

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on End of Life Choices

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 September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

10 December 2024

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]

28 November 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.

16/04/2024 – CPG meeting, 4 MSPs and 33 non-MSP members present. Update from Emma Cooper, representing FATE, on the Assisted Dying Bill's publication

on 28 March and accompanying media coverage. Overview provided by Alyson Thomson, Dignity in Dying Scotland Director, on recent polling demonstrating widespread support across Scotland for the Bill. Update and overview from Liam McArthur MSP on the forthcoming scrutiny process for the Bill, to be led by the Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, and expected timeframes for a Stage One vote in the Chamber.

03/09/2024 – CPG meeting, 8 MSPs and 34 non-MSP members present. Liam McArthur provided an update on process with the Assisted Dying Bill, noting that it was subject to scrutiny by the Health, Social Care and Sport (leading), Delegated Powers and Finance Committees. The leading committee issued a call for views over summer recess, and the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) was in the process of producing a detailed analysis of responses to this. Tom Davies, Dignity in Dying UK, gave an update on the various efforts to legalise assisted dying across the UK. This included detailed information from Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Ireland and Westminster.

10/12/24 – AGM.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Rachael Hamilton, Rona Mackay, Karen Adam, Jackson Carlaw, Maggie Chapman, Katy Clark, Meghan Gallacher, Patrick Harvie, Douglas Lumsden, Liam McArthur, Collette Stevenson, Evelyn Tweed, Elena Whitham.

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	Dr Amanda Ward Stacey Adam Liz Currie Alastair Moodie Dr Hugh Wynne Ben Colburn Renée Blean Guin Williams Karen Rookwood Jessie Reid
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	<p>Dr Gillian MacDougall Gordon Wyllie Brian Taylor Tom Lorimer Gordon Drummond Scott Kennedy Brenda McGovern Karin Currie John Raven Dr Raymond Dempsey Rudi Vogels Hilary Mounfield Jane Hunter Barbara Chalmers Hilary Peppiette Jane Duncan Rogers Tessa Thomas Dr Michael Irwin Liz Nichols Dr Colin Brewer Tracey Taylor Marcos Freire de Andrade Neves Caroline Brocklehurst David Obree Sarah Kelly</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Friends at the End (FATE) - Secretary Dignity in Dying (DiD) DmD Catalunya Doctors for Assisted Suicide Community Pharmacy Scotland CARE Cruse Scotland MDMD (My Death My Decision)</p>

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	Rona Mackay MSP
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Deputy Convener	Rachel Hamilton MSP
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Secretary	Friends at the End
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Treasurer	Friends at the End
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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.

None.

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 End of Life Choices, 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		
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	Rona Mackay	
Date	December 17, 2024	