

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross Party Group (CPG) on Improving Scotland's Health
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.)
15 th September 2021
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
21 st September 2022
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
N/A
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
10 th October 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.
Two formal meetings of the Group took place over the year alongside the reconstitution of the group. 15th September 2021 – Reconstitution of the CPG Improving Scotland's Health Attendance: 3 MSP's 28 non MSP's The Cross Party Group on Improving Scotland's Health was reconstituted following a hiatus caused by the COVID19 Pandemic.

15th December 2021 – Formal Meeting

Attendance: 5 MSPs; 61 non-MSPs; 3 invited guests

Convener: Brian Whittle MSP

The topic discussion for the meeting was industry influence and conflict of interest. We discussed corporate tactics by health-harming industries that can influence health policy and regulation, including activities during COVID, and how communities may respond.

Guest speakers attending the meeting were, Jeff Collin Professor of Global Health Policy at the University of Edinburgh, Mark Petticrew Professor of Public Health Evaluation at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Hilda Campbell Chief Executive of COPE Scotland. Questions and answers took place following the presentations.

26 new members were approved and the minute of the meetings on 15th September 2021 and 24th February 2021.

20th April 2022 – Formal Meeting

Attendance: 3 MSPs; 54 non-MSPs; 2 invited guests

Convener: Emma Harper MSP (unable to attend) Sheila Duffy convened in her absence.

The subject of this meeting was Marketing Matters we explored the opportunities and importance of restricting the marketing of unhealthy commodities as part of non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention. It is an important time to be having these conversations, as there are current live developments in the areas of tobacco and related products, alcohol and unhealthy food and drink.

Guest speakers attending this meeting were Professor Gerard Hastings, Emeritus Professor and founder on the Institute of Social Marketing and Andy Rowell a senior Research Fellow at the University of Bath. Questions and answers took place in the wider group following the presentation.

Sheila Duffy Chief Executive of ASH Scotland provided an update on the consultations on restriction of advertising of vaping products. Alison Douglas Chief Executive of Alcohol Focus Scotland provided the group with an update on the NCD Coalition.

Following one amendment the minute for the previous meeting on 15th December 2021 we unanimously approved.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Foysol Choudhury – Scottish Labour Party
 Brian Whittle – Scottish Conservative Party
 Alex Cole-Hamilton – Scottish Liberal Democrats
 Pam Duncan-Glancy – Scottish Labour Party
 Joe Fitzpatrick – Scottish National Party
 Gillian McKay – Scottish Green Party
 Emma Harper – 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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Kenneth Anderson Laura Andre John Iain Broom Christina Buckton Prof Simon Capewell Prof Laurence Gruer</p> <p>Colwyn Jones Peter Rice Sue Whittle Harpeet Kohli</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Abertay University Alcohol Focus Scotland Institute of Alcohol Studies ASH England ASH Scotland Association for Nutrition Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation Partnership Breast Cancer Now Breastfeeding Network British Dietetic Association British Heart Foundation Scotland Big Lottery Fund Scotland British Medical Association (BMA) Scotland Cancer Research UK Centre for Global Development, University of Aberdeen Children in Scotland Children's Health Scotland COPE Scotland Church of Scotland Consensus Action on Salt, Sugar and Health Crew 2000 (Scotland)</p>

	<p> Faculty of Public Health in Scotland Families Outside Fife Alcohol and Drug Partnership Food Standards Scotland Glasgow Caledonian University Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (NHS) Glasgow Council on Alcohol Group for Research on Inequalities and Tobacco (GRIT), University of Edinburgh The Health Agency Health Economics Research Unit, University of Aberdeen Homes for Scotland The Institute of Health & Wellbeing, University of Glasgow Local Licensing Forum, Argyll & Bute Council Mental Health Foundation Mentor Scotland MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow NHS Ayrshire& Arran NHS Fife NHS Highland NHS Grampian HSCP NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Lanarkshire NHS Lothian NHS Shetland NHS Tayside Nourish Scotland Obesity Action Scotland Patchwork Paths for All Public Health Scotland Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health Scotland Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland ScotCen Social Research Scottish Cancer Foundation Scottish Drugs Forum Scottish Government Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) Scottish Obesity Alliance Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN) Scottish Recovery Consortium </p>
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	<p>SPECTRUM Stirling & Clackmannanshire Health & Social Care Partnership Support in Mind Scotland University of Aberdeen University of Bath University of Dundee University of Dundee University of Edinburgh University of Edinburgh University of Edinburgh University of Edinburgh University of Edinburgh University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Glasgow University of Glasgow University of Glasgow University of Stirling University of Stirling University of Stirling Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS) Young Scot</p>
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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	<p>There are 3 co-Conveners of the Group:- Brian Whittle – MSP Emma Harper – MSP Foyso Choudhury - MSP</p>
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Joint Secretariat: Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland

Treasurer	
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FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

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).

The Secretariat is provided free of charge by Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland. Estimated cost of staff time for the three meetings: **£2937.00**

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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