

# Cross-Party Group Monitoring Report - September 2020

1. This report 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 Senedd's Cross-Party Groups ('CPGs') between 16 September 2019 and the end of the 2020 summer term on 17 July 2020. 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 Senedd's website).

## Registered Cross-Party Groups

3. A total of 82 CPGs have been registered since the beginning of the fifth Senedd (May 2016), with 2 new CPGs being registered during the current review period (between September 2019 and July 2020). Of these: 74 are currently active, 7 have been wound up voluntarily and 1 has been de-registered.

## 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 within 12 months, after which the Chair must provide an Annual Report and

Financial Statement within six weeks of that meeting taking place.

5. 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 Senedd's website.

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

- Groups who provide the necessary information;
- Groups who are not active and/or have not provided details required by the rules.

## ANNEX: A – Record of compliance 2019-20

<b>Cross-Party Groups that have provided the required information (39)</b>	
Active Travel Act	Met three times (17 September 2019, 10 December 2019, 4 June 2020). Annual report and financial statement for 2018-19 submitted.
Armed Forces and Cadets	Met twice (27 November 2019 and 11 March 2020). Annual report and Financial Statement provided.
Arts and Health	Met twice (18 September 2019 and 4 February 2020). Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Autism	Met twice (4 December 2019 and 26 February 2020). Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Beer and Pubs	Met once on 21 October 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Coeliac Disease and Dermatitis Herpetiformis	Met twice (15 October 2019 and 16 June 2020). Annual report and financial statement provided.
Co-operatives and Mutuals	Met three times (27 November 2019, 24 March 2020 and 30 June 2020). Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Conservation and Shooting	Met once on 22 November 2019. AGM due on 22 November 2020.
Dementia	Met four times (8 October 2019, 3 December 2019, 3 March 2020 and 10 July 2020). Annual report and financial statement submitted.

Disability	Met four times (19 November 2019, 26 February 2020, 19 May 2020 and 2 July 2020). Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Faith	Met once on 30 June 2020. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Food	Met once on 21 October 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency	Met twice (1 October 2019 and 23 July). Annual report and financial statement provided.
Funerals and Bereavement	Met twice on 13 November 2019 and 16 June 2020. Annual report and statement provided.
Further Education (FE) and Future Skills	Met once on 24 September 2019. Annual report and statement provided.
Hospices and Palliative Care	Met three times on 17 September 2019, 11 March 2020 and 25 June 2020. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Human Rights.	Met once on 3 March 2020. Annual report provided.
Human Trafficking in Wales	Met once on 12 November 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Industrial Communities	Met twice on 9 October 2019 and 5 February 2020. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Liver Disease	Met once on 21 January 2020. Annual report and financial statement due on January 2021.

Looked After Children	Met three times (4 June 2019, 12 November 2019 and 11 Feb 2020). Annual Report and Financial provided.
Medical Research	Met twice (19 November 2019 and 9 July 2020). Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Neurological Conditions	Met once on 4 October 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.
North Wales	Met once on 7 February 2020. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Poverty	Met four times (9 October 2019, 28 January 2020, 6 May 2020 NS 23 July). Annual report and financial statement provided.
Preventing Child Sexual Abuse	Met once on 23 October 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Race Equality (NEW)	Met three times (2 October 2019, 4 June 2020 and 4 March 2020). Annual report and financial statement due on 2 October 2020.
Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions (NEW)	Met twice on 2 October 2019 and 14 January 2020. Annual report and financial statement due in October 2020.
Sepsis	Has not met during this period because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Steel	Met once on 24 September 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.

STEM	Met three times on 5 November 2019, 3 March 2020 and 30 June 2020. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Suicide Prevention	Met four times (22 October 2019, 28 January 2020, 28 April 2020 and 9 July 2020). Annual Report and financial Statement provided.
Sustainable Energy	Met twice on 24 September 2019 and 11 February 2020. Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Tourism	Met once on 19 May 2020. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Wales International	Met once on 15 October 2019. Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Welsh Language	Met once on 21 January 2020. Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Women	Met three times (17 .October 2019, 3 December 2019 and 18 June 2020). Annual report and financial statement provided
Women's Health	Met four times (6 November 2019, 27 February 2020, 18 June 2020 and 16 July 2020. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Woodlands, Forestry and Timber	Met once on 19 March 2019. Annual report and financial statement submitted.

**Cross-Party Groups that are either not active or have not provided the required information (35)**

A Clean Air Act for Wales	Met once (16 June 2020). No minutes provided. No annual report or financial statement submitted.
Asbestos	Not active - has not met since 20 September 2017. Annual report and financial statement for 2018-19 provided.
Biodiversity.	Met once on 1 October 2019. No annual report or financial statement submitted.
Cancer	Met once on 9 October 2019. No annual report or financial statement submitted.
Children and Young People	Not active - has not met. Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Construction	Not active - has not met since 19 June 2018. Annual Report and Financial submitted.
Cricket	Not active. Has not met since being registered. No annual report or financial statement submitted.
Deaf Issues	Met once on 26 November 2019. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Diabetes	Met twice (6 November 2019 and 10 June 2020). No minutes provided for meeting held on 10 June. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Eating Disorders	Met once on 21 January 2020. No minutes provided. Annual report and financial statement submitted.

Gypsies and Travellers	Not active – has not met since 25 June 2019. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood	Met once on 2 October 2019. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Housing	Met once on 12 February 2020. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Law	Not active – has not met since 23 January 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Mental Health	Met once on 20 May 2020. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Muscular Dystrophy	Not active – last met on 6 March 2019. No annual report and financial statement provided.
Music	Not active. Has not met since being registered. No annual report or financial statement submitted.
Nursing and Midwifery.	Not active – has not met since 6 March 2019. No annual report and financial statement provided.
Older People	Met once on 10 March 2020. No annual report and financial statement provided.
Policing	Met twice on 25 March 2020 and 23 June 2020. No minutes provided. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Problem Gambling	Met twice on 10 December 2019 and 16 June 2020. No annual report and financial statement provided.

Public and Commercial Services (PCS) Union	Not active – has not met since 12 February 2019. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Rural Affairs	Not active – has not met since 1 May 2018. No annual report or financial statement submitted.
Skin	Met once on 12 November 2019. No annual report and financial statement provided.
Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	Met once on 3 December 2019. No minutes provided. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Small Shops	Met twice on 3 December 2019 and 22 April 2020. No minutes provided for 22 April meeting. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Smoking and Health	Met once on 26 November 2019. No minutes provided. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Stroke	Met once on 15 October 2019. No annual report and financial statement provided.
Technology and Innovation	Not active – has not met since 1 May 2019. Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Transport	Not active – has not met since 26 June 2019. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Universities	Met twice (on 23 October 2019 and 6 May 2020). Minutes not provided for these meetings. Annual report and financial statement provided.

Violence against Women and Children	Met twice (1 October 2019 and 3 December 2019). No minutes submitted for 1 October 2019 meeting. Annual report and financial statement provided.
Vision	Met three times on 12 November 2019, 10 March 2020 and 14 July 2020. No minutes submitted for 14 July 2020 meeting. No annual report and financial statement provided.
Wales Air Ambulance	Not active - has not met since 29 March 2017. No annual report or financial statement provided.
Waterways	Not active - has not met since 23 January 2018. No annual report and financial statement submitted.

## Annex: Registered Cross-Party Groups (74)

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	Ben Saltmarsh, NEA Cymru
	Hospice and Palliative Care	Kathleen Caper, Hospice UK
David Rees (5)	Cancer	Gemma Roberts, Cancer Research UK
	Mental Health	Lewis Cole, Gofal
	Nursing and Midwifery	Tina Donnelly, Royal College of Nursing
	Steel	Angharad Thomas, David Rees AMSS
	STEM	Niall Sommerville, Royal Society of Chemistry
Dai Lloyd (6)	A Clean Air Act for Wales	Healthy Air Cymru
	Coeliac Disease & Dermatitis Herpetiformis	Tristan Humphreys,

		Coeliac UK
	Liver Disease	Dr William Williams
	Stroke	Jillian Haynes, Stroke Association
	Vision	Elin Haf Edwards, RNIB Cymru
	Welsh Language	Ceri McEvoy and Colin Nosworthy, Mudiadau Dathlu'r Gymraeg
John Griffiths (6)	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	Claire Cunliffe, Oxfam Cymru
	Race Equality	Judge Ray Singh
	Smoking and Health	Suzanne Cass, ASH Wales
Darren Millar (2)	Armed Forces and Cadets	Curtis Shea, Darren Millar AMSS
	Faith	Jim Stewart, Evangelical Alliance Wales
Mike Hedges (3)	Housing	Matthew Kennedy, Institute of Housing
	Older People	Rachel Lewis, Age Cymru Wales
	Deaf Issues	Llyr Wilson Price, Action on Hearing Loss
Jayne Bryant (3)	Arts and Health	Helen Williams,

		Arts Council for Wales
	Preventing Child Sexual Abuse	NSPCC Cymru/Wales, Stop it Now! Wales and the Survivors Trust Cymru
	Diabetes	Josh James, Diabetes UK Cymru
Bethan Sayed (1.5)	Eating Disorders	Beth Mahoney, Gofal
	Violence against Women and Children (Co-Chair with Mark Isherwood)	Elinor Crouch-Puzey, Welsh Women's Aid
Nick Ramsay (2)	Skin	Dr Julie Peconi, Skin Care Cymru
	Waterways	Emily Lewis, Canal and River Trust in Wales
Llyr Gruffydd (2.5)	Sustainable Energy	Carolyn Pugsley, Freshwater UK
	North Wales	Stephen Jones, WLGA
	Children and Young People (co-Chair with David Melding)	Catriona Williams, Children in Wales
Joyce Watson (2)	Construction	Joshua Miles, Construction Industry Training Board
	Human Trafficking in Wales	Mwenya Chimba, Bawso
Hefin David (2)	Universities	Kieron Rees, Universities Wales
	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	Federation of Small Businesses

Lynne Neagle (2)	Dementia	Sophie Douglas, Alzheimer's Society Cymru
	Suicide Prevention	Samaritans Cymru
Angela Burns (3)	Sepsis	Terrance Canning, Sepsis Trust
	Medical Research	Bethan Edwards, British Heart Foundation Cymru
	Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions (NEW)	Emma Hughes, Genetic Alliance UK
Jenny Rathbone (3)	Food	George Watkins, Jenny Rathbone AMSS
	Women's Health	Rachel Clarke, British Pregnancy Advisory Service
	Gypsies and Travellers	Thomas Hendry, SEWREC
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 (1.5)	Looked After Children	Rhian Williams, Voices from Care
	Children and Young People (co-Chair with Llyr Gruffydd)	Catriona Williams, Children in Wales

Russell George (1)	Transport	John Pockett, Confederation of Passenger Transport in Wales
Rhun ap Iorwerth (2)	Wales International	Jenny Scott, British Council Wales
	Muscular Dystrophy	Jonathan Kingsley, Muscular Dystrophy UK
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 Suzy Davies)	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	Steve Griffith, British Association for Shooting and Conservation
	Woodlands, Forestry and Timber	Eleanor Harris, Confor
Helen Mary Jones (1)	Human Rights	Simon Hoffman, Equality and Human Rights Commission

Rhianon Passmore (1)	Music	Sam Murray

VACANT (4)	Rural Affairs	Tegryn Jones, National Parks Wales
	Public and Commercial Services (PCS) Union	Darren Williams, Public and Commercial Services Union
	Cricket	Paul Morris, Laura Jones AMSS
	Wales Air Ambulance	Angela Hughes , Wales Air Ambulance

#### **Wound-up CPGs during the fifth Senedd (7)**

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

#### **De-registered CPGs during the fifth Senedd (1)**

Mark Isherwood	Fathers and Fatherhood	Paul Apreda, FNF
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