

Social Justice and Social Security Committee
Thursday 11 December 2025
33rd Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Social Security Independent Advocacy Service

Note by the Clerk

Introduction

1. At its meeting on 18 September 2025, the Committee agreed to schedule an evidence session with the organisation that is awarded the social security independent advocacy service contract.
2. Advice Direct Scotland were awarded the contract for the social security independent advocacy service.

Witnesses

3. The Committee will hear from Andrew Bartlett, Chief Executive Officer, Advice Direct Scotland.
4. The purpose of the evidence session is for the Committee to scrutinise how Advice Direct Scotland intends to provide free, independent support to disabled people and their parents, guardians or carers in Scotland to enable them to access Social Security Scotland benefits.

Clerks to the Committee
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