

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Drug and Alcohol Misuse

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.)

21 November 2022

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

15 November 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

11 December 2023

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]

21 November 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.

Date of meeting: 21 November 2022

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 40 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed: The rise in alcohol harm and the need for an urgent response.

Guest speaker: A mother of an adult child affected by alcohol use

Topic discussed: Impact on families of substance use; engagement by services; quality of care and support; involvement of families by services; service provision to families. Disparity between stated strategy and practice.

Date of meeting: 22 February 2023

Attendance: 4 MSPs 21 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed: Public health response to alcohol-related harms including deaths

Guest speaker: Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport

Topic discussed: The need for a comprehensive approach to prevention; lack of non-alcohol based night-time activity; consultation on the marketing; the stigma experienced by families;

Date of meeting: 28 June 2023

Attendance: 4 MSPs 25 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed: The support needs of 'frontline' staff in treatment and support services

Guest speaker: Katy MacLeod, Scottish Drugs Forum; Sarah Hart, Dundee City Council and Melanie Hyatt, Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership

Topic discussed: A survey of frontline staff and their management regarding 'burn out' and its impact on service delivery; Innovation in staff support and development in delivering services to vulnerable people affected by trauma.

Date of meeting: 15 November 2023

Attendance: 2 MSPs and 24 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed: Trends in cocaine use, associated harms and service response

Guest speaker: Lynn Coupar, Scottish Drugs Forum and Claire Longmuir, Simon Community Scotland

Topic discussed: Increase in cocaine use; increase in overdose; injecting-related harms – bacterial and viral infections; the service response; the limitations imposed through legislation; treatment and the need for information for users and training for staff.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Miles Briggs (Conservative)

Monica Lennon (Labour)

Stuart McMillan (Scottish National Party)

Paul Sweeney (Labour)

Claire Baker (Labour)

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

Henry Acres
Kim Adams
Roisin Ash
Gillian Bell
Hannah Carver
Ewan Carmichael
June Deasy
Elinor Dickie
Naimh Fitzgerald
Pauline Fox
Fiona Gellatly
Susan Grant
Anne Hannah
Kenny Harrison
Sandra Holmes
Phil Heaton
Mathis Heydtmann
Emily Hogg
Peter Hunter
David Johnson
Michael Kehoe
Alf Kelly
Emmanuel Kemball
Cath Logan
Louise Marryat
Andrew McAuley
Mark McCann
Gary Meek
Douglas Meikle
Arun Menon
Nicola Merrin
Stephanie Morrison
Aileen O'Gorman
T. S. Parkes
Cameron Scally
Joanne Smith
Suzanne Smith

	<p>Duncan Stewart Donna Thain Patricia Tracey Kira Weir</p>
Organisations	<p>Abbeycare Alcohol Focus Scotland Alternatives ASC CGL Community Justice Scotland Community Pharmacy Scotland CORRA Cranstoun CREW Cyrenians Drug Research Network Scotland FAVORUK First for Fife Glasgow Council on Alcohol Jericho House Labour Campaign for Drug Policy Reform Mungo Foundation North Lanarkshire Advocacy Rowan Alba Royal Pharmaceutical Society Salvation Army Scottish Drugs Forum Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Scottish Recovery Consortium Scottish Youth Parliament Simon Community Scotland SISCO Turning Point Scotland Waverley Care With You</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	Monica Lennon MSP (Co-convenor) Stuart McMillan MSP (Co-convenor)
Deputy Convener	Paul Sweeney (Deputy-Convener)
Secretary	Austin Smith (for Scottish Drugs Forum)
Treasurer	
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 Substance Use, 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	<i>Monica Lannon .</i>	
Date	11/12/2023	