

# **Cross-Party Group Monitoring Report - September 2018**

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 11 September 2017 and the end of the 2017 summer term on 20 July 2018. 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 67 CPGs have been registered since the beginning of the fifth Assembly, with 12 new CPGs being registered during the current review period. Of these, 62 are currently active and 5 have been wound up voluntarily.

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 (18):**

<b>Group name (and Chair)</b>	<b>Summary of compliance</b>
Biodiversity (Vacant)	NEW. Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 22 May 2019. Previous Biodiversity CPG wound-up on 23 February 2018.
Beer and Pubs (Vacant)	NEW. Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 22 November 2018.
Children and Young People (Julie Morgan)	Met three times. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 4 July 2019.
Dementia (Lynne Neagle)	Met three times. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 26 September 2018.
Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood (Julie Morgan)	Met three times. AGM due on 18 July 2018.
Hospices and Palliative Care (Mark Isherwood)	Met four times. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 11 October 2018.
Human Trafficking (Joyce Watson)	Met twice. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 17 October 2018.
Law (Mark Reckless)	NEW. Met twice. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 24 April 2019.

Mental Health (David Rees)	Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 29 November 2018.
Policing (John Griffiths)	NEW. Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 10 July 2019.
Rural Affairs (Vacant)	NEW. Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 1 May 2019.
Steel (David Rees)	Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 26 September 2018.
STEM (David Rees)	Met twice. Provided advance notice and all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 7 November 2018.
Sustainable Energy (Llyr Gruffydd)	Met three times. Provided advance notice and all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 26 September 2018.
Technology and Innovation (David J Rowlands)	NEW. Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 22 May 2018.
Transport (Russell George)	NEW. Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 16 May 2018.
Women (Jane Hutt and Sian Gwenllian)	NEW. Met once. Provided all documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 27 June 2018.
Woodlands, Forestry and Timber	NEW. Met once. Provided all

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documentation within required timescales. AGM due on 16 May 2018.

**Category B - Groups who submit the necessary information but are late in doing so (28)**

Active Travel Act (Lee Waters)	NEW. Met twice. Minutes of 24 October 2017 meeting provided late. AGM due on 24 October 2018.
Armed Forces and Cadets (Darren Millar)	Met three times. Minutes of 23 May 2018 provided late. Annual report and financial statement submitted late. AGM due on 13 February 2019.
Autism (Mark Isherwood)	Met four times. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 16 September 2017 but instead held on 14 March 2017).
Cancer (Julie Morgan)	Met four times. Minutes of 17 April 2018 provided late.
Coeliac Disease and Dermatitis Herpetiformis (Dai Lloyd)	Met three times. Minutes of 19 June 2018 provided late.
Co-operatives and Mutuals (Vikki Howells)	Met twice. Minutes of 29 November 2017 provided late.
Diabetes (Jayne Bryant)	Met four times. Minutes of 21 March 2018 provided late. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 8 November 2017 instead held on 15 December 2017).
Disability (Mark Isherwood)	Met three times. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 15 March 2018 but was instead held on 13 June 2018).

Eating Disorders (Bethan Sayed)	Met twice. Minutes of 16 May 2018 provided late. Annual report and financial statement submitted.
Faith (Darren Millar)	Met twice. Minutes of 6 June 2018 provided late. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 6 July 2017 but was instead held on 13 December 2017).
Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency (Mark Isherwood)	Met twice. Minutes of 10 October 2017 and 12 December 2017 provided late. AGM due by 10 October 2017.
Funerals and Bereavement (Mark Isherwood)	Met twice. Minutes of 18 October 2017 provided late. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 21 September 2017 but was instead held on 18 October 2017).
Further Education and Future Skills (John Griffiths)	Met three times. Minutes of 26 September 2017 and 30 January 2018 meetings provided late. AGM due to be held on 26 September 2018.
Gypsies and Travellers (Julie Morgan)	Met twice. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 9 November 2017 but was instead held on 27 November 2017).
Industrial Communities (Vikki Howells)	Met twice. Minutes of 17 January 2018 provided late. AGM held late (on 17 January 2018) because of postponement of business during week commencing 6 November 2017.

Looked After Children (David Melding)	Met three times. Minutes of 13 March 2018 meeting provided late. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 8 March 2017 instead held on 10 July 2018).
Neurological Conditions (Mark Isherwood)	Met three times. Minutes of 19 September 2017 meeting provided late.
North Wales (Llyr Gruffydd)	Met three times. Minutes of 22 June 2018 provided late. AGM due on 27 February 2019.
Older People (Mike Hedges)	Met once. Minutes to meeting on 13 December provided late.
Preventing Child Sexual Abuse (Jayne Bryant)	Met three times. Minutes provided late for meeting 12 December 2017. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 9 November 2017 but was instead held on 7 December 2018)
Public and Commercial Services Union (Julie Morgan)	Met once. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 15 November 2017 but was instead held on 14 December 2018).
Small Shops (Janet Finch-Saunders)	Met once. Minutes of 6 December 2017 and 7 February 2018 provided late. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 12 July 2018 but confirmation received that it will now be held held on 10 October 2018).
Small and Medium Sized	Met once. Minutes of 24 October 2017 provided late. Annual report



Enterprises (Hefin David)	and financial statement submitted.
Stroke (Dai Lloyd)	Met three times. Minutes to meeting of 7 March 2018 provided late.
Tourism (Suzy Davies)	Met twice. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 18 October 2017 but was instead held on 25 April 2018)
Universities (Hefin David)	Met four times. AGM not held within 12 month period since initial AGM (it should have been on or before 28 November 2017 but was instead held on 9 January 2018 – an email explanation from the secretariat was provided in advance)
Violence against Women and Children (Bethan Sayed / Mark Isherwood)	Met three times. Minutes of 20 September 2017 meeting provided late. Annual Report and Financial Statement also provided late.
Wales Air Ambulance (Lee Waters)	NEW. Met once. Minutes of 29 March 2017 meeting provided late.
Waterways (Nick Ramsay)	Met twice. Minutes of 23 January 2018 meeting provided late.

**Category C - Groups who have not provided details required by the rules (items not provided included in bold and underlined) (15)**

Asbestos (Dawn Bowden)	Met once. No minutes provided for meeting of 20 September 2018. No AGM held by 21 September 2017 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Boxing (Neil McEvoy)	Met once. No minutes provided for meeting of 21 March 2018. No AGM held by 13 June 2017 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Construction (Joyce Watson)	Met twice. AGM held (on 1 May 2018) but no annual report and financial statement submitted.
Deaf Issues (Mike Hedges)	Met twice. No AGM held by 24 January 2017 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Skin (Nick Ramsay)	Met twice. AGM not held by 27 September 2017 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Fathers and Fatherhood (Mark Isherwood)	Not clear if CPG is active. Has not met since 13 June 2017. AGM not held by 13 June 2018 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Food (Jenny Rathbone)	NEW. Met three times. All minutes provided late. Registered late on 20 August 2018 even though the group first met on 18 May 2017. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Housing (Mike Hedges)	Met three times. Minutes not

	provided for meeting of 8 May 2018.
Muscular Dystrophy (Bethan Sayed)	Met once. AGM not held by 5 July 2018 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Nursing and Midwifery (David Rees)	Met twice. Minutes not provided for meeting of 3 October 2017. AGM not held by 31 October 2017 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Problem Gambling (Mick Antoniwi)	NEW. Not met since registered on 20 March 2018. Not clear if CPG is active.
Sepsis (Angela Burns)	Met twice. AGM not held by 16 November 2017 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Vision (Dai Lloyd)	Met twice. Provided all minutes and advance notice of meetings. AGM not held by 30 November. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Wales International (Rhun ap Iorwerth)	Met three times. AGM not held by 18 July 2018 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.
Welsh Language (Dai Lloyd)	Met once. AGM not held by 10 January 2018 deadline. No annual report and financial statement submitted.

## Annex: Registered Cross-Party Groups (62)

Chair (number of groups)	Cross-Party Group	Person and organisation providing
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		<b>secretarial support</b>
Mark Isherwood (7.5)	Autism	Meleri Thomas, The National Autistic Society
	Disability	Zoe Richards, Learning Disability Wales
	Fathers and Fatherhood	Paul Apreda, FNF Both Parents Matter
	Funerals and Bereavement	David Beamer, Brevia Consulting
	Neurological Conditions	Diane Gleeson, Wales Neurological Alliance
	Violence against Women and Children (Co-Chair with Bethan Jenkins)	Gwendolyn Sterk, Welsh Women's Aid
	Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency	Bethan Proctor, NEA Cymru
	Hospice and Palliative Care	Catrin Edwards, Hospice UK
Julie Morgan (5)	Cancer	Clare Bath, Cancer Research UK
	Children and Young People	Catriona Williams, Children in Wales
	Gypsies and Travellers	Thomas Hendry, SEWREC
	Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood	Lynne Kelly, Haemophilia Wales
	Public and Commercial Services (PCS) Union	Darren Williams, Public and Commercial Services Union
David Rees (4)	Mental Health	Lewis Cole, Gofal
	Nursing and Midwifery	Tina Donnelly, Royal College of Nursing
	Steel	Angharad

		Thomas, David Rees AMSS
	STEM	Leigh Jeffes, Royal Society of Chemistry
Nick Ramsay (2)	Skin	Dr Julie Peconi, Skin Care Cymru
	Waterways	Emily Lewis, Canal and River Trust in Wales
Dai Lloyd (4)	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
Bethan Sayed (2.5)	Eating Disorders	Beth Mahoney, Gofal
	Muscular Dystrophy	Jonathan Kingsley, Muscular Dystrophy UK
	Violence against Women and Children (Co-Chair with Mark Isherwood)	Gwendolyn Sterk, Welsh Women's Aid
Darren Millar (2)	Armed Forces and Cadets	Kathryn Sharpe, Darren Millar AMSS
	Faith	Jim Stewart, Evangelical Alliance Wales
Llyr Gruffydd (2)	Sustainable Energy	Carolyn Pugsley, Freshwater UK
	North Wales	Stephen Jones,

		WLGA
Joyce Watson (2)	Construction	Donna Griffiths, CITB Cymru
	Human Trafficking in Wales	Mwenya Chimba, Bawso
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
Suzy Davies (1)	Tourism	Craig Lawton, Suzy Davies AMSS
Janet Finch-Saunders (1)	Small Shops	Edward Woodall, Association of Convenience Stores
Hefin David (2)	Universities	Rhys Flowers, Four Cymru
	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	Federation of Small Businesses
Vikki Howells (2)	Industrial Communities	Peter Slater, Industrial Communities Alliance
	Co-operatives and Mutuals	Ceri-Anne Fidler, Wales Co- operative Centre
David Melding (1)	Looked After Children	Rhian Williams, Voices from Care
Jayne Bryant (2)	Preventing Child Sexual Abuse	NSPCC Cymru/Wales, Stop it Now! Wales and the Survivors Trust Cymru
	Diabetes	Sara Moran, Diabetes UK Cymru
Russell George (1)	Transport (NEW)	John Pockett, Confederation of Passenger Transport in Wales

Lynne Neagle (1)	Dementia	Sophie Douglas, Alzheimer's Society Cymru
Rhun ap Iorwerth (1)	Wales International	Jenny Scott, British Council Wales
Angela Burns (1)	Sepsis	Terrance Canning, Sepsis Trust
John Griffiths (2)	Further Education and Future Skills	Julia Osman, Colleges Wales / Colegau Cymru
	Policing (NEW)	Cerith Thomas, Police and Crime Commissioners Advisor to the All Wales Policing Team
Lee Waters (2)	Wales Air Ambulance	Angela Hughes, Wales Air Ambulance
	Active Travel Act	Chris Roberts, Lee Waters AMSS
Neil McEvoy (1)	Boxing	Ellis Cummings, in a personal capacity
David J Rowlands (1)	Technology and Innovation	Catriona Reckless, Mark Reckless AMSS
VACANT (4)	Woodlands, Forestry and Timber	Eleanor Harris, Confor
	Rural Affairs	Tegryn Jones, National Parks Wales
	Biodiversity	Liz Smith, Wales Environment Link
	Beer and Pubs	Stuart Donaldson, CAMRA
Jane Hutt (0.5)	Women (co-chairing with Sian Gwenllian)	Women's Equality Network
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	Jane Hutt)	Network
Mick Antoniw (1)	Problem Gambling	Wynford Ellis Owen, Living Room Cardiff
Mark Reckless (1)	Law	Catriona Brown, Mark Reckless AMSS
Dawn Bowden (1)	Asbestos	Cedric Clement-Evans, New Law Solicitors
Jenny Rathbone (1)	Food	Zoe Bateman, Jenny Rathbone AMSS

### Wound-up CPGs (5)

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