

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Deafness
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
13/09/2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
04/09/2019
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
13/09/2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
26/09/2019
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
13/09/2018: BSL (Scotland) Act 2015 update from Scottish Government; CRIDE Report (Education of Deaf Children); Hearing Access Protocols, Mental Health De-stigmatisation, UN Concluding observations/Shadow Reporting. MSPs – 2; non-MSPs – 27 (inc communication support, speakers and staff from deafscotland)

05/12/2018: Veteran/Hearing Loss, Participatory Budgeting/Access to Democracy. Reports from attendees. Not quorate meeting. No MSPs- 24 participants including speakers, deafscotland staff and communication support staff).

20/03/2019: BSL Plans, Teachers of the Deaf, Access and Participation – non BSL users, RCSLT Guidelines for specialist provision, See Hear developments, Paediatric Audiology (postponed). 2 MSPs, 21 non MSPs including communication support staff, deafscotland staff and speakers.

05/06/2019: Not quorate. Access Services/Sign Language Interactions, Hearinglink update (postponed), What Matters to You Day/The ALLIANCE, Teachers of the Deaf/issues in West Lothian. 1 - MSP, 21 non MSPs including Communication support and deafscotland staff.

Next meeting 04th September 2019 will be reported at in the next annual return as it took place after the 2019 AGM

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Mark Griffin MSP – Convenor (Scottish Labour)
Colin Beattie MSP – Vice Convenor (Scottish National Party)
Jenny Marra MSP (Scottish Labour)
Alison Johnstone MSP (Scottish Green Party)
Annie Wells MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Neil Bibby MSP (Scottish Labour Party)
Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

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	deafscotland (formerly Scottish Council on Deafness/SCoD) Action on Hearing Loss ATLA - Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults BATOD - The British Association of Teachers of the Deaf British Deaf Association Scotland

	Deaf Action Deaf Connections Deaf Links Deafblind Scotland D.E.A.F. – South Lanarkshire Donaldson’s School Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Link Heriot-Watt University Ideas for Ears NDCS – National Deaf Children’s Society NESS – North East Sensory Services RCSLT – Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Respect Me SASLI - Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters Scottish Sensory Centre Signature SISG (Sensory Impairment Support Group) Tayside Deaf Forum University of Edinburgh The Association of Sign Language Interpreters (ASLI) NHS Highland Deaf Services Disability Agenda Scotland (DAS). The ALLIANCE Skills Development Scotland
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

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.

Convener	Mark Griffin MSP
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Deputy Convener	Colin Beattie MSP
Secretary	Janis McDonald
Treasurer	Janis McDonald

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

The group does not raise any additional funding. The costs for secretariat are met by deafscotland: equivalent of approx. £2,000 per annum for the administrative support through clerical and Chief Officer time. The costs for communication support are also met by deafscotland: cost approx. £2,800 per annum.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A- it is under review and will be discussed at the next meeting.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Mark Griffin MSP
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