

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross Party Group on Deafness
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.
<p>To act as a channel of communication between the Scottish Parliament, individuals with deafness / hearing loss and organisations working or supporting individuals with deafness / hearing loss.</p> <p>To provide opportunities for Members of the Scottish Parliament to learn and understand about the needs of one million individuals in Scotland who have a deafness / hearing loss, and the barriers individuals face excluding them from participating and engaging an active role within society.</p> <p>To increase awareness and ensure issues affecting individuals with deafness and hearing loss (deaf, deafblind, deafened and hard of hearing including hearing loss and BSL users) are recognised and discussed throughout the working of the Scottish Parliament. To influence policy, legislation and decision makers in order to ensure the needs and rights of people with deafness and hearing loss are met throughout Scotland.</p> <p>To put deafness / hearing loss on the agenda of the Scottish Parliament.</p> <p>Topics still to be discussed and planned with members – will follow up in the first meeting. Planning to have a Joint Cross Party meeting with the Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment (and possibly Disability) in due course. Topics varies such as: Audiology; Early Learning;</p>

Education; Post Education; Sensory Loss; Inclusive Communication; Accessible Information; Older People; Children and Young People; Adults; Language Service Professionals; Consultations; Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing; Culture and Arts; Justice; Social Security; Transport; and Democracy.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Colin Beattie (SNP)

Annabelle Ewing (SNP)

Douglas Lumsden (Scottish Conservatives)

Mark Griffin (Scottish Labour)

Karen Adam (SNP)

Paul O’Kane (Scottish Labour)

More to be included later in the year, due to new parliamentary term.

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	Donald Richards John Mitchell
Organisations	The Scottish Sensory Hub (formerly deafscotland / Scottish Council on Deafness) - Secretariat ATLA - Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults BATOD - The British Association of Teachers of the Deaf BDA Scotland - British Deaf Association Scotland D.E.A.F. South Lanarkshire Deaf Action

	<p>Deaf Links</p> <p>Deafblind Scotland</p> <p>Disability Agenda Scotland (DAS)</p> <p>Donaldson's School</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group</p> <p>EIS - The Educational Institute of Scotland</p> <p>Forth Valley Sensory Centre</p> <p>Hearing Link</p> <p>Heriot-Watt University</p> <p>Ideas for Ears</p> <p>NDCS Scotland - National Deaf Children's Society Scotland</p> <p>NESS - North East Sensory Services</p> <p>NHS Highland Deaf Services</p> <p>Queen Margaret University</p> <p>RCSLT – Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists</p> <p>respectme</p> <p>RNID Scotland - Royal National Institute for the Deaf Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Sensory Centre</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>SISG - Sensory Impairment Support Group</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>SRLPDC - The Scottish Register of Language Professionals with the Deaf Community</p> <p>Tayside Deaf Forum</p> <p>The ALLIANCE (Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland)</p>
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	The Association of Sign Language Interpreters (ASLI) University of Edinburgh
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Colin Beattie MSP, SNP
Deputy Convener	Mark Griffin MSP, Scottish Labour
Secretary	Janis McDonald and Derek Todd, The Scottish Sensory Hub, the ALLIANCE janis.mcdonald@alliance-scotland.org.uk derek.todd@alliance-scotland.org.uk
Treasurer	N/A
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>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.</p>	
N/A	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
N/A	

Convener Contact Details

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

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

Signed

Date

Thursday 14 October 2021