

Cross Party Group on Dyslexia

Tuesday 27th September 2022

(via Microsoft Teams)

Minute

Present

MSPs

Oliver Mundell MSP, Finlay Carson MSP

Non-MSP Group Members

David Jones, Julie Ross, Jennie Guise, Gillian Evans, Cathy McGee, Margaret Crombie, Sharon Hall, Owen Ferry, Mo Brown, Lena Gillies, Jeremy Law, Michelle Luciano, Karen Boese, Paul McNeil

Apologies

Paul O Kane MSP, Rachael Hamilton MSP, Pam Gosel MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP, Ross Duncan, Cameron Smith, Liz Rodger, Paul Nisbet

1.Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved. An amendment to the minute had been circulated in advance.

2.Business arising from the minute

The Convener advised that a letter had been received from the ITV This Morning programme in response to the complaint made by the group regarding the interview with Matt Hancock MP. The programme had subsequently featured an additional segment on dyslexia as a response to the significant number of complaints received.

3. Adult Assessments

A number of actions were agreed from the previous meeting relating to adult assessments and it was agreed the Convener would write to the Minister for Further Education, Higher Education, Youth Employment and Training highlighting the concerns of members, seeking his comments and inviting him to a future meeting of the group.

4. Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

The CPG had written to the Cabinet Secretary raising concerns and seeking clarification regarding a wide range of issues. The group welcomed the detailed response but expressed disappointment that a number of key aspects had not been adequately addressed. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Cabinet Secretary seeking clarification on these specific areas along with an further invitation to attend a future meeting.

5. Any other business

The Group noted that National Dyslexia Awareness Week would take place between 31 October to 6 November 2022 with a wide range of events taking place across Scotland and online.

Information was provided on the Specific Learning Difficulties Network Workshop to be held in Edinburgh on 3rd November 2022 and details of a survey being undertaken which included information that would be of interest to the CPG. It was agreed that the survey findings would be included in the agenda of a future meeting..

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held in December 2022/ January 2023. Date to be confirmed.