

## 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.)

21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

The Office Bearers were elected online for Covid protection reasons.

Meetings have been held online. It has improved attendance from across Scotland.

### Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022 (rescheduled from Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept due to period of mourning/death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II)

### Date Annual Return Submitted

08 November 2022

**Date of Preceding AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

First AGM required in this cycle. Was 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2021

## **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.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022**

Subjects included:

NHS Lothian/National Audiology Issues/Recent Report;

See Hear Strategy Review

BSL Plan Update

MSP Attendees 2

Non MSP Attendees 22

(Excluding Communication support professionals 4)

### **20<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Attainment & Education

Paediatric Audiology/National Audiology Review

Deafblindness: working towards a recognised definition and changed approach;

BSL National Plan Update

See Hear Review Update

MSP Attendees 2

Non MSP Attendees 26

Excluding Communication Support Workers 4

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022/rescheduled to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022**

AGM & General Meetings

**1. AGM**

Convenor's Report

Election of Office Bearers

Date of next AGM -Sept 2023

**2. General Meeting**

National Audiology Review

Definition of Deafblindness - Actions

Dementia and Dual Sensory Loss

BDA Scotland Update

Changes relating to collaboration of Edinburgh Universities

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

MSPs attending 4

Non MSPS attending 27

(Excluding communication support professionals 4)

**No Visits or Papers produced by the group**

**Has linked with National Audiology Review/Scrutiny & Support**

**MSP Members of The Group**

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

Convenor: Colin Beattie MSP/SNP

Vice Convenor: Mark Griffin MSP/Labour

Karen Adam MSP/SNP

Annabelle Ewing MSP/SNP

Douglas Lumsden MSP/Conservative

Paul O’Kane MSP/Labour

### **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.

<b>Individuals</b>	Donald Richards
<b>Organisations</b>	ATLA-Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults BATOD - British Association of Teachers of the Deaf British Deaf Association Scotland Deaf Action Deaf Links Deafblind Scotland DEAF-South Lanarkshire Disability Agenda Scotland Donaldson’s School Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group EIS-Educational Institute for Scotland

Forth Valley Sensory Centre  
Hearing Link/Hearing Dogs for the Deaf  
Heriot Watt University  
NDCS-National Deaf Children's Society  
NESS-North East Sensory Services  
Queen Margaret University  
RCSLT- Royal College of Speech and Language  
Therapy  
Respect Me  
Sense Scotland  
Scottish Sensory Centre  
Signature  
SIG Sensory Impairment Support Group  
Skills Development Scotland  
Tayside Deaf Forum  
University of Edinburgh  
The Association of Sign Language Interpreters  
(ASLI)  
The NHS Highland Deaf Services  
The ALLIANCE  
The Scottish Mental Health Services for Deaf People

### **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.

<b>Convener</b>	Colin Beattie MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Mark Griffin MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Janis McDonald (the ALLIANCE)
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<p>If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).</p> <p>No income is raised by the group.  The ALLIANCE covers the costs for Communication Support Professionals required at approx. £300 per meeting. Max £1200 per annum. It was £900 approx for this year.</p>	
<p><b>Subscription Charged by the Group</b></p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>	
<p><b>Convener Contact Details</b></p>	
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