

## 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)

20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Date Annual Return Submitted

**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]

The office bearers were established on 19th January 2022 at a small meeting, the first full meeting was on 15<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Subjects discussed:**

Initial meeting to elect the office bearers for the groups and to discuss future meeting topics and the format of the meetings.

**3 MSPs and 7 non- MSPs were in attendance.**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Subjects discussed:**

Age Scotland's overarching priorities of the National Care Service, particularly around responsibility and accountability – Adam Stachura, Head of Policy & Communication, Age Scotland.

What's missing in National Care Service discussions- particularly recognising the preventative importance of food for health and wellbeing & how the National Care Service links to other Scottish Government policies and commitments – Tilly Robinson-Miles, Impact and Policy Officer, Eat Well Age Well – Food Train.

**2 MSPs and 39 Non MSPs were in attendance.**

**16th June 2022** – This was not a full meeting.

**Subjects discussed:**

The benefits of staying active, the impact of promoting more movement for people experiencing care, evidence and lessons learned from the Care about Physical Activity Programme – Louise Kelly, Senior Improvement Adviser, Care Inspectorate.

Findings and recommendations following a 6 month programme on Wellbeing in Later Life carried out in partnership with SOPA – Professor Anne Hendry, Director, International Foundation Integrated Care (IFIC) Scotland

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2022** – Meeting cancelled out of respect for the Queen's passing and period of mourning.

**8th December 2022**

**Subjects discussed:**

Development of new Dementia Strategy – Sandhra Samkuttysamuel, Mental Health Directorate, Scottish Government

Developing Age-friendly Communities in Scotland to support healthy and active later life – Sheena Fontane, Age Friendly Communities Development Lead, SOPA

**2 MSPs and 29 Non MSPs were in attendance.**

**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  
Andrena Faulkner  
Ian Clement  
Martin Robertson  
Donna Scott

An increase of 6

**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)

	<p>Simeon Care  Church of Scotland  Obesity Action Scotland  RSJ Equality Consultancy  Kirrie Connections  Partners in Advocacy  Police Scotland  Chest, Heart &amp; Stroke Scotland  We are Hourglass  Carers Trust Scotland  University of Highlands &amp; Islands  University of Dundee  Scottish Autism  Salvation Army</p> <p>Our organisation membership has increased from 38 to 49</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.

<b>Convener</b>	Jeremy Balfour MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Fulton Macgregor MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Christine Ryder – Outside the Box

<b>Treasurer</b>	Rose Jackson – Scottish Pensioners Forum
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b> <b>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.</b>	
N/A	
<b>Convener Contact Details</b>	
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