

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment</b>
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>13 September 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>17 September 2019</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>17 October 2019</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
<b>11 September 2018</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>Tuesday 20 November 2018</b>  Transport (Scotland) Bill with George Henry, Head of Road Policy, Scottish Government.

Present: 3 MSPs; 32 others.

## **Tuesday 19 February 2019**

Integration of Health and Social Care - an update on progress with speakers from Audit Scotland and the Scottish Government.

- Audit Scotland - Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
- Scottish Government - Christina Naismith, Head of Integration Implementation, Directorate for Health and Social Care Integration.

Present: 4 MSPs; 36 others.

## **Tuesday 28 May 2019**

Panel discussion on the educational attainment gap for visually impaired pupils and students

- Professor John Ravenscroft, Scottish Sensory Centre, University of Edinburgh - "The Qualifications and Competences of Teachers of Pupils with Visual Impairment";
- Sally Paterson, Learning Hub Manager at the Royal Blind School - "Making 'Getting it Right for Every Child' (GIRFEC) a reality for every pupil with vision impairment";
- Anne Marie Fleming, Education and CYPF Lead, RNIB Scotland - "Extended Core Curriculum and Transitions".

Present: 2 MSPs; 42 others.

## **Tuesday 17 September 2019 (AGM)**

AGM and Election of Office Bearers.

- Convener - Stuart McMillan MSP
- Vice-Convener - Neil Bibby MSP
- Secretariat - RNIB Scotland (Catriona Burness)

Discussion on the educational attainment gap for visually impaired students -

Representing Colleges Scotland: Kellie Mote of Edinburgh College.  
Representing Universities Scotland: Lorraine Vallance, Disability Service Manager at Heriot-Watt University (represents the Heads of Disability Services in Scottish Universities forum).

Present: 2 MSPs; 42 others.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Stuart McMillan MSP (Scottish National Party)  
Neil Bibby MSP (Scottish Labour)  
Tom Arthur MSP (Scottish National Party)  
Colin Beattie MSP (Scottish National Party)  
Miles Briggs MSP (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party)  
Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour)  
Emma Harper MSP (Scottish National Party)  
Colin Smyth MSP (Scottish Labour)

**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

Individual members are:

Amanda Burt  
Matthew Clark  
Ian Clement  
Robbie Crow  
Tracy Christie  
Hilary Davies  
Anna Forbes  
Cindy Godfrey-McKay  
Mairi Graham  
Sheena Guz  
Jacq Kelly  
Joan Kerr  
David McKerral  
Moira McMurchie  
Councillor Robert Moonie  
Rod Murchison  
Mary Rasmussen  
Dennis Robertson  
Susan Robinson  
Alan Stewart  
Steven Sutherland

	<p>Ken Swa Kirin Saeed Mary Travers Colette Walker</p>
Organisations	<p>RNIB Scotland provides the CPG secretariat. Member organisations are:</p> <p>Allergan Angus Council Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ASDO) Associated Optical Association of Scottish Talking Newspapers (ASTN) City of Edinburgh Council – Additional Support for Learning Services Dundee Blind &amp; Partially Sighted Society Eyecare Scotland Guide Dogs Scotland Haggeye Linking Education and Disability (LEAD) Scotland Macular Society Microphthalmia, Anophthalmia &amp; Coloboma Support (MACS) Neatebox NHS Education for Scotland NHS Forth Valley NHS Lothian Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion North East Sensory Services (NESS) North Ayrshire Council Novartis Pharmaceuticals Optelec UK Optometry Scotland Police Scotland RNIB Connect Radio RNIB Scotland – Secretariat Royal Blind Royal Blind School Scottish Association for Visual Impairment Education (SAVIE) Scottish Council on Visual Impairment (SCOVI) Scottish Government Scottish Sensory Centre, University of Edinburgh seescape</p>

	Sight Action Site Scotland - Supported Integration, Training and Employment (SITE) Visibility Vision PK Vision UK Vision UK Counselling and Emotional Support Services Group
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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	Stuart McMillan MSP (Scottish National Party)
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP (Scottish Labour)
Secretary	Catriona Burness, RNIB Scotland
Treasurer	Catriona Burness, RNIB Scotland

**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 CPG has received the support outlined below from RNIB Scotland:**

**Secretariat**

- C Burness (10 days) & C Vallis (5 days)  
**Total: £2061**

**Catering costs for CPG**

- Tuesday 20 November 2018 - £176.86
- Tuesday 19 February 2019 - £320.76
- Tuesday 28 May 2019 - £270.62
- Tuesday 17 September 2019 (AGM) - £255.00
- **Total: £1023.24**

**OVERALL TOTAL: £3084.24**

**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

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	Stuart McMillan MSP (Scottish National Party)
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