

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences

### Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
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.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. Please state the purpose of the Group:
  - The proposed CPG on Life Science will act as a channel for the exchange of information between MSPs and key stakeholders within the Scottish life sciences sector including industry, academia, research, and manufacturing.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest:
  - To identify and discuss policy areas of particular relevance to the Scottish life sciences sector and to support the delivery of government strategies aimed at growing the life sciences sector and improving the nation's health.
  - Work with Scottish parliamentarians to ensure that the skill-set required to deliver a competitive environment for life sciences is acknowledged and met. This includes reducing the gender gap and ensuring that more women are attracted to opportunities within life science.
  - To enable the life sciences sector from across Scotland to showcase their innovation to MSPs and other key Scottish Parliament stakeholders.
  - The Scottish Government recently highlighted the life sciences sector as one of their nine key growth sectors and identified a set of actions to ensure we remain a competitive location for future investment. Ensuring that MSPs are well-briefed and engaged on the often-complicated challenges and opportunities for this sector is of critical importance.
  - The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the importance of a thriving life sciences sector to the nation's collective health. Over the past 12 months Scottish life science companies have responded to the pandemic by

researching, developing and supplying new therapeutics, diagnostics and vaccines to the NHS. Their success remains critical to our future health and economic security, and this group is therefore of significant public interest.

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- The CPG on Life Sciences is the only group in the Scottish Parliament focussed on this important sector, which encompasses a range of different professions and disciplines. Whilst there are other groups devoted to higher education, Scotland's economy and specific disease areas, no group combines our membership which is drawn from academia, industry, the NHS and representative bodies of key professions. This unique balance enables the group to discuss and collaborate on key areas of shared policy interest. In the previous session of parliament, the Scottish Government Minister responsible for Life Sciences, was a frequent contributor which underlines the importance of the group as a forum for discussion and collaboration.

4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

- COP 26 and Sustainability
- Animal Health, Agritech and Aquaculture
- Emerging public health threats
- Data, COVID and the future.
- Advanced Medicinal Therapies

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

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

1. Kenneth Gibson MSP - Scottish National Party
2. Graham Simpson MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
3. Fulton MacGregor MSP - Scottish National Party
4. Miles Briggs MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
5. Sue Webber MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
6. Craig Hoy MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
7. Michael Marra MSP – Scottish Labour 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	
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Organisations	European Lead Factory, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, Celgene, Tepnel, NovaBiotics, GSK, Roche, Stratified Medicines Scotland, Skills Development Scotland, British Lung Foundation, Ettrickburn, Pfizer, Scottish Enterprise, Roslin Innovation Centre and Roslin BioCentre, MSD, Cancer Research UK, Amgen, AstraZeneca, VQC Analytics Ltd, Moredun Foundation, UCB Pharma, NRS, Edinburgh University, Strathclyde University, SULSA, NHS National Services Scotland, Association of British HealthTech Industries, College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, Scottish Lifesciences Association, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Novartis, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Scottish Council for Development and Industry, Healthcare Public Affairs Ltd, Medtronic, Pfizer, Merck, BioAscent, Teva UK, University of Dundee, Cheisi, Epidarex, PPD, Kyowakirin, MSD, Novartis, Antibody Analytics, MS Society Scotland, Strathclyde University, Community Pharmacy Scotland, Novo Nordisk, Heriot Watt University and Glasgow University.
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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	Kenneth Gibson MSP
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Deputy Convener	Graham Simpson MSP
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Secretary	Alison Culpan, ABPI
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Treasurer	
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## 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.

We do not anticipate receiving any financial benefit.

### **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.

There is no subscription charged by the group

### **Convener Contact Details**

Name	Kenneth Gibson MSP
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Parliamentary address	The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
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Telephone number	0131 348 6536
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### **Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> 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	07 July 2021
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