

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Deafness
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (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.)
11th June 2013
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
27th June 2014
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.
Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
Tuesday 11th June 2013
Attendees: 2 MSPs and 20 non-MSPs
Items discussed: Deaf Children and Adolescents Mental Health Services (DCAMHS) Welfare Reform Expenses for members to attend meetings – where grass roots organisations have limited funds Proposed Sensory Impairment Strategy Accessibility of the “Parliament Days” for deaf people Proposed BSL (Scotland) Bill Deaf Education Funding Cuts
Tuesday 10th September 2013
Attendees: 1 MSP and 12 non-MSPs

Items discussed:

Proposed BSL (Scotland) Bill
Scottish Lip Reading Strategy
Audiology Standards
Assistive Devices

[Clerks note: this meeting was inquorate and therefore classed as an informal meeting. No minutes will be posted onto the CPG webpage and this meeting does not count towards the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct that all Groups must hold two meetings per year]

Tuesday 3rd December 2013

Attendees: 2 MSPs and 20 non-MSPs

Items discussed:

Funding cuts – COSLA's position
Joint Sensory Impairment Strategy
Heriot-Watt University - School of Management & Languages: Dept. of Languages & Inter Studies – Research into linguistic access for Deaf people
Health Needs Assessment – partnership between NHS GGC, Deafblind Scotland and Deaf Connections.

Wednesday 12th March 2014

Attendees: 3 MSPs and 17 non-MSPs

Items discussed:

Welfare Reform – DWP representative spoke on Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Universal Credit
Membership of the Group
Teachers of the Deaf

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Jenny Marra

Dennis Robertson

Annabelle Ewing

James Dornan

Liam McArthur

Mark Griffin

Nanette Milne

Nigel Don
Richard Simpson

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

Bert Smale

Organisations

Action on Hearing Loss

ATLA - Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults

BATOD - The British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

British Deaf Association Scotland

Deaf Action

Deaf Connections

Deaf Links

Deafblind Scotland

Donaldson's School

Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group

Hearing Link

Heriot-Watt University

NDCS – National Deaf Children's Society

NESS – North East Sensory Services

RCSLT – Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

SASLI - Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters

Scottish Council on Deafness - SCoD

Scottish Sensory Centre

Signature

Tayside Deaf Forum

	University of Edinburgh
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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.

Convener	Jenny Marra MSP
Deputy Convener	Dennis Robertson MSP
Secretary	SCoD
Treasurer	

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

Cost per meeting:

SCoD Secretariat £360 X 4 meetings = £1,440 approx
 Interpreters £160 x 4 plus travel & VAT - £1,250 approx
 Notetakers - £60 x 4 plus travel and VAT - £375 approx

Total: Per annum is £3,000 approx

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the

subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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