

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Deafness</b>
<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.)
21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021  The Office Bearers were elected online for Covid protection reasons.  Meetings have been held online. It has improved attendance from across Scotland.
<b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
Wednesday 6 September 2023.
<b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>
15 September 2023
<b>Date of Preceding AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2022 (rescheduled from Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept due to period of mourning/death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II)

## **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.

### **7 December 2022**

Subjects included:

National Audiology Review

See Hear Strategy review considerations

Working group on definition of Deafblindness

Lipreading

Attainment for deaf children

MSP Attendees 2

Non MSP Attendees 23

(Excluding Communication Support Professionals 4)

### **15 March 2023**

Paediatric Audiology/National Audiology Review

Deafblindness: working towards a recognised definition and changed approach

Children, Families and Young People

MSP Attendees 2

Non MSP Attendees 25

(Excluding Communication Support Professionals 4)

## **17 May 2023**

National Audiology Review

Definition of Deafblindness

Children, Families and Young People

MSP Attendees 2

Non MSP Attendees 30

(Excluding Communication Support Professionals 4)

## **6 September 2023**

AGM & General Meetings

### **1. AGM**

Convenor's Report

Election of Office Bearers

Date of next AGM - September 2024

### **2. General Meeting**

National Audiology Review

Definition of Deafblindness – Actions

Children, Families and Young People

Dementia and Dual Sensory Loss

MSPs attending 3

Non MSPS attending 23

(Excluding Communication Support Professionals 3)

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

**No Visits or Papers produced by the group**

**Has linked with National Audiology Review/Scrutiny & Support**

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

Convenor: Colin Beattie MSP/SNP

Vice Convenor: Mark Griffin MSP/Labour

Karen Adam MSP/SNP

Annabelle Ewing MSP/SNP

Douglas Lumsden MSP/Conservative

Paul O’Kane MSP/Labour to May 2023

Monica Lennon MSP/Labour

Roz McCall MSP/Conservative from Jan 2023

### **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

Dr Peter Spencer-Davies

<b>Organisations</b>	<p>Audiology - Linda Sharley, Allan Graham, Jim Harrigan</p> <p>ATLA - Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults</p> <p>AVUK – Auditory Verbal UK</p> <p>BATOD - British Association of Teachers of the Deaf</p> <p>British Deaf Association Scotland</p> <p>Deaf Action</p> <p>Deaf Links</p> <p>Deafblind Scotland</p> <p>DEAF-South Lanarkshire</p> <p>Disability Agenda Scotland</p> <p>Donaldson’s School</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group</p> <p>EIS - Educational Institute for Scotland</p> <p>Forth Valley Sensory Centre</p> <p>Hearing Link/Hearing Dogs for the Deaf</p> <p>Heriot Watt University</p> <p>NDCS - National Deaf Children’s Society</p> <p>NESS - North East Sensory Services</p> <p>Queen Margaret University</p> <p>RCSLT - Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy</p> <p>Respect Me</p> <p>Sense Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Sensory Centre</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>SISG Sensory Impairment Support Group</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p>

	<p>Tayside Deaf Forum</p> <p>University of Edinburgh</p> <p>The Association of Sign Language Interpreters (ASLI)</p> <p>The NHS Highland Deaf Services</p> <p>The ALLIANCE</p> <p>The Scottish Mental Health Services for Deaf People</p>
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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.

<b>Convener</b>	Colin Beattie MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Roz McCall MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Janis McDonald (the ALLIANCE)
<b>Treasurer</b>	

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).

No income is raised by the group.  
The ALLIANCE covers the costs for Communication Support Professionals required at approx. £400 per meeting. Max £1600 per annum. It was £1100 approx for this year.

### **Subscription Charged by the Group**

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

Not applicable.

### **Convener Contact Details**

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