

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

**Convener**  
Michael McMahon MSP

**Vice Conveners**  
Jamie McGrigor MSP  
Dennis Robertson MSP

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Mark Hazelwood

**Approved Annual Return 2011-2012**

**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 Sport Committee.

**Membership as at 31 March 2012:**

**Office Bearers:**

Convener: Michael McMahon MSP  
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Dennis Robertson MSP  
Secretary: Mark Hazelwood, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

**MSP Members:**

- Jackie Baillie
- Ken Macintosh
- Fiona McLeod
- Siobhan McMahon
- Nanette Milne
- Richard Simpson
- Dave Thompson

Information about the Cross-Party Group is circulated widely among the palliative care professional community in both statutory and voluntary sectors by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, which provides the secretariat. Representatives of this community and others are included in the non-MSP membership of the Group.

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

**Individuals:**

Bruce Cleminson  
Peter Hastie  
Grace Lindsay  
Douglas McLennan  
Mairi Sharratt

**Organisations:**

ACCORD Hospice  
Ardgowan house  
Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains  
Audit Scotland  
British Medical Association  
British Heart Foundation Scotland  
BSN Medical  
Cairdeas International Palliative Care Trust  
Cancer Link Aberdeen and North (CLAN)  
Care Inspectorate  
Care for Scotland  
Care not Killing  
Children's Hospice Association Scotland  
CLIC Sargent  
Community Pharmacy Scotland  
Edinburgh Cancer Centre  
Edinburgh University  
General Medical Council  
General Pharmaceutical Council  
Health Inequalities Alliance  
Health Watch Scotland  
Highland Hospice  
Holyrood Magazine  
Independent Association of Nurses in Palliative Care  
Macmillan Cancer Trust  
Marie Curie Cancer Care  
Marie Curie Hospice Edinburgh  
Marie Curie Hospice Glasgow  
MND Scotland  
Morhamburn  
National Network for Palliative Care for People with Learning Difficulties  
NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
NHS Borders  
NHS Dumfries and Galloway  
NHS Fife  
NHS Forth Valley  
NHS Grampian  
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde  
NHS Lanarkshire  
NHS Lothian  
NHS Tayside  
Parkinson's UK  
Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice  
RCN Scotland  
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance  
Scottish Kidney Federation  
Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care  
St Andrew's Hospice  
St Columba's Hospice  
St Margaret of Scotland Hospice  
St Vincent's Hospice  
Strathcarron Hospice  
Sue Ryder Care, Scotland  
University of Edinburgh  
Wyeth Pharmaceuticals

### Financial or other benefits received by the Group:

Secretariat is provided by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care - estimated at £600 per annum.

### Subscriptions:

Payment of an annual subscription was not required in 2009-2010.

### 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 June 2011. 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:

#### 2011-2012

29 June 2011

#### AGM

John Welsh, Professor of Palliative Medicine, and chair of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care's Research Guidance Advisory Group gave a presentation ***A beginner's guide to successful palliative care research***. He provided some background to the history of and necessity for palliative care research, and introduced the recent Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care's publication. He went on to outline recent relevant developments that would affect palliative care research, and some hopes for the future.

Professor Scott Murray, St Columba's Hospice Chair of Primary Palliative Care gave a presentation outlining some ways in which ***Scottish Palliative Care Research*** was leading internationally as well as making a difference in Scotland.

27 attended  
including 2 x MSPs

26 apologies

16 November 2011

Kate Lennon, Chair of ***Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief*** delivered a presentation outlining the background, rationale and vision behind the establishment of GLGDGG, the new alliance working to make Scotland a place where there was more openness about death, dying and bereavement.

33 attended  
including 2 x MSPs

13 apologies

**16 November 2011**  
(cont.)

Eddie Small gave a presentation reflecting on ***Scottish attitudes and practices relating to death, dying and bereavement from 1560 to the present day***. Eddie was a member of the stakeholder group which worked to establish GLGDGG, and was currently undertaking a PhD in the history of death and dying in Scotland at the University of Dundee.

**21 March 2012**

Guest speakers Dr Dermot Murphy (Consultant Paediatric Oncologist at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill) and Dr Pat Carragher (Medical Director at the Children's Hospices Association Scotland (CHAS)) delivered a presentation entitled ***Paediatric Palliative Care in Scotland: How did we get here and where are we going?*** which included a timeline of key developments for paediatric palliative care in Scotland since 1982.

23 attended  
including 3 x MSPs

24 apologies