**Meeting of the National SDS Collaboration**

**Wednesday 1 October 1-3pm**

**Chaired by:** Anne-Marie Monaghan

**Attended:** and Zoe McIntyre (notes).

**Apologies:** Alastair Minty, Andy Miller, April O’Neil, Ashley Mazs, Becky Duff, Beth Anderson, Catherine McGoldrick,Cheryl Taylor, Emma Miller, Jackie Eaton, John Skouse, Heather Palmer, Hilda Campbell, Innes Turner, Jeremy Adderley, LizAnne McCahill, Matt Crilly, Megan O’Hara-Knight, Michelle Fleming, Morag Duncan, Pauline Lunn, Rachel Mackay, Rob Gowans, and Ron Culley.

1. **Welcome**

Beth Anderson (Policy Officer from Age Scotland) welcomed to the meeting.

1. **Feedback and moving forwards for outcome 2: Systems and Structures (KP)**

* Connected Conversations presentation delivered.

1. **Reflection in discussion groups**

* What are your reflections on what you have heard from Connected Conversations?
* How can you/your organisation contribute to gathering evidence on the impact of cuts of Direct Payments/SDS Option 1?
* What do you think the Collaboration should do about this?

Key discussion points included:

1. **Current issues**

* Dementia Strategy (AR)
* Scottish Government Updates

1. **AOCB**

* Poverty Alliance Campaign LINK TO THIS

Date of next meeting – 5 November 2025