

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on End of Life Choices

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.)

28 September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

03 December 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

11/12/25

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]

10 December 2024

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.

03/12/2025 – CPG meeting. Liam McArthur MSP provided an update on the progress of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill through the

Scottish Parliament. The Bill passed its Stage 1 vote on 13 May 2025, and Stage 2 scrutiny was concluded by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 25 November 2025. Mr McArthur took questions from CPG members on amendments proposed and passed at Stage 2, likely timeframes for Stage 3 scrutiny, and expected challenges from MSPs and campaigners opposed to a change in the law. Following this, Emma Cooper, Convener of Friends At The End (FATE) marked the charity's 25th anniversary of campaigning to advance rights for those at the end of life.

03/12/2025 – AGM. Rona Mackay MSP and Rachael Hamilton MSP re-selected as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively. FATE re-selected as Secretariat.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Rachael Hamilton, Rona Mackay, Karen Adam, George Adam, Jackson Carlaw, Maggie Chapman, Katy Clark, Meghan Gallacher, Patrick Harvie, Douglas Lumsden, Liam McArthur, Collette Stevenson, Evelyn Tweed, Elena Whitham.

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

Dr Amanda Ward
Stacey Adam
Liz Currie
Alastair Moodie
Dr Hugh Wynne
Professor Ben Colburn
Renée Blean
Guin Williams
Karen Rookwood
Jessie Reid
Dr Gillian MacDougall
Dr Gordon Wyllie
Brian Taylor
Tom Lorimer
Gordon Drummond

	<p>Dr Scott Kennedy</p> <p>Brenda McGovern</p> <p>Karin Currie</p> <p>John Raven</p> <p>Dr Raymond Dempsey</p> <p>Rudi Vogels</p> <p>Hilary Mounfield</p> <p>Jane Hunter</p> <p>Barbara Chalmers</p> <p>Hilary Peppiette</p> <p>Jane Duncan Rogers</p> <p>Tessa Thomas</p> <p>Dr Michael Irwin</p> <p>Liz Nichols</p> <p>Dr Colin Brewer</p> <p>Tracey Taylor</p> <p>Marcos Freire de Andrade Neves</p> <p>Caroline Brocklehurst</p> <p>David Obree</p> <p>Sarah Kelly</p> <p>Dr Julie Lang</p>
Organisations	<p>Friends at the End (FATE) - Secretary</p> <p>Dignity in Dying (DiD)</p> <p>DmD Catalunya</p> <p>Scottish Healthcare Professionals for Assisted Dying</p> <p>Community Pharmacy Scotland</p> <p>CARE</p> <p>Cruse Scotland</p> <p>MDMD (My Death My Decision)</p> <p>Equality Council</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</p>	

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	Rona Mackay MSP
Deputy Convener	Rachel Hamilton MSP
Secretary	Friends at the End
Treasurer	Friends at the End

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.

None.

Rona Mackay MSP

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

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on End of Life Choices, 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 11-13months 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	Rona Mackay MSP	
Date	11/12/25	