Our Response

Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) in the Scottish Parliament provide an invaluable sounding board for MSPs, outside organisations and members of the public. They are an informal and largely apolitical opportunity to meet and openly discuss a shared interest in a cause or subject of relevance to all.

Capability Scotland is a member of the cross-party group on disability, learning disability and housing. We find that the matters discussed at CPG meetings are highly relevant to our policy, campaigns and advice work. In terms of the review we have the following general comments to make:

- CPG meetings often start at 6.00pm. This prevents many disabled people and parents of disabled children from attending because of care arrangements. We would like the review to consider changing meeting times to fit within the working day, in line with the public sector equality duty.

- Welfare reform and Social Care are subjects of significant importance to disabled people and the organisations in Scotland that represent them. We would like to see CPGs formed for both of these topics.
About Us

Capability Scotland campaigns with, and provides education, employment and care services for, disabled people across Scotland. The organisation aims to be a major ally in supporting disabled people to achieve full equality and to have choice and control of their lives by 2020.

More information about Capability can be found at www.capability-scotland.org.uk.

Contact Us

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this consultation. If you require more information on this response, please contact:

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