

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

### PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

Purpose of the Group:

The Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment draws together the blind and partially sighted sector in Scotland to identify issues competent to the Scottish Parliament and seeks, in a reasonable fashion, to influence policy, legislation and decision makers to better reflect the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

Public Interest:

The CPG on Visual Impairment will have relevant interest in regards to the new Social Security/Welfare powers that are to be devolved to the Scottish Parliament in the next session, in particular the additional powers and what that may mean for blind and partially sighted people.

Overlaps:

N/A

Indication of Topics for Next 12 Months:

Discussion of implications of new powers to Scottish Parliament for blind and partially sighted people.

Discussion on future Bills particularly relevant to blind and partially sighted people.

### MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Stuart McMillan (SNP)

Neil Bibby (Labour)

Miles Briggs (Conservative)

Colin Smyth (Labour)

Colin Beattie (SNP)

### **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

Hilary Davies  
Mairi Graham  
Mary Rasmussen  
Rod Murchison  
Susan Robinson  
David McKerral  
Ken Swa

Organisations

RNIB Connect Radio  
Vision PK  
Guide Dogs Scotland  
SCOVl  
North Ayrshire Council  
Optometry Scotland  
Dundee Blind & Partially Sighted Society  
Visibility  
Sight Action  
Royal Blind  
North East Sensory Services  
Optometry Scotland  
RNIB Scotland  
Association of Scottish Talking Newspapers  
Macular Society  
SCOVl  
Scottish Sensory Centre  
SITE  
MACS  
Scottish Vision Strategy  
UK Vision Strategy  
Scottish Government  
Novartis Pharmaceuticals  
Allergan  
SITE  
VISION 2020 UK  
VISION 2020 UK Counselling and Emotional Support  
Services Group  
Haggeye  
Optelec UK

	City of Edinburgh Council - Libraries and Information Services Royal Blind School Scottish Association for Visual Impairment Education NHS Forth Valley Angus Council Police Scotland Visibility
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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	Stuart McMillan MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP
Secretary	James Adams, RNIB Scotland
Treasurer	James Adams, RNIB Scotland

### FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

£6,198.24 as detailed in 2016 annual return for secretariat support.

### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/A

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Stuart McMillan
Parliamentary address	MSP Block M4.11

Telephone number	86810
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**STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	
Date	29/06/2016