

# Agenda

## Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

Tuesday 16 May 2023, 18.00-19.30

## Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament and via Teams

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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**

Welcome, introductions and apologies plus GDPR statement.

#### **Agenda item 2 - Approval of minutes of meeting of 1 February 2023**

#### **Agenda item 3 - Matters arising and Action Points report**

The Action Points report is given at the end of the agenda.

**Agenda item 4 - National Care Service Scotland activities and how people can become involved in co-design**

- Anna Kynaston, National Care Service Division, Scottish Government  
Followed by Q and A.

**Agenda item 5 - Domestic abuse and violence experienced by visually impaired people – The Unseen Report and future Scottish research**

Carla Marchbank, Statutory Services Manager, North East Sensory Services (NESS)  
Followed by Q and A.

**Agenda item 6 - Any other competent business**

Time permitting.

**Agenda item 7 - Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed.

## **Addendum: Agenda item 3 - Action Points report**

### **3.1. NEC Cards and +1 Cards (carried over from 1 February 2023)**

The Secretary collaborated with Sight Scotland on drafting a letter to the Scottish Government on behalf of the CPGVI, asking what they can do to increase the uptake of registered people applying and getting NEC cards and to highlight the campaign run by Sight Scotland to provide free +1 companion travel. A reply from the then Minister for Transport Jenny Gilruth MSP to the letter sent on behalf of the CPGVI is attached.

### **3.2. See Hear Strategy 2024: Progress and Future Plans**

Speaker: Susan Shippey, Senior Sensory Loss Policy Manager, Augmentative and Alternative Communication Team (AACSL), Scottish Government (SG) - [susan.shippey@gov.scot](mailto:susan.shippey@gov.scot).

A copy of the presentation is attached.

If you, as an individual with lived and living experience, or as an organisation wishing to join the See Hear Strategy advisory group, and/or respond to any other aspect of this work please let Susan Shippey know by emailing [susan.shippey@gov.scot](mailto:susan.shippey@gov.scot).

### **3.3. Older people with visual impairment and the safe and effective use of medicines**

Speaker: Margaret (Mags) Watson, GTAP Professor of Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice, University of Strathclyde - [margaret.watson@strath.ac.uk](mailto:margaret.watson@strath.ac.uk).

A copy of the presentation is attached.

The link to the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) mentioned in her presentation is

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/supporting-medicine-use-by-older-people-with-sensory-impairment>. The Convener also sent the course link to all MSPs.

There is also an invitation to an event taking place in Glasgow on 2 May (details direct via Mags Watson).

### **3.4. Scottish Vision Strategy (SVS) conference in Edinburgh at Dynamic Earth on 8 March 2023**

The CPG Secretary circulated registration details to all members.