

Cross Party Group on Deafness

Wednesday 7 December at 6.00pm to 7.40pm
Via Zoom (an online video conferencing platform)

Minutes

Present

MSPs

Convenor – Colin Beattie MSP (SNP)
Dr Glen Reynolds MSP
Graeme Dey MSP

Invited guests

Professor Jackie Taylor – Chair, National Audiology Review
Scottish Government – Carole Campariol-Scott
Scottish Government – Gillian Heavie
Scottish Government – Susan Shippey
Scottish Government – Lee Sherrin
Scottish Government – Stephanie Yip
Scottish Government - Claudine Duff
Esther Black
Scottish Government – Robert Eckhart
The Scottish Sensory Hub, the ALLIANCE – Hazel McFarlane
Mandy Andrew
Susan Brooks
Kirsten Abioye – Lived Experience /Family member

Non-MSP Group Members

Secretariat – Janis McDonald (the ALLIANCE)

Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults Scotland (ATLA Scotland) – Jill Bradshaw
British Deaf Association Scotland (BDA Scotland) – Avril Hepner
Deaf Equality and Accessibility Forum South Lanarkshire (D.E.A.F. South Lanarkshire) – Enrique Canton
Hearing Link – Nicholas Orpin
National Deaf Children's Society Scotland (NDCS Scotland) – Mark Ballard
Edinburgh University – Rachel O'Neil
North East Sensory Services (NESS) – Graham Findlay

Queen Margaret University (QMU) – Rachel Mapson
Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) – Teri Devine
Scottish Register of Language Professionals with the Deaf Community (SRLPDC) – Leona Glennie
Scottish Sensory Centre – Teresa Quail
Sensory Impaired Support Group Ayrshire (SISG Ayrshire) – Denise McClung
Caithness Sensory Services/Hearing and Sight Care – Dierdre Aitken
Heriot Watt University – Gary Quinn
Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group – Sian Bertram
Sense Scotland – Joanne O’Donnell
ASLI Scotland – Marion Fletcher, Roy Thomson
Highland Sensory – Gillian Mitchell
Scottish Mental Health Service for Deaf people – Dr Debbie Innes
EIS – Julie Ferguson

Individuals

Donald Richards

Language Service Professionals

BSL / English Interpreter – Bruce Cameron
BSL / English Interpreter – Helen Dunipace
Electronic Notetaker – Paula McGuire
Electronic Notetaker – Melanie Coulter

APOLOGIES

MSPs

Paul O’Kane (Scottish Labour Party)
Annabelle Ewing (Scottish National Party)
Karen Adams (Scottish National Party)
Douglas Lumsden (Scottish Conservative)
Mark Griffin (Labour)
Roz McColl (Conservative)

Invited guests

Scottish Government – Max Barber

Non-MSP Group Members

Association of Sign Language Interpreters Scotland (ASLI Scotland) – Tessa Slaughter
Deafblind Scotland (DbS) – Isabella Goldie and John Whitfield

Forth Valley Sensory Centre – Jacquie Winning
National Deaf Children’s Society Scotland (NDCS Scotland) – Lois Drake
Deaf Links – Alana Harper
Deaf Action – Philip Gerrard
Donaldson’s School – Kath Cooper
NHS Highland Deaf Services – Amanda Wilson
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Scotland (RCSLT Scotland) – Glenn Carter
Scottish Register of Language Professionals with the Deaf Community (SRLPDC) – Mags Greig
WSDCS – Charlene Dolan

Agenda item 1

Welcome and Introductions.

The Convenor, Colin Beattie MSP, opened the meeting, welcomed the speakers, and reminded everyone to say who they were prior to speaking. He noted the order of the agenda had been agreed to accommodate the availability of speakers.

Agenda item 2

Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were noted and listed in this record.

Graeme Dey MSP and Roz McCall MSP were both agreed as new members of the group.

Agenda item 3

Professor Jackie Taylor spoke on the National Audiology Review. A summary is appended to the minute. (Marked Information 1).

Actions: To support the consultation work
To take a further report in due course (May tbc)

Agenda Item 4

Gillian Heavie and Susan Shippey from the Scottish Government, Support for Sensory Loss and Augmentative and Alternative Communication Team, talked about the review of the See Hear Strategy. (Marked Information 2).

Susan covered the history of the See Hear Strategy development, early feedback from the Review process, omissions, key similarities, and contradictions.

Actions: To contact the team to register interest in the review
To take a further report in due course (Sept tbc)
To connect those working on the definition of deafblindness to health colleagues in Scottish Government

Agenda Item 5

The minutes from last meeting on Tuesday 1 November 2022 were approved.

Matters Arising

Working Group on Deafblindness is a matter arising not on the agenda.

Actions – the discussion identified three actions:

Creation of a CPGD working group to take forward a definition. Isabella Goldie is leading.

The short, focussed paper encompassing relevant detail to take to the Scottish Government is scheduled to be available before the March CPGD meeting.

Note: This work can be incorporated into the next iteration of the See Hear Strategy.

Agenda item 6

Attainment for Deaf Children

Speaker was Robert Eckhart from the Supporting Learners Team at the Scottish Government, Directorate for Learning

(See Information paper 3)

Actions Janis to clarify links to any relevant SG reports
Seek brief report from Robert including his contact details
Robert to be invited to May CPGD meeting.

Agenda Item 7

Lipreading: Jill Bradshaw representing Scottish Course to Train Tutors of Lipreading and Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults

Jill covered a short history of lipreading in Scotland which included her own, personal commitment to develop it.

(Please see Information 4A & B)

Agenda Item 8

AOCB:

No other business.

Notice any items for the March 2023 meeting to be submitted before 12.00pm on Friday 3 March 2023.

Agenda item 9

Date of next meetings

Dates for 2023 at 6.00pm

Wed March 8	2023	Deafblindness Definition
Wed May 17	2023	Attainment
Wed September 6	2023	(for General Meeting & AGM)
Wed December 6	2023	

Agenda item 10

Closing remarks

The Convenor wished everyone a happy & joyful festive break.