

Letter from Ruth Maguire MSP, Co-Convener of the CPG on Commercial Sexual Exploitation
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Thank you for sharing the details of the complaint regarding the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation. This evening Oliver Mundell, who shares the aims of our CPG has agreed to join, I have notified clerks. This means that our MSP membership as at 29/10/25 is as follows:

Rhoda Grant MSP Labour
Ruth Maguire MSP SNP
Katy Clark MSP Labour
Oliver Mundell MSP Conservative
John Mason MSP Independent
Jeremy Balfour MSP Independent
Ash Reagan MSP Independent

As you will be aware this session has seen a somewhat unprecedented number of MSPs resigning from their political parties and sitting as independents, amongst our group that is the case for 3 members. This unusual situation has resulted in a short period of our CPG not meeting the required number of political parties. In addition to this, as Conveners Rhoda and I have both had personal periods of absence from parliament and would acknowledge that there will have been times at this year where our full attention was elsewhere.

We are very proud of the work our CPG has done in bringing people and organisations together to highlight the damage done by the sex trade, positively influencing the discourse and campaigning for a change to the law which punishes those who exploit women and supports victims.

I apologise unreservedly for that we found ourselves operating outwith the guidelines for a short time and hope that the action taken to rectify the situation will be satisfactory and we will be able to continue this important work.