



MEDIA STATEMENT

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The Muslim Women's Advisory Group is not linked to Baroness Cox

On the 31st January 2023, Muslim Women's Network UK launched a 'Muslim Women's Advisory Group'. We would like to make clear that this group has not engaged with or supported the work of the Crossbench Peer, Baroness Cox in any way. This clarification is being made due to Baroness Cox recently being quoted in the media as stating that she has *"strong support from Muslim Women, including the Muslim Women's Advisory Group.."*

The alleged links between Baroness Cox (who often mentions Muslim women in her campaign work) and anti-Islam activists and organisations were recently explored in a report by the anti-racism group Hope Not Hate. MWN UK is concerned to see that Muslim women, and the experience they can have of discrimination within their own communities, being weaponised by activists to further an anti-Muslim agenda. Sadly, using Muslim women as a political football in this way is not new. It is anti-Muslim activists who pose the real threat to the safety of Muslim communities across the UK, and we therefore commend Hope Not Hate for revealing that their influence may be seeping into our political institutions.

Additional Information

- Media enquiries can be directed to: contact@mwnuk.co.uk
- Muslim Women's Network UK is a national charity and more information can be found on its website: <https://www.mwnuk.co.uk>
- Hope Not Hate Investigation: <https://hopenothate.org.uk/2023/02/24/investigation-the-new-issues-group/>