

Agenda

Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 13.00-14.00

AGM and meeting to be held in Committee Room 1, Scottish Parliament, and online

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Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment #CPGVI

Purpose of the group:

The Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment draws together the blind and partially sighted sector in Scotland to identify issues competent to the Scottish Parliament and seeks, in a reasonable fashion, to influence policy, legislation and decision makers to better reflect the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

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Agenda item 1 - Welcome, introductions and apologies

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Agenda item 2 - AGM and Election of Office Bearers

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- Convener
- Vice-Convener
- Secretariat

Agenda item 3 - Approval of minutes of meeting of 16 May 2023

Agenda item 4 - Matters arising and Action Points

Agenda item 5 – Education in Scotland for children and young people with visual impairment

Panel

- Rosaleen Dempsey and Jane Sharp, Children, Young People and Families, RNIB – “Key findings and recommendations from RNIB’s FOI reports on VI Education Services across Scotland”
- Michelle Cleasby, Depute Head Teacher, Royal Blind School – “A QTVI’s perspective: The importance of specialist support in education for children and young people with vision impairment”
- Lucinda Fass, Supporting Learners Team, Directorate for Learning, Scottish Government – "Refreshing the 2007 Guidance on Qualifications and Teacher Competences for teachers who work with children and young people who are blind/visually impaired, deaf/hearing impaired and deafblind"
- Professor John Ravenscroft, Scottish Sensory Centre, University of Edinburgh and Dr Margot Campbell, Visual Impairment Network for Children and Young People (VINCYP) Lead Clinician, NHS National Services Scotland - “The need for provision of eye care in special/additional support need schools in Scotland”

Followed by Q and A

Agenda item 6 - Any other competent business

Time permitting.

Agenda item 7 - Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5 December, 18.00-20.00, Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament and online.

Report on Action Points from the meeting of 16 May 2023:

There were seven action points from the meeting:

The Secretary did the following:

1. To share John Ravenscroft details with National Care Service (NCS) colleagues.
2. To invite Anna Kynaston and Ingrid Roberts to return to the CPGVI to give an update on NCS progress.
3. Letter on the NCS to go to the Scottish Government from the CPGVI.
The CPGVI letter and the reply from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Mental Health of Scotland, are attached.
4. Details of RNIB Scotland's technology conference to be circulated to the CPG and the Convener will send to all MSPs.
5. Details of the VI theatre production to be circulated to CPGVI members and to MSPs.

CPG members:

1. Sheila Hands to provide contact details to Carla Marchbank of those she knows doing similar work relating to domestic violence and people with sight loss in Tayside.
2. Deirdre Aitken to send on further information on home eye tests in Highland to the Secretariat of CPGVI.
Information provided by Deirdre is attached.