

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

### Cross-Party Group on Older People, Age & Ageing

**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.)

19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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

6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Date Annual Return Submitted

21 March 2024

**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]

20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. This meeting was originally planned for March but postponed due to Parliamentary business.

### 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.

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Subjects discussed:**

The Shared Lives model of care and support across Scotland and how Moray Shared Lives have developed a successful day support service for older people and those with dementia– Ben Hall & Diane McLeary, Shared Lives

Phoenix Insights, a new think tank from Phoenix Group focussed on catalysing the changes needed in society to respond to longer lives, presenting data and evidence on our national crisis of under-saving and the looming prospect of future increases in pensioner poverty, and setting out the key actions needed to tackle this.– Catherine Foot, Phoenix Group

Report into Understanding Older Workers from CIPD in Scotland – Marek Zemanik, CIPD

**2 MSPs and 33 non- MSPs were in attendance.**

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2023-** cancelled due to Parliamentary business.

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Subjects discussed:**

Risks to, and vulnerabilities of older people to foodborne illness – Dr Emma Agnew, Senior Scientific Adviser, Team Leader of Foodborne Illness Control, Food Standards Scotland

Electrical Safety for vulnerable people winter campaign get priority services for the vulnerable – Karter Kane, Electrical Safety First

Brief history and remit of the Older Peoples Strategic Action Forum (OPSAF) – Eileen Cawley, Scottish Pensioners Forum & OPSAF Member

Older People's Commissioner Scotland Bill – Colin Smyth MSP

**2 MSPs and 41 non- MSPs were in attendance.**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – this was not an official meeting.

**Subjects discussed:**

The AWI project – A partnership between the Mental Welfare Commission of Scotland and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) to develop knowledge and understanding by the health, social work, and social care workforce of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 - Vicki Price, Senior Educator at NES and Jo Savege, Social Work Officer – AWI Project, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland

Question and Answer session – Emma Roddick MSP, Minister Equalities, Migration & Refugees

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

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

**Jeremy Balfour MSP – Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party**

**Fulton Macgregor MSP – Scottish National Party**

**Richard Leonard MSP – Scottish Labour Party**

**Katy Clark MSP – Scottish Labour Party**

**Alexander Stewart MSP – Scottish Conservative & Unionist 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**

Diana Findlay

Joan Fraser

Ian Clement

Martin Robertson

Donna Scott

**Organisations**

Age Scotland  
Scottish Older Peoples Assembly  
Scottish Pensioners Forum  
Outside the Box  
Food Train  
Independent Age  
Befriending Network  
British Geriatric Society  
Camphill Communities  
Care Inspectorate  
University of Edinburgh  
Faith in Older People  
Generations Working Together  
Intergenerational Network  
LGBT Health and Wellbeing  
Luminate  
RoSPA – Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents  
Vegetarian for Life  
Scottish Association of Social Work  
Royal Voluntary Service  
Scottish Fire & Rescue  
Agile Scotland  
Voluntary Centre East Ayrshire  
IFIC Scotland  
Home Instead  
Housing Options Scotland  
Irvine Seniors Forum  
Association of British Insurers  
Heriot Watt University  
British Deaf Association

Royal Pharmaceutical Society  
Sikh Sanjong  
Shared Lives Plus  
Scottish Seniors Alliance  
Lothian Older People's Psychology Service (LOPPS)  
Simeon Care  
Church of Scotland  
Obesity Action Scotland  
RSJ Equality Consultancy  
Kirrie Connections  
Partners in Advocacy  
Police Scotland  
Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland  
We are Hourglass  
Carers Trust Scotland  
University of Highlands & Islands  
University of Dundee  
Scottish Autism  
Salvation Army  
Playlists for Life  
Life Care Edinburgh  
Food Standards Scotland  
Linking Lives  
The Voice of Experience Forum

### **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**

Jeremy Balfour MSP

**Deputy Convener**

Fulton Macgregor MSP

**Secretary**

Age Scotland

**Treasurer**

Rose Jackson – Scottish Pensioners Forum

**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**

**Convener Contact Details**

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