

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group on Deaf Issues

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

Mark Isherwood MS

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Rhun Ap Iwerth MS, Mike Hedges MS, Peredur Owen Griffiths MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Dr Rob Wilks

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

Cath Booth – Wales Council for Deaf People; Tom Lichy – British Deaf Association; Martin Griffiths – British Deaf Association; Alison Bryan; Anthony Evans; Cathie Robins-Talbot – Swansea Deaf Centre; Hilary Sommerlad – Centre for Sign, Sight and Sound; Gareth Foulkes; Hannah Winters – xxx; Helen Foulkes; Jacqui Bond; John Day – BCUHB Audiology; Jonathan Arthur – CTM UHB Audiology; Julia Terry – Swansea University; Lyndsey Stringer; Michael Wycherley – Deafblind UK; Michael Britland – Hearing Link; Michelle Fowler – Velindre UHB; Naila Noori - Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists; Nigel Williams – South Wales Cochlear Implant Support Group; Paul Redfern; Paul Chappell – Royal National Institute for Deaf People; Polly Winn – Royal National Institute for Deaf People; Sarah Angrove – British Association of Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People; Sarah Thomas – Centre for Sign, Sight and Sound; Sheila Squire – Torfaen County Borough Council; Stephen Brattan-Wilson –

Association of Sign Language Interpreters; Stuart Parkinson; Hazal Badjie – National Deaf Children’s Society; Victoria Bishop-Rowe – AVUK; Alexander Kewn – AVUK; Lorraine Lewis - Cardiff and Vale UHB Audiology; Jessica Bowen – Thinkedi; Catherine Davies

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

Thursday 3 November 2022

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS – Chair; Joel James MS; Callum Mclean – Secretariat, Wales Council for Deaf People; Alison Bryan; Angharad Morris; Annie Morris – Audiology Relationship Manager, Specsavers; Dawn Sommerlad – Teacher of the Deaf / COS Trustee; George Baldwin – Policy & Campaign Officer, NDCS; Gordon Harrison – Head of Professional Advancement, Specsavers; Jane Wild – BC UHB Audiology; John Day - BC UHB Audiology; Louise Sweeney – CEO, Wales Council for Deaf People; Michael Britland - Training and Development Manager - Hearing Link Services Nigel Williams – South Wales Cochlear Implant Support Group; Rob Wilks – Lecturer, Cardiff University; Sarah Angove – BATOD Cymru; Sarah Thomas – COS; Sophie Brownlee – Account Director, Specsavers; Stephen Brattan-Wilson – ASLI Representative / BSL Interpreter; Stephen McAndrew – Director of NHS Services, Specsavers

Summary of the issues discussed:

Annual General Meeting for 2021/22; Primary Care Audiology; Specsavers Committee Evidence; ALN Reforms & Communication Standards in Health Care; Deaf education in Scotland & Wales

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

Friday 30 June 2023

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS (Chair); Rob Wilks (Secretary); Alison Bryan; Cath Booth (Achieve Together); Hannah Winters (University Hospital of Wales); Helen Foulkes; Jacqui Bond (Social Worker for the Deaf); Lisa Wilcox (BATOD); Mark Davies; Martin Griffiths; Nigel Williams (South Wales

Cochlear Implant Support Group); Polly Winn (RNID); Sarah Thomas (Centre for Sign Sight Sound); Tony Evans (BSL/English Interpreter)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Election of New Secretariat; Invisibility of Deafblind adults in Wales; Future meetings; Attendance of Members of the Senedd; GCSE BSL; International Day of Sign Languages / Shine a Light

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

Thursday 26 October 2023

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS (Chair); Rob Wilks (Secretary); Alison Bryan; Hazel Badjie (NDCS); John Day (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board); Julia Terry (Swansea University); Margaret Buchanan-Geddes; Mark Davies; Michelle Fowler (Velindre University NHS Trust); Polly Winn (RNID); Rebecca Mansell (BDA); Samantha Davies; Sarah Thomas (COS); Stuart Parkinson; Tom Lichy (BDA); Tony Evans

Summary of the issues discussed:

Speaker Series #1: Sarah Thomas, Centre for Sign-Sight-Sound; Petition for Welsh Government to develop a Teacher of the Deaf workforce strategy; BDA Update

Meeting 4

Date of Meeting:

Thursday 4 January 2024

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS (Chair); Dr Rob Wilks (Secretary); Adam Howls (WITS); Alison Bryan; Cath Booth (WCDP); Dawn Sommerlad (COS); Dr Julia Terry (Swansea University); John Day; Margaret Buchanan; Michelle Fowler (Velindre HB); Nigel Williams (NWSSP); Polly Winn (RNID); Rebecca Mansell (BDA); Sarah Thomas (COS); Sonia Thomas (Llais); Stuart Parkinson; Tom Lichy (BDA); Tony Evans; Victoria Bishop-Rowe (Auditory Verbal UK)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Accessible Information Standard Update; Shortage of interpreters; Making complaints about health services

Meeting 5

Date of Meeting:

Monday 11 March 2024

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS (Chair); Dr Rob Wilks (Secretary); Altaf Hussain MS; Mike Hedges MS; Tom Lichy (BDA); Martin Griffiths (BDA); Tony Evans; Cathie Robins-Talbot; Stuart Parkinson; Hazel Badjie (NDCS); Mark Davies; Margaret Buchanan Geddes; Tori Bishop-Rowe (AVUK); Ryland Doyle; Lorraine Lewis (Cardiff & Vale UHB); Nigel Williams (NWSSP)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Annual General Meeting.

Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year

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Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

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Date:

26/03/23

Name of Chair:

Mark Isherwood MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Martin Griffiths, British Deaf Association

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	None	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods bought	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any financial support or other support.	No financial support was received.	£0.00
Total		£0.00

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
		£0.00
Total		£0.00