

Question S4W-21442: Richard Simpson, Mid Scotland and Fife, Scottish Labour

To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the programme that is studying screening for hearing loss in adults that is jointly funded by the Medical Research Council and the Chief Scientist's Office.

Answered by Michael Matheson (12/06/2014):

There is no programme on studying screening for hearing loss jointly funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Chief Scientist Office (CSO).

The MRC and CSO jointly fund the Scottish Section of the Institute of Hearing Research which is located at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. CSO funding for the institute is currently £368,172 per annum.

Motion S4M-10450: Graeme Dey, Angus South, Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 24/06/2014

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland Saves Thousands of Miles

That the Parliament recognises what it considers the vital work of the charity, Action on Hearing Loss Scotland; understands that, thanks to its community drop-in service, it has spared service users from travelling 17,000 miles in the last three and a half years; notes that volunteers and trained staff provide community-based support, including hearing aid maintenance such as replacing tubing, wax trap replacement and battery distribution at drop-in sessions or for people who live in sheltered, nursing housing or who use day care provision; understands that, since the service was introduced in Angus in 2010, the organisation has retubed 2,700 hearing aids, carried out 2,200 interventions, made 354 onward referrals and distributed more than 4,300 packets of hearing aid batteries, which represents around 25,800 batteries, and wishes Action on Hearing Loss Scotland continued success.

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