

# **Cross-Party Group on Shared Parenting**

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 1800 – 2000 (online)

## Agenda

1 Welcome and introductions

2 AGM, report and election of office bearers

3 Apologies

4 Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

5 Fathers Network Scotland 2024 Dads Survey

Cathy Sexton, Director of Fathers Network Scotland, presents new findings from their 2024 Dads survey, in particular the data on mental health stresses of fathers, both in marriage/relationships and separated/divorced. The FNS Dads Survey is building an important data set over several years.

6 Danish Supreme Court Review of Unequal Parenting Practice

Jesper Lohse is chairman of the Danish Father Association and coordinating chairman of Nordic Fathers. He is member of the advisory board for Family Court Houses and the Council for Human Rights in Denmark. Jesper will explain the case to be heard in the Danish Supreme Court challenging the Danish Government on the discriminations embedded in public benefits and services that work against equal shared parenting.

7 Just a Quick Question

Mairi Welsh worked as a law student intern with Shared Parenting Scotland in 2024. Her report, 'Just a Quick Question', identifies the pressing need for plain English communication between clients and both solicitors and the courts.

8 AOB

Date of next meeting.