out of date and in need of urgent reform.</li><li>2. The Scottish Government recognise in their policy document, <i>Equally Safe</i>, that prostitution is a form of violence against women and girls, which includes other forms of sexual exploitation such as pornography, trafficking, lap-dancing, stripping, pole-dancing and table-dancing. However, their legislation does nothing to challenge the demand for the sex trade, rather it incentivises and facilitates it making Scotland an attractive destination for sex traffickers. Online pimping is legal, men who exploit women by paying for sex enjoy impunity, while women abused through prostitution can face criminal sanctions for soliciting.</li></ol> <p>We need a progressive legal model in Scotland that shifts the burden of criminality off victims of sexual exploitation and on to those who perpetrate and profit from this abuse. We need a model for Scotland that deters demand from men who pay for sex, holds pimps and traffickers to account and supports, rather than sanctions, victims of sexual exploitation.</p> <p>Prostitution in all its guises is fundamentally both a cause and a consequence of gender equality and has no place in a modern</p>

Scotland. The cost of these forms of exploitation wreaks havoc on the mental, physical, and emotional health of women and girls and is a huge drain on the public purse.

3. Possible CPG overlaps could include either the Human Trafficking CPG or Men's Violence Against Women and Children CPG. However, we believe there are sufficient specific and critical issues in Commercial Sexual Exploitation, which warrant their own particular focus as we have outlined above.
4. The topics which we will be considering in the next 12 months are as follows: media support, surrogacy, the Women's Support Project's exiting event, the current policing approach to commercial sexual exploitation, the operation and regulation of lap dancing clubs, pimping websites and pornography. University students and 'sex work' kits and the platform OnlyFans which can act as an online means to recruit and exploit women for CSE.

### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Rhoda Grant Scottish Labour MSP

Ruth Maguire SNP MSP

Elena Whitman SNP MSP

John Mason SNP MSP

Jeremy Balfour Scottish Conservative MSP

Katy Clark Scottish Labour MSP

### **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

Agnes Martony

Anne Martin

Beverley Johnston

Billie Wealleans

	<p>Bryan Little  Christine Cosh  Elaine Smith  Emily St. Denny  Gunilla Ekberg  Jacci Stoye  Janet Warren  Kate Fry  Louise Johnson  Lynn Benevento  Marlyn Glen  Sheena Smith  Steve Rawbone  Teresa Little</p>
Organisations	<p>A Model for Scotland  CARE for Scotland  Community Safety Glasgow (TARA)  Community Safety Glasgow (Routes Out)  COSLA  Edinburgh Women's Aid  Evangelical Alliance  Filia  Glasgow VAW Partnership  Murray Blackburn Mackenzie  Migrant Women Network  NHS Lanarkshire  NHS Lothian</p>

	no@notbuyingit Nordic Model Now Not for Sale in Scotland People Serving Girls at Risk Religious Sisters of Charity Salvation Army Say-Women Scottish Women’s Convention Soroptimist (Scotland North Region) UK Feminista Women’s Aid (South Lanarkshire) Women’s Support Project
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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.

Convener	Rhoda Grant
Deputy Convener	N/A
Secretary	Jacci Stoyle
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.

Secretariat support offered voluntarily but estimated equal to £240 a year

**Subscription Charged by the Group**

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

N/A

**Convener Contact Details**

Name	Rhona Grant
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**Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

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

Signed	
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Date	23/9/21
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