

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on CHRONIC PAIN**

**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.)

September 14, 2021

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

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

December 19, 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]

November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

**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.

**Meeting April 29 2024:** Five MSPs, Miles Briggs, Monica Lennon, Fergus Ewing, Rhoda Grant, Jeremy Balfour. 43 non MSPs.

Miles Briggs, chairing, said membership of organisations and individuals continued to increase.

TALK: Children and young people in pain. Dr Emma France, Stirling University drew attention to between 20% and 35% of children and youths suffering non-cancerous long term pain.

SECRECY: this continues over a report costing £40,000, arranged by officials, which no-one will answer on claims of flaws. MSPs agreed to write to the health secretary and the head of the Civil Service. Also, a mesh victim reported quitting a Govt advisory group on patient safety as it was "very secretive"

NHS Highland threat: After CPG intervention by MSPs and the secretary, the Board agreed to extend a specialist pain relief consultant contract - but only until a 2026 decision on all Scottish pain services for outpatients. We continue the battle for permanent help. Meeting objected to delay of four years of behind scenes talks on all Scotland pain services. 2022-2026.

**Meeting & AGM November 20, 2024:** Four MSPs: Miles Briggs, Monica Lennon, Fergus Ewing, Foyso Choudhury. 35 Non MSPs.

Conveners elected: Miles Briggs, Clare Adamson. Voluntary Secretary: Dorothy-Grace Elder.

TALK: Dr Rianna Price of Inclusion Scotland outlined why three charities-Inclusion Scotland, Glasgow Disability Alliance and Disability Equality Scotland resigned from a Scottish Government advisory group, calling it "a sham process". They launched "Disabled People demand Justice"

TALKS: Fibromyalgia updates from Sharon Turnbull, Coatbridge, who founded "More than Fibro" and Hazel Borland from Fibromyalgia Action UK. Update on Centre for Integrative Care - Dr Patrick Trust.

Voluntary Secretary Report: Secrecy continues and lack of Government and civil service response to letters. JP Marks, head of Scottish Civil Service, did not reply to MSPs' letter, which patients had requested in April.

The group had numerous other activities, including: February 2024 CPG arranged meeting of Highland MSPs, all Parties, Highland patient reps and a health professional over fears for Highland pain services. Rona Mackay MSP chaired.

CPG briefed on a meeting between MSPs and minister Jenni Minto. MSPs objected to patients not being allowed.

CPG secretary sent numerous submissions on lack of action for patients and used FOI repeatedly due to lack of information to pain patients. \*CPG chieved through FOI the release of a pain report which had been withheld for two years on the pain residential service . The report was actually good news -the centre was judged valuable for help.

Visit by some group members and secretary to Fibromyalgia UK in Paisley and More than Fibro, regular visits to relevant other CPGs on Arthritis & MSK, Women's Health, Long Covid.

## **MSP Members of The Group**

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

SNP:Clare Adamson; Fergus Ewing; Christine Grahame; Lab: Jackie Baillie, Monica Lennon; Pam Duncan-Glancy;  
Con: Miles Briggs; Jackson Carlaw ; Dr Sandesh Gulhane, Lib Dem Alex Cole-Hamilton (4 Parties)

## **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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Prof Martyn Steultjens, John Thomson, Leigh Mackie, Hazel Borland, Sharon Turnbull, Alison Carey, Eddie Phillips, Prof Richard Simpson, Lord George Foulkes, Rob McDowall, Margaret McInnes, Annemarie Ward, Cllr Frank McAveety, Rob Friel, Katherine Kilgour, Fiona Collins, David Caulfield, Prof Jim McEwen, Dorothy-Grace Elder, Bill Sinclair, Claire Schiavone, Tasneem Nadeem, Mohammed Nadeem, Akhtar Javaid, Laura Grant, Margaret Coats, Margaret Searle, Lyssa Clayton, Helen Campbell, Ian Brogan, Anne Simpson, Karen Hooten, Marion Scott, Irene O'Neill, John Mutch, Dr Andreas Kelch, Martha Heaney, Anne Cassels, Irene Logan, Linda Tierney, John Lawrence, Dr Martin Johnson, Dr Mike Serpell, Alasdair Barron, Lloyd Mawson, Vicky Bulman, Drew Searil, Susan Archibald, Alan Watt, Billy Hillhouse, Helen McCluskey, Anne Murray, Christine Martin, Linda Mawson, Frank Mawson, Pete McCarron, Marion Scott, Olive McIlroy, Lisa Megginson, June Greenhorn, Nancy Honeyball, Karen Neil, Claire Daisley, Gillian Watt, Pauline Firth, Janice Castlemilk, Lorna Kettles, K. Humphreys, Jean Rafferty, Marie Fallon, Michael Grieve, Iain

	<p>McPhee, George Welsh, Sue Lavery, John Russell, Russell Malcolm,  Dr Bill Macrae, Amber Welsh, Miriam Smith, Fiona Stalker, Graeme Houston, Lorna Farrell, Marion Macmillan, P T Weir, Marian Kenny, Donald Macaskill, Elizabeth Roper, Heather Ann Baxter, Christine Macdonald, Adam Stachura, Owen Hughes, Rab Wilson, Rona Agnew, Carla Kaspar, Steve Kent, Nan Black, Keir McKechnie, Craig Smith, Kathleen Powderly, Dr Patrick Trust, Irene Loudon, Dr Malcolm Maclean, Ming Robertson, Frances Boyle, Hazel Young, Ooi Thye Chong, Catherine Hughes, Anne Hughes, Fiona Robinson, Margaret Coats, Des Quinn, Arlene Byrne, I.J. Tierney, Geraldine McGuigan, Janice Connelly, Irene R. Logan, Josie Isles, Dr Jackie Mardon, Anne Marie Diamond, Dr Mary Loudon, Liz Barrie, Gordon Barrie, Lynsay Brasington, Lauraine Macdonald, Ruth Lewis, Prof Colin Howie, Paulo Quadros, Kenny Boyle, Katharine Kilgour, James Sandeman, Claire Stevens, Marion Butchart, Elric Honore, Alex Stobart, Nicola Mills, Ian Semmons, Karen Hooton, Irene Loudon, Dr Malcolm Maclean, Ming Robertson, Frances Boyle, David Caulfield, Carole Brown, Joanna McParland, Claire Watson, Claire Headspeath, Dr Kirsty Proctor, Baiiie Soryia Siddique, Isabella Smith Alex Neil, Hussein Patwa, Marion Brown, Jim McBeth, Peter Gordon, Lorraine Purdie, Stuart Mclver, Barbara Melville, Brian Whitters, Jane Ormerod, Jacqui Tweddle, Peter Kearney, Andy Stuart, Mary Teresa Johnson, Marie Steele, Claire Daisley, Miriam Smith, Dr Karen Gardiner, Mary Craig, Polly Firth, Dr Elke.loeffler, Alex.Thorburn, Cass Macdonald, Fiona Kelly, Helen McDade, Helen Goss, Lucinda Roberts, Dr David Weeks, Kim Dams</p>
<p><b>Organisations</b></p>	<p>Action on Pain UK  Burning Nights  Genetic Alliance  Endo Borders  North Highland Women’s Hub  Strathclyde University  ME Action,  Inclusion Scotland  Faces &amp; Voices of Recovery UK  Glasgow Disability Alliance  Scottish Care EDS UK –  Ehlers Danlos- Support UK  Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scotland  Royal College of Physicians &amp; Surgeons of Glasgow  Scottish Mesh Survivors campaign  Complementary &amp; Natural Healthcare Council UK,  Fibromyalgia Action UK,  More than Fibro,  BMA</p>

Cope Scotland RCN, Campaign for a Safe & Accountable NHS in Scotland  
 Leuchie House respite centre  
 National Osteoporosis Society  
 Royal College of General Practitioners  
 Intlife,  
 Scottish Neurological Society  
 Marfan Association  
 Glasgow Caledonian University,  
 CPG on Arthritis & Musculoskeletal Conditions,  
 Equality Council ,  
 STUC, NUJ, Friends of the NHS Centre for Integrative Care.

**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>	Miles Briggs MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Clare Adamson MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Dorothy-Grace Elder (Voluntary)
<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.**

**No money or donations. All work voluntary.**

**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:**

10 MSP Members from 4 different political parties

Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months

Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM

Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM

Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings

Provided minutes of all meetings

Signed

Date