

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Muscular Dystrophy

**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 October 2021

### Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

23 November 2023

### Date Annual Return Submitted

15 December 2023

**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]

02 November 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.

Over the last year:

#### Meeting of 15 March 2023

- Joint meeting with the CPG for MS.
- Attendance: 5 MSPs and 25 non-MSPs.
- Topics discussed: Review of barriers for people with long term-conditions accessing social care support and the National Care Service Bill.
- Guest speakers: three.

#### Meeting of 23 November 2023

- Attendance: 2 MSPs and 14 non-MSPs.
- AGM: election of office bearers.
- Topics discussed: neuromuscular service provision in Scotland, Scottish Spinal Muscular Atrophy newborn screening pilot and social care support for disabled people and the community.
- Guest speakers: three.

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

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

Jackie Baillie, Scottish Labour

Annie Wells, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Beatrice Wishart, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Stuart McMillan, Scottish National Party

David Torrance, 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.

<b>Individuals</b>	
<b>Organisations</b>	Muscular Dystrophy UK

#### **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>	Jackie Baillie MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Annie Wells MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Muscular Dystrophy UK
<b>Treasurer</b>	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.**

N/A


The Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER**

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

**I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, 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
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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	
Date	13/12/23