

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Substance Use (previously 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)

13 November 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

12 December 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]

15 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.

The group met three times since its last AGM. All the meetings were held in person at the Scottish Parliament

Meeting

Date: 16 May 2024

Subject: Harper House The National Specialist Family Residential Service

Speakers: Donatella Olisterno, Hollie Carter and James Armstrong, Phoenix Futures Scotland

Attendance: 3 MSPs and 19 non-MSP members

Discussion focussed on the 'whole family approach'; support to children from education services and pre-care / aftercare support for families moving through the service

Meeting

Date: 18 September 2024

Subject: Alcohol Policy (Prevention and Treatment)

Speakers: David McCaig, Head of Alcohol Treatment, Scottish Government and James Wilson, Population Health Directorate, Scottish Government

Discussion focussed on the retention and increase in MUP; the now overdue UK Clinical Guidelines on Alcohol Treatment; the perceived lack of political focus on drug harms; the decline in alcohol brief interventions and of engagement with treatment (referrals).

Attendance: 5 MSPs and 18 non-MSP members

Meeting

Date: 13 November 2024

Subject: The UK pilot of a safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow

Speakers: Gillian Ferguson Glasgow Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Dr Saket Priyadarshi, Glasgow Addiction and Recovery Services

Attendance: 2 MSPs and 15 non-MSP members

Discussion focussed on the local and living experience consultation; the future funding of the service and the involvement and service offer to women that would support women to attend.

The speakers suggested that the CPG members may make a site visit to the service in 2025.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Miles Briggs MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Monica Lennon MSP – Scottish Labour Party

Stuart McMillan MSP – Scottish National Party

Audrey Nicoll MSP - Scottish National Party

Paul Sweeney MSP - Scottish Labour Party

Clare Baker MSP- Scottish Labour 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

1. Henry Acres
2. Kim Adams
3. Roisin Ash
4. Gillian Bell
5. June Deasy
6. Elinor Dickie
7. Sian Fiddimore
8. Niamh Fitzgerald
9. Fiona Gellatly
10. Anne Hannah
11. Kenny Harrison
12. Phillip Heaton
13. Mathis Heydtmann
14. Allan Houston
15. Peter Hunter
16. David Johnson
17. Michael Kehoe
18. Alf Kelly
19. Ant Lehane
20. Cath Logan
21. Louise Marryat
22. Andrew McAuley
23. Mark McCann
24. Jim McCarroll
25. Iain McPhee
26. Gary Meek
27. Douglas Meikle
28. Arun Menon
29. Stephanie Morrison
30. Aileen O'Gorman
31. T. S. Parkes
32. Amanda Rae

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33. Lesley Ross 34. Cameron Scally 35. Joanne Smith 36. Suzanne Smith 37. Duncan Stewart 38. Tracy Stewart 39. Donna Thain 40. Gary Topley 41. Patricia Tracey 42. Anna Tully
<p>Organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abbeycare 2. Alcohol Focus Scotland 3. Alternatives 4. ASC 5. CGL 6. CCPS (Coalition of Care & Support Providers Scotland) 7. Community Justice Scotland 8. Community Pharmacy Scotland 9. CORRA 10. Cranstoun 11. CREW 12. Drug Research Network Scotland 13. Cyrenians 14. FAVORUK 15. First for Fife 16. Glasgow Council on Alcohol 17. Jericho House 18. Labour Campaign for Drug Policy Reform 19. The Mungo Foundation 20. North Lanarkshire Advocacy 21. Rowan Alba 22. Royal Pharmaceutical Society 23. The Salvation Army 24. Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs 25. Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance 26. Scottish Recovery Consortium 27. Scottish Youth Parliament 28. SHAAP 29. Simon Community Scotland 30. SISCO 31. Stirling University 32. Turning Point Scotland 33. Waverley Care 34. With You
<p>Group Office Bearers</p>	

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 (to November 2024) Stuart McMillan MSP(to November 2024)
Deputy Convener	Paul Sweeney MSP
Secretary	Austin Smith for Scottish Drugs Forum
Treasurer	None

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.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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	Yes
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	Yes

Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM		Yes
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM		Yes
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings		Yes
Provided minutes of all meetings		Yes
Signed	<i>Monica Lannon .</i>	
Date	12/12/2024	