

## **Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care**

**Convener**  
**Michael McMahon MSP**

**Vice-Convener**  
**Dennis Canavan MSP**

**Secretary**  
**Patricia Wallace**

### **Approved Annual Return 2006-2007**

#### **Purpose of the Group**

- To act as a channel of communication between the Scottish Parliament and people and organisations working in palliative care.
- To provide opportunities for Members of the Scottish Parliament to learn about palliative care needs and services and the issues involved in palliative care provision.
- To increase awareness and raise the profile of palliative care.
- To put palliative care on to the agenda of the Health and Community Care Committee.

#### **Membership as at 31 March 2007:**

##### **MSPs**

- Dennis Canavan (Ind), Falkirk West
- Cathie Craigie (Lab), Cumbernauld & Kilsyth
- Roseanna Cunningham (SNP), Perth
- Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Con), Lothians
- Carolyn Leckie (SSP), Central Scotland
- Kenneth McIntosh (Lab), Eastwood
- Michael McMahon (Lab), Hamilton North & Bellshill
- Nanette Milne (Con), North East Scotland
- Eleanor Scott (Green), Highlands & Islands
- Margaret Smith (Lib Dem), Edinburgh West

##### **Elected Office Bearers**

Convener: Michael McMahon MSP  
Vice-Convener: Dennis Canavan MSP  
Secretary: Patricia Wallace, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

##### **Non-MSPs**

Council members of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care are members of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care. The Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care is the national umbrella and representative body for palliative care in Scotland. Its members include NHS Boards and operating divisions, voluntary hospices, national charities, support organisations and professional associations. Representatives from these organisations attend meetings of the Cross-Party Group, depending on the topic under discussion.

**The following have registered as non MSP members of the Cross-Party Group:**

- Joan Adam, Nurse Lecturer, St Columba's Hospice
- Aileen Anderson, Director of Nursing and Hospice Services, Ayrshire Hospice
- Wendy Arthur, Senior Social Work Practitioner, SW Department, City of Edinburgh Council
- Rhona Baillie, Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice
- Jo Bennett, Manager SCAN
- Dr TF Benton, Medical Director, St Columba's Hospice
- Dr Duncan Brown, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, St Columba's Hospice
- Dr PJ Carragher, Medical Director, Rachel House
- Dr David Carroll, Macmillan GP Facilitator, NHS Grampian
- Elizabeth Carroll, Lead nurse, Bell College, Hamilton
- Professor Frank Clark CBE, Director, Strathcarron Hospice
- Rev. Stuart Coates, Chaplain, Strathcarron Hospice
- Margaret Colquhoun, Senior Nurse Lecturer, St Columba's Hospice
- Margaret Dunbar, Nursing Director, St Columba's Hospice
- Dr Rosalie Dunn, Macmillan GP Palliative Care Facilitator, NHS Lanarkshire
- Dr Marie Fallon, Clinical Reader in Palliative Medicine, NHS Lothian
- Shirley Fife, Cancer Co-ordinator Community Nursing, NHS Lothian
- Vicky Freeman, Cancer Services Programme Manager, NHS Dumfries & Galloway
- Kirsty Gilliland, Macmillan Administrative Secretary, Macmillan Cancer Relief
- Wilma Halley Macmillan Nurse, NHS Highland
- Gillian Harley, Adolescent Senior Worker, NHS Lothian University Hospitals Division
- St John Hattersley, Head of Service Development, Macmillan Cancer Relief
- Dr Stephen Hutchison, Consultant Physician in Palliative Medicine, Highland Hospice
- Dr David Jeffrey, Association for Palliative Medicine
- Marian Keogh Chief Executive, Children's Hospice Association Scotland
- Linda Kerr, Lead Nurse, West of Scotland MCN for Palliative Care
- Dr Peter Kiehlmann, Macmillan GP Facilitator / Lead Cancer GP, NHS Grampian
- Dr Martin Leiper Consultant in Palliative Medicine, NHS Tayside
- Kate Lennon, Macmillan Nurse consultant in Palliative Care, NHS Argyll & Clyde
- George Lindsay, Chief Pharmacist, NHS Lanarkshire Primary Care Operating Division
- Dr Calum MacKellar, Director of Research, Scottish Council on Human Bioethics
- Brigid May, Nurse co-ordinator for the Haven Centre, Blantyre
- Paula McCormack, Director of Clinical Services, Highland Hospice
- Dorothy McElroy, Chief Executive, Ardgowan Hospice
- Sheila McGettrick, Medical Director, Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice
- Maria McGill, Chief Executive, Highland Hospice
- Marie McGill, Chief Executive, Scottish Huntington's Association
- Tony McGuinness Chairman, Kilbride Hospice
- Ben McKendrick, Policy & Public Affairs Manager (Scotland), British Heart Foundation
- Anne Miller, Chief Executive, Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice
- Clare Murphy, Assistant Administrator, St Margaret's Hospice
- Jane Neilly, Nurse Advisor Cancer Care, NHS Ayrshire & Arran
- Elaine Peace, Palliative Care Specialist Nurse, NHS Borders
- Dr Clive Preston, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, NHS Fife
- Jacquie Roberts, Chief Executive, Care Commission
- Caroline Rose Senior PNP, NHS Lothian University Hospitals Division
- Dr Catriona Ross, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, St Andrew's Hospice
- Kate Seymour, Communications Manager, Macmillan Cancer Research
- Robert Shorter, Planning Manager, NHS Lanarkshire
- Stephen Smith, Co-ordinator Dementia/Palliative Care Project, NHS Lothian
- Craig Stockton, Chief Executive, Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association
- Dr Fran Stretton, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, NHS Fife
- Hazel Taylor, Manager, West of Scotland MCN for Palliative Care

- Jane Todd, Head of Scottish Affairs, GMC Scotland
- Pat Wallace, Director, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
- Professor John Welsh, Professor of Palliative Medicine, North Glasgow University Hospitals Division
- Sheena Wright, Deputy Director of Nursing, NHS Greater Glasgow

### Financial or other benefits received by the Group

Secretariat is provided by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care - estimated at £500 per annum.

### Subscriptions

No annual subscription required at present.

### Group contact

Michael McMahon MSP (0131 348 5828)

### Activities:

#### Meetings at the Scottish Parliament

Three meetings have been held by the Cross-Party Group since May 2006. As well as MSPs, these meetings have also been attended by individuals from a wide range of voluntary and statutory organisations in order to provide expert input on the following issues:

#### 2006-2007

31 May 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AGM</li><li>• Launch of <b><i>Making good care better: national practice statements for general palliative care in adult care homes in Scotland</i></b> - introduced by <b>Professor Frank Clark CBE</b>, Chairman, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and presented by <b>Susan Munroe</b>, former Deputy Chair, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, and Chair of the practice statements working group and <b>Jacquie Roberts</b>, Chief Executive of the Care Commission.</li></ul>	47 attended including 5 x MSPs 57 apologies
6 December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Kathleen Sherry</b>, Transitional Head of Training for Palliative Medicine, gave a presentation focussing on <b>Modernising Medical Careers (MMC)</b>.</li></ul>	28 attended including 4 x MSPs 28 apologies
7 March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A presentation was given by <b>Dr Pat Carragher</b>, Depute Chief Executive (Medical), <b>Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS)</b> about the association.</li></ul>	24 attended including 2 x MSPs Apologies 23

## **Drawing attention to palliative care issues within the Scottish Parliament**

In order to achieve the stated purpose, members of the Cross-Party Group have regularly drawn attention to palliative care issues in the Scottish Parliament. Written and oral questions have been put to Ministers and MSPs have been able to use the information gained at Group meetings to raise awareness of palliative care issues.