

Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

AGM

Wednesday 24th September 2025 from 18.00-20.00

This will be an online meeting.

Agenda

Agenda item 1

Welcome and apologies for absence.

Agenda item 2

Election of office bearers; conveners and secretary.

Agenda item 3

We are delighted to welcome Detective Superintendent Stevie Bertram from the Specialist Crime Division, which oversees Rape and Serious Crime, Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking and Prostitution. He will be speaking about the size of the problem of grooming gangs in Scotland, about the work that Police Scotland are doing in relation to the grooming gangs, and the current challenges that the police face in keeping young girls safe from commercial sexual exploitation.

Agenda item 4

The meeting will open for questions from the group.

Agenda item 5

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Pam Gosal MBE MSP to our meeting this evening. Pam has spoken in the chamber regarding the need for a national inquiry into grooming gangs in Scotland. She pointed out that the Scottish Government had not implemented recommendations by Barnardo's and the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA). She said their report found that there was no way of knowing the true scale and nature of child sexual exploitation in Scotland and recommended that the Scottish Government invest in a nationwide, multi-agency prevalence study as a matter of urgency.

Agenda item 6

The meeting will open for questions from the group.

Agenda item 7

Parliamentary and CPG updates.

Agenda item 8

AOB and date of next meeting.