

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Funerals and Bereavement
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.)
15 th September 2021
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
3rd October 2024
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
10 October 2024
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
4 th October 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.
October 4 th 2023. Attendance: 3 MSPs, 13 non-MSPs. Discussed winter preparedness for winter 2023 in the bereavement sector and then the funeral sector. March 13 th 2024. Attendance: 2 MSPs, 16 non-MSPs, 1 Minister as invited guest. Presentation, Q&A and discussion about Government regulation in the funeral

sector, reflections on Winter 2023, Sun Life Cost of Dying report 2023, Funeral Support Payment.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jeremy Balfour MSP
Alexander Burnett MSP
Graham Simpson MSP
Stuart McMillan MSP
Pam Duncan-Clancy MSP

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	Mairi Handy
Organisations	National Association of Funeral Directors Society of Allied Independent Funeral Directors Co-operative Funeralcare Dignity Scotmid Funerals Thomas Cuthell & Sons funeral directors William Purves Funeral Directors Golden Charter Resomation STUC Community Renewal Palliative Care Scotland Cruse Scotland

	<p>SANDS</p> <p>Scottish Pensioners Forum</p> <p>Caledonia Cremation</p> <p>CHAS</p> <p>City of Edinburgh Council</p> <p>Scottish Cot Death Trust</p> <p>National Association of Funeral Plan Providers</p> <p>The Compassionate Friends</p>
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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	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Deputy Convener	Alexander Burnett MSP
Secretary	Nick Britten
Treasurer	N/A

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

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The National Association of Funeral Directors funds the Secretariat support of c.£4000 pa.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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