

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment #CPGVI

Purpose of the group;

The Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment draws together the blind and partially sighted sector in Scotland to identify issues competent to the Scottish Parliament and seeks, in a reasonable fashion, to influence policy, legislation and decision makers to better reflect the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

Agenda

**Tuesday 11 September 2018, 13.00 – 14.00,
Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament**

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Apologies.
3. AGM and Election of Office Bearers.
 - Convener
 - Vice-Convener
 - Secretariat
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2018.
5. Matters arising
6. Panel discussion on mental health and employment with speakers as below:
 - Dr Mhairi Thurston, Abertay University - sight loss and mental health
 - Amanda Hawkins, Specialist Lead Emotional Support RNIB – RNIB’s Need to Talk project – a digital solution to social isolation

- CPG member, Kirin Saeed - personal experience of losing her sight and the subsequent challenges she faces
- Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Employability and Training

7. Any other competent business (AOB)

Following on from the AOB item at the CPG on 8 May 2018, Colette Walker – experience of inappropriate parking within Glasgow hospitals and how healthcare premises are not accessible for visual impairment patients, Jim Crombie, Acting Chief Executive, and George Curley, Director of Operations, of NHS Lothian have confirmed attendance.

Extensive correspondence from other health boards to be circulated in advance of this meeting.

8. Date of next meeting – please note change of date
Tuesday 20 November, 18.00 – 19.30, Fleming Room,
Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament.