Cross Party Group on Deafness
Thurs 3rd Dec 2026 at 11.00am to 12.30pm.

Agenda

Agenda item 1 **5 mins**
Welcome, membership, and apologies:
- To approve minutes from 4th March 2026 (whole group meeting)
- To approve minutes from 8th Oct 2026 (MSP meeting)
- Membership requests: LEAD Scotland, Bill Pagan (individual member)

Agenda item 2 **20 mins**
BSL updates:
- Pharmacy First VRI BSL pilot (Danielle Dawber, Sign Solutions)
- Written update from SG BSL unit

Agenda item 3 **15 mins**
Deaf/Deafblind children and GIRFEC:
- *Accessibility of the Getting It Right for Every Child framework for Deaf Children* (Lois Drake and Emma Papakyriakou, NDCS)

Agenda item 4 **15 mins**
Updates from working groups:
- Dementia and sensory care (Amy White, the ALLIANCE), including:
  - SIGN 168 dementia guideline review (Nov 2026)
  - Meeting with Minister for Community Care, Alison Thewliss
- Deafblindness and workforce (Deafblind Scotland)

Agenda item 5 **15 mins**
Audiology updates:
- Consultation on audiology guidelines for the assessment of children with additional support needs (Teresa Quail, BATOD, and Verity Langlands, Manchester Centre for Audiology & Deafness)
- Update on SG stakeholder meeting on audiology (26 Aug)

Agenda item 6 **15 mins**
Education updates:

- Education and consultation on guidance on Qualified Teachers of children and young people who are Deaf or Deafblind (2025) – written update from SG Support for Learning in Schools Unit
- Support for Deaf teachers

Agenda item 7 **5 mins**

- Priority topics for 2027

Meeting dates for 2027, online via Zoom:

- Wed 10th March, 6pm - 7.30pm
- Wed 9th June, 11am – 12.30pm
- Wed 8th September, 6pm – 7.30pm
- Thurs 25th November, 11am – 12.30pm

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