

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Deafness
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>13/09/2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>13/09/2017</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>03/10/2017</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
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.
<b>14/12/2016:</b> BSL (Scotland) Act 2015 update from Scottish Government; UNCRPD Disability Plan and Inclusive Communication; Social Security in Scotland Update. MSPs – 4; non-MSPs – 27 (inc observers and speakers from Scottish Government)

**15/03/2017:** See Hear Strategy – 3 years on; Employability/Modern Apprentices Briefing – SDS. MSPs – 2; non-MSPs – 20 (inc observers and speakers from Scottish Government and SDS)

**14/06/2017:** meeting cancelled as neither Convenor nor the Vice Convenor could attend. Meeting would not have been quorate.

Next meeting will be reported at in the next annual return as it took place after the 2017 AGM

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Mark Griffin MSP – Convenor (Scottish Labour)

Graeme Dey MSP – Vice Convenor (Scottish National Party)

Alison Johnstone MSP (Scottish Green Party)

Annie Wells MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Neil Bibby MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Jenny Marra MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

### **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	
Organisations	Scottish Council on Deafness - SCoD Action on Hearing Loss ATLA - Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults BATOD - The British Association of Teachers of the Deaf British Deaf Association Scotland Deaf Action

	Deaf Connections Deaf Links Deafblind Scotland Donaldson’s School Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Link Heriot-Watt University NDCS – National Deaf Children’s Society NESS – North East Sensory Services RCSLT – Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists SASLI - Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters Scottish Sensory Centre Signature SISG (Sensory Impairment Support Group) Tayside Deaf Forum University of Edinburgh The Association of Sign Language Interpreters (ASLI) NHS Highland Deaf Services Disability Agenda Scotland (DAS).
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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	Mark Griffin MSP
Deputy Convener	Graeme Dey MSP
Secretary	Scottish Council on Deafness
Treasurer	Scottish Council on Deafness

## 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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

## SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/A

## CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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