

Motion S4M-07744: Christina McKelvie, Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse, Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 18/09/2013

Cinema Subtitling

That the Parliament commends the Cinema Exhibitors' Association (CEA) on what it considers the successful testing of new subtitling technology; understands that these tests included arranging screenings of films for deaf cinemagoers to try new initiatives such as subtitling glasses and personal subtitle screens; considers that this innovative technology is a fantastic step forward for CEA, and welcomes future development of this technology.

Supported by: Jenny Marra, Helen Eadie, Kenneth Gibson, Kevin Stewart, John Mason, Anne McTaggart, Jackie Baillie, Maureen Watt, Roderick Campbell, Jackson Carlaw, Stuart McMillan, Chic Brodie, Christian Allard, Jim Hume, Nigel Don, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Willie Coffey, Annabelle Ewing, Colin Beattie, Rob Gibson, Richard Lyle, Mike MacKenzie, Linda Fabiani, John Finnie, Bill Kidd, Christine Grahame, Stewart Maxwell, James Dornan, Jean Urquhart, Sandra White, Gil Paterson, Fiona McLeod, Clare Adamson

Question S4W-17537: Jenny Marra, North East Scotland, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 30/09/2013

To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce a register of teachers of deaf people.

Current Status: Expected Answer date 28/10/2013

Question S4W-17028: Ken Macintosh, Eastwood, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 09/09/2013

To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve the provision of speech and language therapy for children with neurological conditions.

Answered by Alex Neil (24/09/2013):

All children access speech and language therapy services in the same way irrespective of whether they have been diagnosed with a neurological condition.

Action 4.1 of the Allied Health Professions National Delivery Plan, published in 2012, specifically focuses on the development of a transformational children and young people's service plan to meet the evolving needs of this care group. This plan will address the need for a national, sustainable model that reflects the early years agenda and the moves towards integration and will include services for children with neurological conditions.

Current Status: Answered by Alex Neil on 24/09/2013

Question S4W-17027: Ken Macintosh, Eastwood, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 09/09/2013

To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides for speech and language therapy.

Answered by Alex Neil (24/09/2013): Information about the funding provided for Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) services is not held centrally.

Funding for NHS Speech and Language services is provided through general NHS Board funding; it is for each NHS board to determine locally what spend is needed in the provision of individual services.

Children's SLT services are funded partly through both NHS board funding and partly by local authorities via service level agreements between local authorities and NHS boards.

As independent corporate bodies, local authorities are responsible for managing their own budgets and deciding how best to allocate the total financial resources available to them on the basis of local needs and priorities having first fulfilled its statutory obligations and the jointly agreed set of national and local priorities including the Scottish Government's key strategic objectives.

Current Status: Answered by Alex Neil on 24/09/2013

Question S4W-17025: Ken Macintosh, Eastwood, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 09/09/2013

To ask the Scottish Government how many speech and language therapists there have been in each of the last five years, broken down by (a) NHS board and (b) local authority area.

Answered by Alex Neil (24/09/2013):

Published information on headcount and whole time equivalent of all speech and language therapy staff, broken down by NHS board from September 2007 to June 2013, can be found on the workforce statistics via the Information Services Division (ISD) website at:

https://isdscotland.scot.nhs.uk/Health-Topics/Workforce/Publications/2013-08-27/Non-Medical_Trend_J2013.xls?67409260

Published information on headcount and whole time equivalent of speech and language therapy staff, broken down by NHS board, Agenda for Change (AfC) band, age, contract type and gender, and NHS region and board from June 2012 to June 2013, can be found on the workforce statistics via the ISD website at:

https://isdscotland.scot.nhs.uk/Health-Topics/Workforce/publications/2013-08-27/AHP_Staff_J2013.xls?67409260

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Numbers for speech and language therapists working in local authority areas are not centrally held.

Current Status: Answered by Alex Neil on 24/09/2013

Question S4W-17026: Ken Macintosh, Eastwood, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 09/09/2013

To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides for children with communication difficulties.

Answered by Alex Neil (24/09/2013):

Support for children with communication difficulties is provided through the provision of Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) services by local NHS boards and through the duties of education authorities and other agencies under the Additional Support for Learning Act 2004 to identify, provide for and review the additional support needs of their pupils.

The SLT input required is based on a comprehensive assessment and joint goal setting with the child and family.

Current Status: Answered by Alex Neil on 24/09/2013