

# **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**12th Meeting 2022 (Session 6), Thursday  
12 May 2022**

## **Cross-Party Group Application**

### **Introduction**

1. In accordance with the provisions on Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) set out in section 6 of the Code of Conduct (the Code), proposals for the establishment of CPGs in the Scottish Parliament must be submitted to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (the Committee) for its approval.
2. There is one proposed Group for the Committee's consideration.

### **Proposed CPG on Heart and Circulatory Diseases**

3. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe A to this note.

### **Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

4. Paragraph 18 of Section 6 of the Code states "...one of the proposed Group's MSP office bearers (usually the Convener) will be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee to explain the justification for the proposed Group." Colin Smyth MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

### **Purpose**

5. Paragraph 19 Section 6 of the Code states "the Committee will pay particular attention to a proposed Group's purpose. If the Committee considers that a proposed Group is not in the public interest but is intended, for example, to further particular commercial interests, the proposed Group will not be accorded recognition. The Committee will also consider whether the purpose of a proposed Group overlaps the remit of an existing Group. If there is any overlap proposed Groups are asked to provide justification as to why their aims could not effectively be achieved within an existing Group".

6. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To act as a channel of communications between the Scottish Parliament and people affected by heart disease, healthcare professionals and researchers.
- To identify areas for action in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in Scotland; the provision of recovery & care services in Scotland and identify any issues relating to out of hospital cardiac arrest survival, and to campaign for improvement.
- To keep abreast of any new research and evidence relating to heart and circulatory disease and ensure that the medical research environment in Scotland is best resourced and placed to support research and innovation relating to heart and circulatory disease.
- To monitor the implementation of the Heart Disease Action Plan, the Women's Health Plan (in relation to heart disease) and the OHCA strategy for Scotland and work with the Scottish Government to ensure full implementation.

7. The proposed Group does not consider its remit overlaps with any other existing Group.

## Membership

8. Paragraph 8 of Section 6 of the Code requires group membership to include at least five MSPs, with at least one MSP from each of the parties or groups represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The Committee has previously agreed that there should be a general waiver of this Rule in the current Session and Groups are now required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The proposed Group meets this requirement.

9. The MSP membership (by party) of the proposed Group is as follows—

- Karen Adam MSP, Jenni Minto MSP, Paul McLennan MSP, Scottish National Party
- Alexander Stewart MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Colin Smyth MSP, Scottish Labour Party

10. Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of the Code entitles groups to contain members from outwith the Parliament. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP member in the individual category. The proposed group have provided a list of non-MSP member organisations which can be found at Annexe A.

## Office Bearers

11. Paragraph 10 of Section 6 of the Code requires one MSP to be Convener of the Group and there to be at least one other MSP office bearer. The proposed Group

meets this requirement: Colin Smyth MSP, Karen Adam MSP and Alexander Stewart MSP are Co-Conveners of the proposed Group.

## Financial Benefits and Subscription

12. The registration form indicates that there are no financial benefits related to the group. It is noted that the British Heart Foundation will provide secretarial and treasury support to the group which is estimated to come under the £500 threshold.

13. The registration form also indicates that members of the proposed Group will not be charged a subscription.

## Next Steps

14. At agenda item 2 the Committee is invited to discuss any aspects of the application for recognition of the proposed Cross-Party Group on—

- Heart and Circulatory Diseases with Colin Smyth MSP

15. At agenda item 3 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Group.

Vicky Moyes  
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Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee  
May 2022

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

## Annexe A

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

Cross-Party Group on Heart and Circulatory Diseases

**Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics**

## 1. Purpose of the CPG on Heart Disease:

- To act as a channel of communications between the Scottish Parliament and people affected by heart disease, healthcare professionals and researchers.
- To identify areas for action in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in Scotland; the provision of recovery & care services in Scotland and identify any issues relating to out of hospital cardiac arrest survival, and to campaign for improvement.
- To keep abreast of any new research and evidence relating to heart and circulatory disease and ensure that the medical research environment in Scotland is best resourced and placed to support research and innovation relating to heart and circulatory disease.
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## 2. Why the group is in the public interest

There are an estimated 700,000 people living with heart and circulatory diseases in Scotland. An ageing and growing population and improved survival rates from heart and circulatory events could see these numbers rise still further.

Prevalence rates for heart and circulatory diseases in the most deprived areas of Scotland are significantly higher than those in the least.

Heart and circulatory diseases cause more than 1 in 4 (27per cent) of all deaths in Scotland, or 17,000 deaths each year - that's nearly 50

people per day or 1,500 per month.

Around 5,100 people under the age of 75 in Scotland die from heart and circulatory diseases each year.

Topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

Sex based inequalities in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in Scotland.

Poverty and health inequalities in relation to heart disease.

Remote and rural inequalities in relation to heart disease.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on heart disease patients.

- Cancelled operations
- Care support (Rehab etc.)
- Longer term outcomes

On-going monitoring of the Heart Disease Action Plan.

OHCA/Defibs and inequalities

Heart Disease and young people, sudden cardiac death/genetic heart disease

### **MSP Members of the Group**

Colin Smyth MSP - Labour

Karen Adam MSP - SNP

Jenni Minto MSP - SNP

Paul Mclennan MSP - SNP

Alexander Stewart MSP - Conservative

### **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	N/A
Organisations	<p>Chest Heart &amp; Stroke Scotland (CHSS)</p> <p>British Heart Foundation Scotland</p> <p>Stroke Association</p> <p>Angus Cardiac Group</p> <p>ASH Scotland</p> <p>Astra Zeneca Boehringer Ingleheim</p> <p>British Medical Association (BMA)</p> <p>British Psychology Society</p> <p>Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd</p> <p>Bravehearts ACHD patient group</p> <p>Cardiac Rehabilitation Interest Group Scotland (CRIGS)</p> <p>Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)</p> <p>Cardiovascular Interest Group (ABPI Scotland)</p> <p>Caring Together</p> <p>Chartered Society of Physiotherapists</p> <p>Community Pharmacy Scotland</p> <p>Division of Clinical Psychology Scotland</p> <p>Familial Arrhythmia Network Scotland (FANS)</p> <p>Glasgow Caledonian University</p> <p>Grampian Cardiac Rehabilitation Association (GCRA)</p> <p>Healthy Valleys</p> <p>Heartsmart Lochaber</p> <p>Inverclyde Globetrotters</p> <p>Inverclyde Stroke Matters Group</p> <p>Irvine Classics Stroke Group</p> <p>Jordanhill Cardiac Group</p> <p>Kirkcaldy Heart Support Group</p>

	<p>Living Streets</p> <p>Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland (LTCAS)</p> <p>Lothian Psychology</p> <p>Marie Curie Cancer Care</p> <p>Medtronic</p> <p>Merck Sharp &amp; Dohme Limited</p> <p>Morhamburn</p> <p>Nairn Cardiactives</p> <p>National Advisory Committee for Heart Disease (NACHD)</p> <p>National Advisory Committee for Stroke (NACS)</p> <p>Pfizer</p> <p>Roche Diagnostics</p> <p>Royal College of General Practitioners</p> <p>Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists</p> <p>Royal Pharmaceutical Society</p> <p>Sanofi Aventis</p> <p>Save a Life for Scotland campaign</p> <p>Scottish Cardiac Society</p> <p>Scottish HART</p> <p>Scottish Heart and Disease prevention (SHARP)</p> <p>Scottish Heart Failure Nurse Forum (SHFNF)</p> <p>Scottish Stroke Allied Health Professionals Forum (SSAHPF)</p> <p>Scottish Stroke Nurse Forum (SSNF)</p> <p>Scottish Vision and Stroke Network (SVSN)</p> <p>The Heart Manual</p> <p>The Sommerville Foundation</p> <p>Wellbeing Alliance</p>
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<b>Group Office Bearers</b>	
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.	
Co - Conveners	Colin Smyth MSP, Karen Adam MSP, Alexander Stewart MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	British Heart Foundation
Treasurer	British Heart Foundation
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b>	
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.	
Secretariat support which falls under the £500 threshold.	
<b>Subscription Charged by the Group</b>	
Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
N/A	
<b>Convener Contact Details</b>	
Name	Colin Smyth MSP
Parliamentary address	Colin.Smyth.msp@parliament.scot
Telephone number	0131 348 6986



<b>Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct</b>	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Heart Disease is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Colin Smyth
Date	25/04/22