

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Deafness
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.)
13/09/2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
13/09/2017
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]
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
13/09/2017
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.
13/09/2017: 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)
06/12/2017: Audiology in Scotland update/postponed, BSL National Planning, Education and Attainment issues. Reports from attendees.

14/03/2018: Audiology in Scotland update/Postponed, BSL Planning and Development, Social Isolation debate and focus on future priorities.

13/06/2018: The ALLIANCE, Teachers of the Deaf/issues in West Lothian, Audiology update, Deafblindness in Scotland.

Next meeting 12th September will be reported at in the next annual return as it took place after the 2018 AGM

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Mark Griffin MSP – Convenor

Graeme Dey MSP – Vice Convenor until promoted to Cabinet

Colin Beattie MSP – Vice Convenor from Sept 2018

Jenny Marra MSP

Alison Johnstone MSP

Annie Wells MSP

Neil Bibby MSP

Rhoda Grant 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

Donald Richards

Organisations

deafscotland (formerly 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

D.E.A.F. – South Lanarkshire

	Donaldson's School Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Link Heriot-Watt University Ideas for Ears NDCS – National Deaf Children's Society NESS – North East Sensory Services RCSLT – Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Respect Me 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). The ALLIANCE Skills Development Scotland
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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/ now Colin Beattie MSP
Secretary	Janis McDonald
Treasurer	Janis McDonald

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).

The group does not raise any additional funding. The costs for secretariat are met by deafscotland: equivalent of approx. £2,000 per annum for the administrative support through clerical and Chief Officer time. The costs for communication support are also met by deafscotland: cost approx. £2,800 per annum.

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- it is under review and will be discussed at the next meeting.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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