

Cross-Party Group Monitoring Report - September 2019

1. This paper is prepared by the Table Office for the Standards of Conduct Committee in accordance with paragraph 44 of the rules on the operation of Cross-Party Groups ('the rules'). It provides an overview of the activities of the Assembly's Cross-Party Groups ('CPGs') between 17 September 2018 and the end of the 2019 summer term on 19 July 2019. The report also invites the Committee to consider recommendations it wishes to make to the Presiding Officer concerning CPGs that have not complied with the rules during the reporting period.

2. Under paragraph 41 of the rules, failure to comply with, or contravention of the rules could ultimately lead to withdrawal of recognition of the group on the authority of the Presiding Officer (the group would be de-registered and all details removed from the Assembly's website).

Registered Cross-Party Groups

3. A total of 79 CPGs have been registered since the beginning of the fifth Assembly, with 9 new CPGs being registered during the current review period. Of these, 70 are currently active, 8 have been wound up voluntarily and 1 has been de-registered.

4. A list of the groups, along with the names of Chairs and persons/organisations providing secretarial support, are included in Annex A. Full details of all group meetings are included on the Assembly's website.

Compliance

5. The rules on the operation of CPGs require CPG Chairs to provide the following information to the Table Office within specified timescales:

- As much advance notice of meetings as possible (including meeting dates, times and venue);
- Notification of the election of office-holders (within four weeks of the election taking place);
- Submission of minutes (within four weeks of the meeting taking place);

- Notification of any changes to the details of the CPG (within four weeks of the changes coming into effect);
- The holding of an Annual General Meeting within 12 months, after which the Chair must provide an Annual Report and Financial Statement within six weeks of that meeting taking place.

6. A summary of each group's activities is outlined below. Their compliance with the rules have been categorised as follows:

- Category A: Groups who provide the necessary information within the required timescales.
- Category B: Groups who submit the necessary information but are late in doing so.
- Category C: Groups who have not provided details required by the rules.

Category A - Groups who provide the necessary information within the required timescales (34):

Group name (and Chair)	Summary of compliance
Active Travel Act (Huw Irranca-Davies)	3 meetings. Minutes and Annual Report and Financial Statement provided. Next AGM due on 13 November 2019.
Arts and Health (Jayne Bryant)	Met twice. Next AGM due on 26 September 2019.
Autism (Mark Isherwood)	Met three times. No record of AGM held. Next AGM due on 26 June 2020.
Biodiversity (John Griffiths)	Met once. Next AGM due on 21 May 2020.
Coeliac Disease & Dermatitis Herpetiformis (Dai Lloyd)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 15 October 2019.
Co-operatives and Mutuals (Vikki Howells)	Met twice. Next AGM due on 13 February 2020.
Conservation and Shooting (Andrew RT Davies)	Registered on 7 November 2018. No meetings held. AGM due by 7 November 2019.
Construction (Joyce Watson)	Did not meet during 2018-19. Annual Report and Financial Statement provided. Next AGM due on 25 November 2020.
Dementia (Lynne Neagle)	Met three times. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Diabetes (Jayne Bryant)	Met twice. Next AGM due on 11 December 2019.
Funerals and Bereavement (Mark Isherwood)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 15 November 2019.
Gypsies and Travellers (VACANT)	Met once. Next AGM due on 21

	November 2019.
Hospices and Palliative Care (Mark Isherwood)	Met twice. Next AGM due on 11 October 2020.
Human Trafficking (Joyce Watson)	Met once. Next AGM due on 12 March 2020.
Industrial Communities (Vikki Howells)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 19 February 2020.
Looked After Children (David Melding)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 22 May 2020.
Medical Research (Angela Burns)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 13 November 2019.
Muscular Dystrophy (Bethan Sayed)	Met twice. Next AGM due on 5 February 2020.
Music (Rhianon Passmore)	Has not yet met. AGM due on 11 July 2020.
Policing (John Griffiths)	Met three times. AGM due on 10 July 2020.
Poverty (John Griffiths)	Met three times. AGM due on 31 October 2020.
Preventing Child Sexual Abuse (Jayne Bryant)	Met twice. AGM due on 5 December 2019.
PCS Union (Bethan Sayed)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 7 December 2019.
Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (Hefin David)	Met twice. Next AGM due on 29 January 2020.
Small Shops (Janet Finch-Saunders)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 19 October 2019.
Smoking and Health (John Griffiths)	Met twice. Next AGM due on 14 November 2019.
STEM (David Rees)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 5 November 2019.

Stroke (Dai Lloyd)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 12 March 2020.
Suicide Prevention (Lynne Neagle)	Met twice. AGM due on 4 July 2020.
Sustainable Energy (Llyr Gruffydd)	Met three times. AGM due on 15 October 2018.
Technology and Innovation (David Rowlands)	Met once. AGM due on 1 May 2020.
Wales International (Rhun ap Iorwerth)	Met once. AGM due on 15 October 2020.
Women's Health (Jenny Rathbone)	Met once. AGM due on 13 February 2020.

Category B - Groups who submit the necessary information but are late in doing so (17)

A Clean Air Act for Wales (Dai Lloyd)	Met once. Minutes provided late AGM due on 22 January 2020.
Armed Forces and Cadets (Darren Millar)	Met twice. Minutes provided late for 6 February 2019 meeting. Next AGM due on 6 February 2020.
Children and Young People (David Melding)	Met twice. Annual Report and Financial Statement received late. Next AGM due on 20 November 2020.
Deaf Issues (Mike Hedges)	Met twice. Minutes provided late for 21 November 2018 and 12 February 2019 meetings. Next AGM due on 21 November 2019.
Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency (Mark Isherwood)	Met three times. Next AGM due on 6 January 2021.
Further Education and Future Skills (John Griffiths)	Met three times. Minutes provided late for 21 May 2019 and 24 September 2019 meetings. Next AGM due on 11 November 2020.
Housing (Mike Hedges)	Met three times. Minutes provided late for 17 October 2018 meeting. Next AGM due on 31 October 2019.
Human Rights (Helen Mary Jones)	Met twice. Minutes provided late for 5 March 2019 meeting. AGM due on 11 December 2019.
Law (Mark Reckless)	Met twice. AGM held late, on 1 May 2019. Next AGM due on 1 May 2020.
Neurological Conditions (Mark Isherwood)	Met once. AGM held late, on 4 December 2018. Next AGM due

	on 4 December 2019.
North Wales (Llyr Gruffydd)	Met four times. Minutes provided late for 15 February 2019 meeting. Next AGM due on 15 February 2020.
Sepsis (Angela Burns)	Met once. Minutes provided late for 1 July 2019 meeting. Next AGM due on 1 July 2020.
Transport (Russell George)	Met twice. Minutes provided late for February and June 2019 meetings. Next AGM due on 27 November 2020.
Universities (Hefin David)	Met twice. Annual Report and Financial Statement provided late. Next AGM due on 6 February 2020.
Violence Against Women and Children (Mark Isherwood / Bethan Sayed)	Met twice. Annual Report and Financial Statement provided late. Next AGM due on 6 February 2020.
Vision (Dai Lloyd)	Met three times. Minutes provided late for 4 December 2018 meeting. Next AGM due on 4 December 2020.
Women (Suzy Davies / Sian Gwenllian)	Met four times. Minutes provided late for 25 September 2018, 27 November 2018 and 18 July 2019 meetings. Next AGM due on 18 July 2020.

Category C - Groups who have not provided details required by the rules (items not provided included in bold and underlined) (20)

Asbestos (Dawn Bowden)	No record of meeting during 2018-19. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Beer and Pubs (Jack Sargeant)	Met once. No financial statement provided.
Cancer (David Rees)	Met three times. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Cricket (Mohammad Asghar)	Registered on 17 July 2018. No meetings held. AGM due by 17 July 2019.
Disability (Mark Isherwood)	Met three times. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Eating Disorders (Bethan Sayed)	Met once. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Faith (Darren Millar)	Met twice. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Food (Jenny Rathbone)	Met three times. Minutes provided late for 19 June meeting. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood (Mick Antoniw)	No record of meeting during 2018-19. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Nursing and Midwifery (David Rees)	No record of meeting during 2018-19. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Older People (Mike Hedges)	No record of meeting during 2018-19. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Problem Gambling (Mick Antoniw)	Met twice. No annual report or financial statement provided.

Rural Affairs (VACANT)	No record of meeting during 2018-19. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Skin (Nick Ramsay)	Met once. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Steel (David Rees)	Met twice. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Tourism (Suzy Davies)	Met four times. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Wales Air Ambulance (VACANT)	No record of meeting during 2018-19. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Waterways (Nick Ramsay)	No record of meeting during 2018-19. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Welsh Language (Dai Lloyd)	No minutes provided for meeting on 5 March 2019. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Woodlands, Forestry and Timber (Andrew RT Davies)	Met once. Minutes provided late for meeting on 19 March 2019. No annual report or financial statement provided.

Annex: Registered Cross-Party Groups (70)

Chair (number of groups)	Cross-Party Group	Person and organisation providing secretarial support
Mark Isherwood (6.5)	Autism	Meleri Thomas, The National Autistic Society
	Disability	Zoe Richards, Learning Disability Wales
	Funerals and Bereavement	David Beamer, Brevia Consulting
	Neurological Conditions	Diane Gleeson, Wales Neurological Alliance
	Violence against Women and Children (Co-Chair with Mark Isherwood)	Elinor Crouch-Puzey, Welsh Women's Aid
	Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency	Bethan Proctor, NEA Cymru
	Hospice and Palliative Care	Kathleen Caper, Hospice UK
David Rees (4)	Cancer	Gemma Roberts, Cancer Research UK
	Nursing and Midwifery	Tina Donnelly, Royal College of Nursing
	Steel	Angharad Thomas, David Rees AMSS
	STEM	Leigh Jeffes, Royal Society of Chemistry
Dai Lloyd (5)	A Clean Air Act for Wales	Healthy Air Cymru
	Coeliac Disease & Dermatitis Herpetiformis	Tristan Humphreys, Coeliac UK

	Stroke	Jillian Haynes, Stroke Association
	Vision	Elin Haf Edwards, RNIB Cymru
	Welsh Language	Ceri McEvoy and Colin Nosworthy, Mudiadau Dathlu'r Gymraeg
John Griffiths (5)	Biodiversity	Liz Smith, Wales Environment Link
	Further Education and Future Skills	Julia Osman, Colleges Wales / Colegau Cymru
	Policing	Cerith Thomas, Police and Crime Commissioners Advisor to the All Wales Policing Team
	Poverty (NEW)	Claire Cunliffe, Oxfam Cymru
Darren Millar (2)	Smoking and Health (NEW)	Suzanne Cass
	Armed Forces and Cadets	Curtis Shea, Darren Millar AMSS
Mike Hedges (3)	Faith	Jim Stewart, Evangelical Alliance Wales
	Housing	Matthew Kennedy, Institute of Housing
	Older People	Rachel Lewis, Age Cymru Wales
Jayne Bryant (3)	Deaf Issues	Llyr Wilson Price, Action on Hearing Loss
	Arts and Health	Helen Williams
	Preventing Child Sexual Abuse	NSPCC Cymru/Wales, Stop it Now! Wales and the Survivors Trust Cymru

	Diabetes	Josh James, Diabetes UK Cymru
Bethan Sayed (3.5)	Eating Disorders	Beth Mahoney, Gofal
	Muscular Dystrophy	Jonathan Kingsley, Muscular Dystrophy UK
	Violence against Women and Children (Co-Chair with Mark Isherwood)	Elinor Crouch- Puzey, Welsh Women's Aid
	Public and Commercial Services (PCS) Union	Darren Williams, Public and Commercial Services Union
Nick Ramsay (2)	Skin	Dr Julie Peconi, Skin Care Cymru
	Waterways	Emily Lewis, Canal and River Trust in Wales
Llyr Gruffydd (2)	Sustainable Energy	Carolyn Pugsley, Freshwater UK
	North Wales	Stephen Jones, WLGA
Joyce Watson (2)	Construction	Joshua Miles
	Human Trafficking in Wales	Mwenya Chimba, Bawso
Hefin David (2)	Universities	Rhys Flowers, Four Cymru
	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	Federation of Small Businesses
Lynne Neagle (2)	Dementia	Sophie Douglas, Alzheimer's Society Cymru

	Suicide Prevention (NEW)	Samaritans Cymru
Angela Burns (2)	Sepsis	Terrance Canning, Sepsis Trust
	Medical Research (NEW)	Emma Henwood, British Heart Foundation Cymru
Jenny Rathbone (2)	Food	TBC, Jenny Rathbone AMSS
	Women's Health (NEW)	Rachel Clarke
Vikki Howells (2)	Industrial Communities	Peter Slater, Industrial Communities Alliance
	Co-operatives and Mutuals	Mike Erskine, Wales Co- operative Centre
Suzy Davies (1.5)	Tourism	Craig Lawton, Suzy Davies AMSS
	Women (co-chairing with Sian Gwenllian)	Women's Equality Network
Janet Finch-Saunders (1)	Small Shops	Edward Woodall, Association of Convenience Stores
David Melding (2)	Looked After Children	Rhian Williams, Voices from Care
	Children and Young People	Catriona Williams, Children in Wales
Russell George (1)	Transport	John Pockett, Confederation of Passenger Transport in Wales
Rhun ap Iorwerth (1)	Wales International	Jenny Scott, British Council Wales
Huw Irranca-Davies (1)	Active Travel Act	Chris Roberts, AMSS
David J Rowlands (1)	Technology and Innovation	Catriona Reckless, Mark Reckless

		AMSS
Sian Gwenllian (0.5)	Women (co-chairing with Jane Hutt)	Women's Equality Network
Mick Antoniw (2)	Problem Gambling	Wynford Ellis Owen, Living Room Cardiff
	Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood	Lynne Kelly, Haemophilia Wales
Mark Reckless (1)	Law	Catriona Brown, Mark Reckless AMSS
Dawn Bowden (1)	Asbestos	Cedric Clement-Evans, New Law Solicitors
Jack Sargeant (1)	Beer and Pubs	John Pockett
Andrew RT Davies (2)	Conservation and Shooting (NEW)	TBC
	Woodlands, Forestry and Timber	Eleanor Harris, Confor
Mohammad Asghar (1)	Cricket (NEW)	Paul Morris, AMSS
Helen Mary Jones (1)	Human Rights (NEW)	Simon Hoffman
Rhianon Passmore (1)	Music (NEW)	Sam Murray

VACANT (3)	Rural Affairs	Tegryn Jones, National Parks Wales
	Gypsies and Travellers	Thomas Hendry, SEWREC
	Wales Air Ambulance	Angela Hughes, Wales Air Ambulance

Wound-up CPGs during the fifth Assembly (8)

Eluned Morgan	Arts and Health	Unknown
Llyr Gruffydd	Biodiversity	Liz Smith, Wales Environment Link

Lynne Neagle	Circuit of Wales	Jonathan Morgan, Insight Wales
Russell George	Cross-border issues	John Pockett, Confederation of Passenger Transport in Wales
Nick Ramsay	Welsh Food and Drink	Matthew Phipps
Neil McEvoy	Boxing	Ellis Cummings
Darren Millar	The Middle East	Curtis Shea, AMSS
David Rees	Mental Health	Lewis Cole, Gofal

De-registered CPGs during the fifth Assembly (1)

Mark Isherwood	Fathers and Fatherhood	Paul Apreda, FNF Both Parents Matter
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