

Cross-Party Group on Shared Parenting

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Online 1800 – 2000hrs

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of June 13th meeting and matters arising
4. What are Fathers Telling Us? Cathy Sexton, Co-Director of Fathers Network Scotland

In June this year over 1,000 dads responded to Fathers Network Scotland call to share their parenting experiences and have their voices heard. Dads from: every corner of Scotland; all walks of life; with children of all ages; and who are experiencing fatherhood in almost every conceivable way told FNS what life is like for them. Ahead of the results being officially launched at the start of October, FNS will share some of the topline findings and insights pertaining to the CPG.

5. Paying the Price: Sarah Rogers, Public Affairs Officer, Families Outside

[‘Paying the Price’](#) research by Families Outside explored in depth the financial costs to families of supporting someone in prison and after release. The research found the burden of care and costs falls disproportionately to women and highlighted the role of prison in creating, sustaining, and deepening poverty amongst children and families. Alongside the research findings, consideration will be given to the key policy solutions and recommendations that will improve outcomes for children and families affected by imprisonment.

6. Work Plan, Date of Next Meeting and AOCB