

# Cross-Party Group Monitoring Report

November 2024

## Introduction

1. This paper is prepared by the Table Office for the Standards of Conduct Committee ('the 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 Senedd's Cross-Party Groups ('CPGs') between 6 October 2023 and 6 October 2024. The report will inform the Committee's consideration of actions it may wish to take, or recommend that the Llywydd take, 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 CPG on the authority of the Llywydd (the CPG would be de-registered and marked as such on the Senedd website).

## Registered Cross-Party Groups

3. A total of 81 CPGs have been registered since the beginning of the Sixth Senedd, with three new CPGs being registered during the current reporting period<sup>1</sup>. Three CPGs (Long-COVID; Eating Disorders; and Digital Rights and Democracy) have been wound up voluntarily over the last year.

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<sup>1</sup> The GPG on Gypsies and Travellers was registered on 9 October, after the reporting period for this year, and so are not included in this report



## Compliance

**4.** 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 every twelve months, after which the Chair must provide an Annual Report and Financial Statement within six weeks of that meeting taking place.

**5.** A summary of each CPG's activities and compliance with the rules is outlined in **Annex A**. Compliance with the rules has been categorised as follows:

- Green: CPGs who have provided all the necessary information within the required timescales.
- Yellow: CPGs who have provided one set of minutes late or not at all.
- Orange: CPGs who have provided more than one set of minutes late or not at all, and/or not provided an Annual Report and Financial Statement.
- Red: CPGs who either appear to be inactive or who have not complied with the rules at all, and which are brought to the Committee's attention.

**6.** A list of the CPGs, along with the names of Chairs and persons/organisations providing secretarial support, is included in **Annex B**. Full details of all CPG meetings are available on the [Senedd's website](#).

## **Compliance during Sixth Senedd as a whole**

**7.** Annex C shows all registered CPGs and, using the same categories set out in paragraph 5, shows their compliance record over the three reporting periods since the start of the Sixth Senedd.

## Annex A

<b>CPG (and date registered if registered since 6 October 2023)</b>	<b>Meeting dates and whether minutes provided (yes/no/yes but late/not applicable*)</b>	<b>AGM held and annual report provided on time (yes/no/late/not applicable**)</b>
Academic Staff in Universities (Mike Hedges) (1 May 2024)	7 May 2024 (late)	N/A
Active Travel Act (John Griffiths)	17 January 2024 (yes) 27 June 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 27 June 2024)
Animal Welfare (Carolyn Thomas)	6 November 2023 (yes) 19 February 2024 (yes)	No
Apprenticeships (Luke Fletcher and Hefin David) (9 July 2024)	No meetings/minutes during this period	N/A
Armed Forces and Cadets (Darren Millar)	18 October 2023 (yes) 1 May 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 18 October 2023)
Arts and Health (Heledd Fychan)	23 October 2023 (late)	Late (AGM held 23 October 2023, but AR received 12 December 2023)
Autism (Mark Isherwood)	1 December 2023 (yes) 22 January 2024 (yes) 14 June 2024 (yes) 19 September 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 1 December 2023)
Beer and Pubs (Joel James)	22 April 2024 (yes) 27 September 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 22 April 2024)
Biodiversity (John Griffiths)	25 April 2024 (late)	Late (AGM held on 25 April 2024, but AR received 19 July 2024)
Cancer (David Rees)	12 October 2023 (yes) 14 December 2023 (yes) 23 May 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 12 October 2023)

Children and Families (Jane Dodds)	29 November 2023 (yes) 24 January 2024 (yes) 8 May 2024 (yes) 12 July 2024 (yes) 15 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 29 November 2023)
Children in our Care (Jane Dodds)	12 December 2023 (yes) 21 February 2024 (yes) 17 May 2024 (yes) 15 July 2024 (yes) 9 October 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 12 December 2023)
Clean Air (Delyth Jewell)	16 October 2023 (late) 11 June 2024 (late) 30 September 2024 (late)	Late (AGM held on 11 June 2024, but AR received 13 August 2024)
Climate, Nature and Wellbeing (Delyth Jewell)	26 October 2023 (late) 5 February 2024 (yes) 20 May 2024 (yes) 30 September 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 5 February 2024)
Co-operatives and Mutuals (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)	24 January 2024 (yes) 1 May 2024 (yes) 10 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 10 July 2024)
Coeliac Disease & Dermatitis Herpetiformis (Rhun ap Iorwerth)	29 November 2023 (yes) 9 April 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 29 November 2023)
Construction (Joyce Watson)	6 November 2023 (yes) 22 April 2024 (yes) 8 July 2024 (late)	Annual Report received 21 August 2024 but unclear when AGM was held.
Consumer Rights (Sioned Williams)	25 October 2023 (yes) 28 February 2024 (yes) 17 July 2024 (yes)	No
Deaf Issues (Mark Isherwood)	26 October 2023 (yes) 4 January 2024 (yes) 11 March 2024 (yes) 19 July 2024 (late)	Late (AGM held on 4 January 2024, but AR received 23 April 2024)
Dementia (Luke Fletcher)	28 November 2023 (yes) 17 July 2024 (yes) 25 September 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 28 November 2023)

Diabetes (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)	5 March 2024 (late) 25 June 2024 (yes)	Received 15 December 2023 (Late) - AGM held on 28 June 2023.
Digital in Wales (Rhun ap Iorwerth)	15 February 2024 (yes) 30 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 30 July 2024)
Disability (Mark Isherwood)	21 September 2023 (late) 7 December 2023 (yes) 8 February 2024 (late) 18 July 2024 (late) 26 September 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 7 December 2023)
Faith (Darren Millar)	8 November 2023 (yes) 22 May 2024 (yes)	Late (AGM held on 22 May 2024, but AR received 24 September 2024)
Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mabon ap Gwynfor)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Friends of Ukraine (Alun Davies)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency (Mark Isherwood)	30 November 2023 (yes) 22 February 2024 (yes) 25 September 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 25 September 2024)
Funerals and Bereavement (Mark Isherwood)	18 October 2023 (yes) 18 March 2024 (yes) 26 June 2024 (yes) 19 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 19 July 2024)
Further Education and Skills (John Griffiths)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Gambling Related Harm (Jane Dodds)	19 April 2024 (late)	No
Haemophilia and Infected Blood (Rhun ap Iorwerth)	24 January 2024 (yes)	Late (AGM held on 24 January 2024, but AR received 29 August 2024)
Horseracing (Llyr Gruffydd)	21 November 2023 (yes) 11 June 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 21 November 2023)
Hospices and Palliative Care (Mark Isherwood)	18 October 2023 (yes) 29 February 2024 (late) 11 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 11 July 2024)

Housing (Sian Gwenllian)	6 November 2023 (late) 29 February 2024 (late) 18 July 2024 (yes) 18 October 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 29 February 2024)
Human Rights (Sioned Williams)	11 July 2023 (yes) 17 October 2023 (late) 13 March 2024 (yes) 3 July 2024 (late) 18 September 2024 (late)	No
Human Trafficking in Wales (Joyce Watson)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Industrial Communities (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)	8 November 2023 (yes) 17 April 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 8 November 2023)
Intergenerational Solidarity (Delyth Jewell)	9 October 2023 (yes) 22 January 2024 (yes) 16 May 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 9 October 2023)
Kidneys (Mike Hedges) (21 June 2024)	No meetings/minutes during this period	N/A
Learning Disability (Sioned Williams)	12 December 2023 (late) 12 March 2024 (yes) 26 June 2024 (late) 24 September 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 19 March 2024)
Liver Disease and Liver Cancer (Joel James)	7 November 2023 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 7 November 2023)
Lung Health (John Griffiths)	28 November 2023 (yes) 6 February 2024 (yes) 21 May 2024 (yes) 24 September 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 18 June 2024)
Medical Research (Russell George)	8 November 2023 (late) 3 July 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 8 November 2023)
Mental Health (vacant since 14 May 2024, previously Ken Skates)	22 November 2023 (yes) 7 February 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 22 November 2023)

Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Conditions (Vacant since 12 April 2024, previously Huw Irranca-Davies)	23 November 2023 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 23 November 2023)
Music (Rhianon Passmore)	24 October 2023 (late) 16 April 2024 (late) 8 July 2024 (late)	Late (AGM held on 16 April 2024, but AR received on 28 October)
North Wales (Mark Isherwood)	10 November 2023 (yes) 9 February 2024 (yes) 7 June 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held 1 December 2023)
Nursing and Midwifery (Jenny Rathbone)	21 May 2024 (late)	No
Older People and Ageing (Mike Hedges)	12 December 2023 (late) 30 April 2024 (late) 9 July 2024 (late)	Late (AGM held 9 July 2024, but AR received 24 October 2024)
Outdoor Activity Sector (Sam Rowlands)	14 December 2023 (yes) 13 March 2024 (late) 5 June 2024 (no) 25 September 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 5 June 2024)
Peace and Reconciliation (Mabon ap Gwynfor)	20 November 2023 (yes) 19 January 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 19 January 2024)
Policing (John Griffiths)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Poverty (John Griffiths)	20 February 2024 (yes) 8 May 2024 (yes)	No
Preventing Child Sexual Abuse (Buffy Williams)	1 May 2024 (late) 2 July 2024 (late)	Late (AGM held on 1 May 2024, but AR received 23 October 2024)
Public & Commercial Service Union (PCS) (Mike Hedges)	30 January 2024 (yes) 1 May 2024 (no)	Yes (AGM held on 30 January 2024)
Public Transport (Carolyn Thomas)	30 April 2024 (yes) 2 July 2024 (no)	No annual report received from AGM on 2 July 2024



Race and Equality (John Griffiths)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions (Mike Hedges)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Renewable and Low Carbon Energy (Delyth Jewell)	28 November 2023 (yes) 8 May 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 8 May 2024)
Rented Housing and Leasehold Properties (Mike Hedges)	8 December 2023 (no) 24 May 2024 (yes) 8 October 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 8 December 2023)
Rural Growth (Samuel Kurtz)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
School Food (Jenny Rathbone)	1 May 2024 (late)	No annual report received from AGM on 1 May 2024
Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine (David Rees)	12 December 2023 (yes) 12 March 2024 (yes) 1 October 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 1 October 2024)
Shooting and Conservation (Samuel Kurtz)	6 February 2024 (yes) 13 May 2024 (yes) 23 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 13 May 2024)
Small Shops (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)	11 December 2023 (yes) 21 February 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 12 December 2023)
Smoking and Health (John Griffiths)	27 February 2024 (yes) 23 May 2024 (yes) 1 October 2024 (yes)	No
Sport (Laura Jones)	31 January 2024 (late) 15 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 15 July 2024)
Steel (David Rees)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Stroke (Altaf Hussain)	12 October 2023 (yes) 14 March 2024 (no) 6 June 2024 (no) 25 September 2024 (N/A)	Yes (AGM held on 25 September 2024)

Substance Use and Addiction (Peredur Owen Griffiths)	25 October 2023 (yes) 28 February 2024 (late) 10 July 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 28 February 2024)
Suicide Prevention (Vacant since 24 September 2024, previously Jayne Bryant)	26 September 2023 (Yes) 30 January 2024 (Yes)	Yes (AGM held on 30 January 2024)
Tourism (Sam Rowlands)	No meetings/minutes during this period	No
Universities (Hefin David)	6 December 2023 (late) 15 March 2024 (late) 10 July 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 6 December 2023)
Violence against Women and Children (Sioned Williams)	27 October 2023 (yes) 19 January 2024 (yes) 15 March 2024 (yes) 21 June 2024 (late) 20 September 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 27 October 2023)
Wales International (Heledd Fychan)	27 February 2024 (yes) 1 October 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 1 October 2024)
Welsh Wool (Cefin Campbell)	11 October 2023 (yes)	No
Women (Sian Gwenllian)	19 January 2024 (yes) 19 April 2024 (yes) 12 July 2024 (yes) 27 September 2024 (yes)	Yes (AGM held on 27 September 2024)
Women's Health (Jenny Rathbone)	15 January 2024 (yes) 21 February 2024 (yes) 18 July 2024 (late)	Yes (AGM held on 15 January 2024)

\* Meeting held within the last four weeks.

\*\* CPG established within the last year.

## Annex B

Chair	Cross-Party Group	Secretariat
Vacant	Co-operatives & Mutuals	Daniel Roberts
	Mental Health	Simon Jones
	Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Conditions	Robert Burley
	Suicide Prevention	Laura Frayne
	Diabetes	Mathew Norman
	Industrial Communities	Meirion Thomas
	Small Shops	Daniel Askew
Mabon ap Gwynfor	Fisheries and Aquaculture	Noemi Donigiewicz
	Peace and Reconciliation	Hayley Richards
Rhun ap Iorwerth	Coeliac Disease & Dermatitis Herpetiformis	Tristan Humphreys
	Digital in Wales	Pryderi ap Rhisiart
	Haemophilia and infected blood	Lynne Kelly
Cefin Campbell	Welsh Wool	Jacqui Pearce
Hefin David	Universities	Joshua Bell
Hefin David and Luke Fletcher (Co-Chairs)	Apprenticeships	Colegau Cymru
Alun Davies	Friends of Ukraine	Lucy Binnersley
Jane Dodds	Children and Families	Rachel Beddoe
	Children in Our Care	Helen Mary Jones
Luke Fletcher	Dementia	Matthew Hawkins
Heledd Fychan	Wales International	Ruth Cocks
	Arts and Health	Elinor Lloyd-Davies

Chair	Cross-Party Group	Secretariat
Russell George	Medical Research	Bethan Edwards
John Griffiths	Active Travel Act	Chris Roberts
	Biodiversity	Liz Smith
	Further Education and Skills	Amy Evans
	Lung Health	Joseph Carter
	Policing	Lynda Young
	Poverty	Steffan Evans
	Race & Equality	Uzo Iwobi
	Smoking and Health	Julie Edwards
Llyr Gruffydd	Horseracing	Henry Dixon-Clegg
Sian Gwenllian	Housing	Hannah Peeler
	Women	Jessica Laimann
Mike Hedges	Academic Staff in Universities	Jamie Insole
	Kidneys	Joanne Popham
	Older People and Ageing	Ceri Cryer
	Public & Commercial Service Union (PCS)	Darren Williams
	Rare, Genetic and undiagnosed conditions	Emma Hughes
	Rented Housing and Leasehold Properties	Ed Jacobs

Chair	Cross-Party Group	Secretariat
Altaf Hussain	Stroke	Angela Contestabile
Mark Isherwood	Autism	National Autistic Society
	Deaf Issues	Martin Griffiths
	Disability	Miranda Evans
	Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency	Ben Saltmarsh and Maisie Chatfield
	Funerals and Bereavement	Rebecca Aylott
	Hospice and Palliative Care	Matthew Brindley
	North Wales	Luke Nicholas
Joel James	Beer and Pubs	Rita King, Barry Watts, and Paul Edgeworth
	Liver Disease and Liver Cancer	Richard Daniels
Delyth Jewell	Clean Air	Bec Miller
	Climate, Nature and Wellbeing	Antonia Fabian and Oliver John
	Intergenerational Solidarity (Vice Chairs: Peredur and Altaf)	Rhys Jackson
	Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	Daniel Taylor
	**All above**	Helen Parfitt
Laura Anne Jones	Sport	Matthew Williams

Chair	Cross-Party Group	Secretariat
Samuel Kurtz	Rural Growth	Fraser Mcauley
	Shooting and Conservation	David Boden
Darren Millar	Armed Forces and Cadets	Tara Moorcroft
	Faith	Jim Stewart
Peredur Owen Griffiths	Substance Use and Addiction	Crispin Watkins
Rhianon Passmore	Music	Professor Paul Carr
Jenny Rathbone	Gambling Related Harm	Wynford Ellis Owen
	Nursing & Midwifery	Helen Whyley
	School Food	Andrew Tuddenham
	Women's Health	Lucy Grieve
David Rees	Cancer	Megan Cole
	Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine	Niall Sommerville
	Steel	Emily Hearne
Sam Rowlands	Outdoor Activity Sector (Vice Chairs: Buffy and Cefin)	Catherine Williams and Rebecca Brough
	Tourism	Lisa Francis
Carolyn Thomas	Animal Welfare	Shahinoor Alom Shumon
	Public Transport	Aaron Hill

Chair	Cross-Party Group	Secretariat
Joyce Watson	Construction	Matt Kennedy
	Human Trafficking in Wales	Wanjiku Mbugua-Ngotho
Buffy Williams	Preventing Child Sexual Abuse	Cecile Gwilym
Sioned Williams	Consumer Rights	Anwen Jones
	Human Rights	Professor Simon Hoffman
	Learning Disability	Samantha Williams and Sara Pickard
	Violence Against Women and Children	Stephanie Grimshaw

## Annex C – Compliance since the start of the Sixth Senedd

CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Academic Staff in Universities (Mike Hedges) (1 May 2024)		N/A	N/A
Active Travel Act (John Griffiths)			
Animal Welfare (Carolyn Thomas)			
Apprenticeships (Luke Fletcher and Hefin David) (9 July 2024)		N/A	N/A
Armed Forces and Cadets (Darren Millar)			
Arts and Health (Heledd Fychan)			
Autism (Mark Isherwood)			
Beer and Pubs (Joel James)			
Biodiversity (John Griffiths)			
Cancer (David Rees)			
Children and Families (Jane Dodds)			



CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Children in our Care (Jane Dodds)			
Clean Air (Delyth Jewell)			
Climate, Nature and Wellbeing (Delyth Jewell)			
Co-operatives and Mutuals (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)			
Coeliac Disease & Dermatitis Herpetiformis (Rhun ap Iorwerth)			
Construction (Joyce Watson)			
Consumer Rights (Sioned Williams)			N/A
Deaf Issues (Mark Isherwood)			
Dementia (Luke Fletcher)			
Diabetes (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)			

CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Digital in Wales (Rhun ap Iorwerth)			
Disability (Mark Isherwood)			
Faith (Darren Millar)			
Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mabon ap Gwynfor)			
Friends of Ukraine (Alun Davies)			N/A
Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency (Mark Isherwood)			
Funerals and Bereavement (Mark Isherwood)			
Further Education and Skills (John Griffiths)			
Gambling Related Harm (Jane Dodds)			
Haemophilia and Infected Blood (Rhun ap Iorwerth)			
Horseracing (Llyr Gruffydd)			

CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Hospices and Palliative Care (Mark Isherwood)			
Housing (Sian Gwenllian)			
Human Rights (Sioned Williams)			
Human Trafficking in Wales (Joyce Watson)			
Industrial Communities (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)			
Intergenerational Solidarity (Delyth Jewell)			
Kidneys (Mike Hedges) (21 June 2024)		N/A	N/A
Learning Disability (Sioned Williams)			
Liver Disease and Liver Cancer (Joel James)			
Lung Health (John Griffiths)			
Medical Research (Russell George)			

CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Mental Health (vacant since 14 May 2024, previously Ken Skates)			
Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Conditions (Vacant since 12 April 2024, previously Huw Irranca-Davies)			
Music (Rhianon Passmore)			
North Wales (Mark Isherwood)			
Nursing and Midwifery (Jenny Rathbone)			
Older People and Ageing (Mike Hedges)			
Outdoor Activity Sector (Sam Rowlands)			
Peace and Reconciliation (Mabon ap Gwynfor)			N/A
Policing (John Griffiths)			

CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Poverty (John Griffiths)			
Preventing Child Sexual Abuse (Buffy Williams)			
Public & Commercial Service Union (PCS) (Mike Hedges)			
Public Transport (Carolyn Thomas)			
Race and Equality (John Griffiths)			
Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions (Mike Hedges)			
Renewable and Low Carbon Energy (Delyth Jewell)			
Rented Housing and Leasehold Properties (Mike Hedges)			N/A
Rural Growth (Samuel Kurtz)			
School Food (Jenny Rathbone)			

CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine (David Rees)			
Shooting and Conservation (Samuel Kurtz)			
Small Shops (vacant since 15 October 2024, previously Vikki Howells)			
Smoking and Health (John Griffiths)			
Sport (Laura Jones)			
Steel (David Rees)			
Stroke (Altaf Hussain)		N/A	N/A
Substance Use and Addiction (Peredur Owen Griffiths)			
Suicide Prevention (Vacant since 24 September 2024, previously Jayne Bryant)			

CPG	2024 Categorisation	2023 Categorisation	2022 Categorisation
Tourism (Sam Rowlands)			
Universities (Hefin David)			
Violence against Women and Children (Sioned Williams)			
Wales International (Heledd Fychan)			
Welsh Wool (Cefin Campbell)			N/A
Women (Sian Gwenllian)			
Women's Health (Jenny Rathbone)			