

Agenda

Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 13.00-14.00

AGM and meeting to be held in Committee Room 1, Scottish Parliament, and online

Microsoft Teams meeting

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment #CPGVI

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.

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Agenda item 1 - Welcome, introductions and apologies

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Agenda item 2 - AGM and Election of Office Bearers

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- Convener
- Vice-Convener
- Secretariat

Agenda item 3 - Approval of minutes of meeting of 16 May 2023

Agenda item 4 - Matters arising and Action Points

Agenda item 5 – Education in Scotland for children and young people with visual impairment

Panel

- Rosaleen Dempsey and Jane Sharp, Children, Young People and Families, RNIB – “Key findings and recommendations from RNIB’s FOI reports on VI Education Services across Scotland”
- Michelle Cleasby, Depute Head Teacher, Royal Blind School – “A QTVI’s perspective: The importance of specialist support in education for children and young people with vision impairment”
- Lucinda Fass, Supporting Learners Team, Directorate for Learning, Scottish Government - "Refreshing the 2007 Guidance on Qualifications and Teacher Competences for teachers who work with blind/visually impaired, deaf/hearing impaired and deafblind children and young people"
- Professor John Ravenscroft, Scottish Sensory Centre, University of Edinburgh and Dr Margot Campbell, Visual Impairment Network for Children and Young People (VINCYP) Lead Clinician, NHS National Services Scotland - “The need for provision of eye care in special/additional support need schools in Scotland”

Followed by Q and A

Agenda item 6 - Any other competent business

Time permitting.

Agenda item 7 - Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5 December, 18.00-20.00, Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament and online.