

Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Funerals and Bereavement

Meeting 7.00pm – 8.30pm, Wednesday 14th June 2023

Venue: Scottish Parliament Committee Room 4.

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Approval of the minutes from previous meeting
3. Correspondence
4. Speaker – Ben Kane, Increasing bereavement support/education in schools
5. Discussion: Winter 2022, lessons learned
6. Speaker – Priya Khambhaita, Overhaul of bereavement support services
7. Future speakers/group activity
8. AOB
9. Time and date of next meeting

Agenda notes:

4. Ben Kane was a student at Clydeview Academy, Gourock, when in 2020 he founded Clydeview Bereavement Support Group. He has driven a pilot of the first pupil-led bereavement support group in Scotland. His campaign and support programme is now gaining national media, charity and political attention.

6. Priya Khambhaita, Director of the National Centre for Social Research, will discuss its recently published report which recommends an overhaul of bereavement support in the UK in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Priya was the research lead on the project and the findings and recommendations directly impact funeral industry staff and those who support bereaved people. The report can be found here: <https://natcen.ac.uk/publications/overhaul-bereavement-support-wake-pandemic>