

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Brain Tumours

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.

The Cross-Party Group will raise awareness of the issues facing the brain tumour community in order to improve research, diagnosis, information, support, treatment and care outcomes.

2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.

Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet historically just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease.

Whilst the last 20 years has seen a revolution in our understanding of how cancer develops, options for treating brain tumours are very limited and it remains one of the deadliest forms of cancer. Substantial effort is required to change this situation.

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.

The Cross-Party Group on Cancer acts as a channel of communications between the Scottish Parliament and people and organisations working in cancer research, treatment, care and prevention.

Regardless of the overlaps, a Cross-Party Group on Brain Tumours is needed. Brain tumours are uniquely complex and require a different approach in many areas of cancer care to other cancers.

Moreover, brain tumour survival remains low, and has changed little in over a generation, which is why they need to be made a strategic and clinical priority, as a cancer of unmet need.

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

- Brain Tumour awareness training for medical professionals
- Patient quality of life post-treatment
- Funding into specific brain tumour support
- Highlight challenges in rural areas

MSP Members of the Group

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

Beatrice Wishart MSP

Colin Smyth MSP

Foysol Choudhury MSP

Ben McPherson MSP

Finlay Carson MSP

Jackie Bailie MSP

Jackson Carlaw MSP

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	Thomas Brayford, Hugh Adams
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Organisations	Brain Tumour Research
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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	Beatrice Wishart MSP
Deputy Convener	Colin Smyth MSP, Finlay Carson MSP and Ben McPherson MSP.
Secretary	Brain Tumour Research
Treasurer	N/A
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>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.</p>	
N/A	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
N/A	
<p>Convener Contact Details</p>	
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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

Please read the following:

- The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code;
- Groups are required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;
- CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year, a formal meeting is a meeting where two MSPs, who are members of the Group, are present at the meeting
- CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;
- CPGs must provide minutes of all meetings;
- CPGs must hold an AGM, within 11-13 months of the initial meeting, and each 11-13 months thereafter and
- CPGs must submit an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM.

I declare that I have read the above and that the Cross-Party Group on Brain Tumours is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Beatrice Wishart

Date

9.5.24