



Community Safety - the emerging landscape and future opportunities

Joint report by the SCSN, the Building Safer Communities Programme and COSLA

A [joint report](#) by The Scottish Community Safety Network, the Building Safer Communities Programme and COSLA, on the future of Community Safety in Scotland, has just been published. The report considers both the national and local context of community safety before setting out a list of identified Key Principles for a Community Safety Narrative, namely:

- Person centred, place based
- Addressing the needs of communities holistically
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Tackling Inequalities
- Strong partnership working – with governance and decision making that enables community participation, influence and ownership
- Evidence based action supported by evaluation and an understanding of 'what works'

Our Chief Officer, Lorraine Gillies, welcomed the publication of the report:

'The Scottish Community Safety Network, the Building Safer Communities Programme and COSLA are pleased to be able to share this joint report on the Future of Community Safety, 'Community Safety – the emerging landscape and future opportunities'. The Scottish Community Safety Network welcomes the key messages in the report that confirms the value placed on partnership and

collaborative working in the Community Safety arena; and which outlines a road-map for continuous improvement across the country and with the support of the Scottish Community Safety Network. We look forward to working collaboratively with others to achieve this ambition'

You can read more about this story on page 3,

SCSN Stakeholder Consultation

Your Network, Your Views...

Join the conversation – help shape the Scottish Community Safety Network by completing our Stakeholder Consultation.

Hopefully those of you who follow us on Social media, engage with us via email and over the phone and those who meet us out and about across Scotland have noticed an upsurge in our activity since January. We have a new Chief Officer, increased staff capacity and a renewed drive to be the resource you need us to be to ensure that everyone working to build safer and stronger communities has the support they need from us.

As part of the next phase of our development we need to write a new strategic plan and want to hear your thoughts on our activities, membership services and future plans.

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We've chosen to do this through an online 'stakeholder consultation' which will allow us to get a wide range of opinions and allow for easy analysis of the feedback. Whilst we hope most of our responses will come through this online survey we will also be speaking face to face or over the phone with our partners through the course of our day to day work and we are more than happy to come and speak to any other organisations or networks as part of this process.

All of your input will shape what we do as an organisation in the coming months and years and your feedback is really important to us.

The consultation closes on 28th May 2018 and we'd like to have as many responses from as wide an audience as possible so feel free to share the link! If you have any questions on the consultation, email us at info@scsn.org.uk or call us on 0131 225 8700.

You can contribute to our consultation [here](#).

Building Safer Communities Programme Unintentional Harm Learning Event - 19 April

We've also been busy working hard to promote and support the upcoming BSC Programme Unintentional Harm learning event. We can't wait to attend in Cambuslang and are really looking forward to what are sure to be some fantastic discussions!

Question of the Month

In the last edition of our newsletter, and looking forward to the Building Safer Communities Unintentional Harm Learning Event on April 19, we asked which topics you would most like to see discussed at the event.

The results were as follows:

- Engaging and Empowering Communities - 41.7%
- Partnership Working - 16.7%
- Sustainable Funding - 16.7%
- Demonstrating Impact - 16.7%
- Shifting to Prevention - 8.33%

Thanks to all of those who took part! We'll be feeding the results back to the Building Safer Communities Programme and look forward to some really interesting discussion on the day!

Due to our rescheduling of the newsletter to publishing on the first week of the month, there is no Question of the Month in this edition. However, look out for our May newsletter coming soon where Question of the Month will return. Remember, if you'd like to submit a question of the month for our army of followers and members, email info@scsn.org.uk!

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Over recent years there has been significant reform, legislative and policy changes that have impacted on the way community safety services are delivered. Whilst partnerships continue to deliver positive outcomes for communities, in light of these notable changes and interdependencies, Scottish Government, COSLA and the Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) jointly agreed to carry out a piece of work to identify key areas of activity, capture learning, identify shared interest; and explore how connections can be improved between local and national initiatives and activity.

This work is intended to:

- ⇒ Identify and influence the future national policy direction around community safety;
- ⇒ Support local community safety partners by sharing examples of positive practice and improved community outcomes;
- ⇒ Build up a picture of key operational challenges facing the partnership approach to community safety;
- ⇒ Contribute to and support the SCSN to determine its future role.

Between April 2017 and January 2018, the Scottish Government's Building Safer Communities team, led by a seconded COSLA Policy Manager, undertook a series of discussions with Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) and partners in each local authority area. The approach focused around in depth discussions, talking to those in the sector with a flexible, non structured interview. Discussions regularly included representation from the local authority, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - among a wide range of other partners.

The report provides some key findings and outlines opportunities for the future development of Community Safety in Scotland.



It discusses the opportunity for a redefinition of Community Safety based on a wide range of consultations and discussions, identifies the relationship between policy priorities and explores the impact of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.

The report then considers prevention, early intervention and the relationship with communities, giving particular thought to addressing vulnerabilities.

The report considers and discusses opportunities to improve collaborative working and overcoming barriers to data sharing (see pages 6 & 7 of the newsletter for an example!), before finishing with a **discussion of linking** scrutiny to wider strategic planning, the prominence of the unintentional harm agenda and the challenges of short-term and multiple funding streams.

As discussed on page 1, the document sets out some key principles for a Community Safety guiding narrative, and these are set out in some detail in the report.

You can download the report in full from the [SCSN website](#).

Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2018/19 published

Police Scotland have published their Annual Police Plan for the coming year, with a focus on 6 key priority areas established via community consultation and their own analysis of risks and emerging threats likely to affect Scotland's communities, also considering strategic police priorities and the Policing 2026 Strategy.

The 6 key priority areas of focus for 2018/19 are:

- Violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- Serious organised crime
- Counter terrorism and domestic extremism
- Protecting people at risk of harm
- Road safety and road crime
- Acquisitive crime



The strategy also discusses how the introduction of LOIPs and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 provides an opportunity for local policing divisions to plan more cohesively with partners and focus on improving local outcomes for the public and communities.

You can download the Annual Policing Plan 2018/19 from our [website](#).



Your View Counts

Respondents to our public survey rated antisocial behaviour as the number one priority for local communities, and violence as the third highest national priority.

www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

People in Scotland feel 'safer than ever before'

The recently published [Scottish Crime and Justice Survey](#) has shown that Scots feel safer



walking the streets at night than ever before, with 77% saying they felt safe or very safe walking in their neighbourhoods after dark.

The results were lower for women and those living in the most deprived areas, however, those groups still felt much safer on average than a decade ago.

Just 13% of the population experienced crime in 2016/17, down from 20% in 2008/09.

SCSN Automatic Fire Suppression System Consultation Response

We recently submitted a response to the Proposed Social Housing Automatic Fire Suppression Systems (Scotland) Bill consultation.

'The evidence is clear that fire suppression systems save lives in the event of a fire and this, coupled with a reduction in the damage caused to properties in the event

Proposed Social Housing (Automatic Fire Suppression Systems) (Scotland) Bill

A proposal for a Bill to require Scottish Social Housing to be fitted with Fire Suppression Systems
Consultation by David Stewart, MSP for the Highlands and Islands
January 2018



of a fire, means we are fully supportive of this proposal.' – SCSN consultation response quotation.

You can read our response to the consultation in full by visiting our [website](#).

Scottish Government's Revised National Outcomes Published

On 29 March, the Scottish Government published their [updated National Outcomes](#) as part of its broader look at the National Performance Framework. The Scottish Government is required to consult the Scottish Parliament on the proposed revisions to these Outcomes. What this means is that once the document with the revised draft Outcomes is published, the Parliament has 40 days to consider and give its views on the proposed revisions. The period from 31 March until 15 April doesn't count as part of the 40 days (when the Parliament is in recess).

The Parliament has agreed that the Local Government and Communities (LGC) Committee should be the lead committee. This means that the LGC Committee will consider those Outcomes that fall within its remit and will also collate the views of other committees on the Outcomes that fall within their remits. Following this the Committee will publish a report with its views and those of the other relevant committees.

What are National Outcomes?

The National Outcomes are the Scottish Government's broad policy aims. They are part of the National Performance Framework ([link](#)) which sets out the Scottish Government's overarching single purpose. The current National Outcomes include a set of National Indicators as well. National Indicators are high-level measures that show how the Scottish Government is performing against the Outcomes

National Outcomes must be reviewed at least every five years. The current National Outcomes were set in 2007, with one further Outcome added in 2011.

The Scottish Government informed its views by seeking views in two phases – one gathering opinion from the general public, and the other from experts. A range of people were involved, including adults and children, **and stakeholders**, experts, Scottish Government officials and Ministers. The consultation asked people what kind of Scotland they wanted to live in, and how the Outcomes could be changed to reflect that.

What outcomes are the Local Government and Communities Committee considering?

There are 11 National Outcomes but the Local Government and Communities Committee will be considering the following three:

- We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
 - We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally
- We grow up loved, safe and respected, so that we realise our full potential**

Find out more...

The government has published a list of responses to their call for views which can be accessed on [their website](#), along with more information on the National Outcomes.

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The closing date for the May newsletter is 2 May.



SCSN takes a look at the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

With less than 100 days (it goes live on 25.05.2018) to go, the SCSN staff team have been thinking about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and what it means for us and wanted to share with you some of our preparations for it coming into force. We also thought we'd have a think about the implications for those working within our partner organisations and in the partnership context.

We've written a briefing paper on GDPR which gives more detail on what we are doing to prepare for it and what partnerships should be thinking about – find it on our website [here](#).

PART I BACKGROUND

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25 May 2018. GDPR is an important piece of legislation concerning 'personal data' designed to replace existing data protection rules with a new framework which accounts for recent technological advancements.

It will effectively replace all data protection legislation across the EU - including the UK's Data Protection Act (DPA). This isn't the full story however: the UK government has published its draft Data Protection Bill (DPB), which will in effect implement the GDPR and give provision for some of the exemptions such as the Law Enforcement directive. The advice is that the DP Bill and the GDPR should be read side by side.

Many of the GDPR's main concepts and principles are much the same as those in the current Data Protection Act (DPA), so if you are complying properly with the current law then most of your approach to compliance will remain valid under the GDPR and can be the starting point to build from.

This means that people handling and sharing personal information because it is necessary, proportionate and appropriate and carried out in a secure way can continue to do so; but there are new elements and significant enhancements, so you will have to do some

things for the first time and some things differently. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) have a [dedicated section](#) of their website to the GDPR which we would recommend looking at.

PART II GETTING READY FOR THE GDPR

Here is what we at SCSN have been doing to prepare:

- We have ensured staff awareness of the new regulations and whilst we do not require a data protection officer we have appointed a member of staff as a lead for DP issues and a supporting Board member as a DP 'ambassador'.
- We will complete the checklist compiled by the ICO for data controllers and processors.
- We have considered all the personal information we hold and how we store, access and use it and are in the process of undertaking a full data audit.
- We will be reviewing our policies in relation to personal information and plan on updating them to ensure compliance with GDPR regulations. This includes procedures in relation to privacy notices, subject access requests, consent and the lawful basis for processing and what we will do in the event of a data breach (we will share all of this in due course).

So what information do we hold?

- Includes but not limited to...work contact details for CSP lead officers, newsletter subscribers, staff personnel files and Board member details, eLearning subscribers and partnership analysts.

What do we use it for?

- Newsletter circulation
- Sending items of interest to partnership analysts and CSP lead officers
- Running our eLearning system
- Board member details for statutory obligations
- Membership Invoicing

How do we store, access and share our data?

- We store our data on a Cloud with a secure login on work and personal devices and nothing is saved on insecure / unencrypted devices.
- No personal information is shared with third parties or contractors.
- No information is used for marketing but is used for sharing items we think our members will be interested in.
- Permission is sought from the subject if there is a request for contact information from, for example, other people working within the sector or other public bodies.

PART III THE FUTURE

We have appointed Dawn Exley, Business Support Officer, as our GDPR lead and have appointed our Vice-Chair Ian Hanley as an ambassador from the Board of directors to support her.

The data audit, compliance assessment and review of policies and procedures is underway. We have checked our obligations in relation to our newsletter subscribers and at this point we do not think we need to ask you to re-subscribe to the newsletter as there is no requirement to automatically repaper or refresh all existing DPA consents in preparation for GDPR and it was an 'opt in' system. This **may change**, however, as we work our way through our data audit and compliance plan. We will, however be:

- Checking whether we need to update the terms and conditions of signing up to SCSN's elearning, training and events and retrospective application of these principles.
- Checking whether we need to re-contact CSP lead officers and partnership analysts and Board members and staff with a privacy statement detailing what we will use their information for and asking them to opt into this proposed use.
- Checking our obligations in relation to award applicants and practise note contacts in terms of retrospective application of GDPR and DP Bill principles and update the terms and conditions for the future.

As we seek to expand our capacity, influence and reach, possibly gathering more personal information on the way, the point about "data protection by design" will become increasingly important for SCSN to consider. Watch this space as we work through what the new regulations mean for us, we will be keeping you updated on what we are doing and anything that affects what you should be doing!

WHAT SHOULD PARTNERSHIPS BE DOING?

Complete the checklist compiled by the ICO for data controllers and processors.

- Think about what data you hold, how it is stored and accessed, how it is kept safe
- Think about what you use the data for, how you share it, how you transport it
- Do you have in place breach protocols? Do these fit in with the new timescales (72 hours) stipulated in the new regulations?

This is not an exhaustive list but highlights some things we think CSPs should consider.

All partners will have a DPO who can assist you with specific questions and the ICO will also be able to answer specific questions.

Specific to Scotland, the '[Scottish Digital Office GDPR Readiness Project](#)' has allowed local authorities to work together to produce resources which have been shared amongst 30 councils. A helpful article can be found [here](#).

Get in touch if there is anything you want to ask us about this – Tweet us @SCSN2 or email Dawn.exley@scsn.org.uk. Meanwhile think about GDPR and the UK DP Bill in the context of your own work, own organisation and partnership and make sure you're ready for the 28th May.



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