

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

15 September 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

16 April 2014

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

23 May 2013: covered Children's Managed Clinical Network, Welfare Reform, Scottish Vision Strategy (SVS) and Unified English Braille.

1 MSP in attendance and 51 non MSPs.

Followed by Garden Lobby reception attended by 60.

12 Sept 2013: covered Capacity and Demand, Ethnicity and Eye Health, Awareness training for NHS staff, SVS

4 MSPs in attendance and 35 non MSPs

5 Dec 2013: Meeting cancelled due to severe weather

12 March 2014 (AGM): covered Election of Office Bearers, Capacity and Demand, Responsible Parking Private Members Bill, Haggeye Youth Forum, SVS, Blue Badge Consultation.

3 MSPs in attendance and 30 non MSPs

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Stuart McMillan MSP
Neil Bibby MSP
Nanette Milne MSP
Dennis Robertson MSP
James Kelly MSP
Richard Simpson MSP

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Sam Brown
Amanda Burt
Hilary Davies
Cindy Godfrey-McKay
Iain Mackinnon
Anne McLean
James O'Rourke
Margaret O'Rourke
Mary Rasmussen
Susan Robinson
Alex Scott
Ken Swa
Allen Thurston
James Mowat
Sandra Wilson

Organisations

Allergan
Association of Scottish Talking Newspapers (ASTN)
Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW)
Audio Description Association (Scotland)
British and Irish Orthoptic Society
CEC Libraries

	Community The Trade Union Describe Online Dundee Blind and Partially Sighted Society Eyecare Scotland Fife Society for the Blind Guide Dogs Haggeye Highland Sensory Project Insight Radio Leonard Cheshire Disability The Macular Society National Federation of the Blind Scotland National League of Blind and Disabled North East Sensory Services Novartis Optometry Scotland Perth and Kinross Society For the Blind Police Scotland RNIB Scotland Royal Blind Scottish Association for Visual Impairment Education (SAVIE) Scottish Council on Visual Impairment Scottish Government Scottish Sensory Centre Scottish Vision Strategy Scottish Division of Education Psychologists (SDEP) Sight Action Support Integration Training Employment (SITE) University of Edinburgh, Moray House School of Education VI Scotland Visibility VISION2020UK Counselling and Emotional Support Services Group Visualise
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Stuart McMillan MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP

Secretary	James Adams, RNIB Scotland
Treasurer	James Adams, RNIB Scotland

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

RNIB Scotland meets the costs of the XPG.

Staffing costs for XPG and Related Events 2012/13	£2,538
Admin & Travel costs for Events 2012/13	£480
Meeting Costs 2012/13	£2,858
TOTAL	£5,876

This support is provided by the RNIB Scotland Parliamentary Team, costs are based on 16 days work annually.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Stuart McMillan MSP
Parliamentary address	Scottish Parliament

Telephone number	0131 248 5000
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