



Give cycle space campaign



Cycling Scotland launched a new cycling safety campaign in May, with the aim of making people aware of the personal consequences of driving dangerously close to people on bikes. The new campaign is a development of the charity's previous campaign – Give Everyone Cycle Space – which highlighted the need to give people on bikes at least as much space as you'd give a car when passing them.

To inform the new campaign, Cycling Scotland conducted focus groups in Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Glasgow in December 2018, helping them gain insight into why some people drive dangerously and/or carelessly around people on bikes and what might make them change their behaviour.

The results included the following range of insights:

- Personal priorities, impatience and sense of entitlement are at the forefront of thinking when on the road

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SCSN Stakeholder Survey 2019: PLEASE COMPLETE!

It's that time of year again where we want to hear your feedback on how we're doing!

2018/19 saw a lot of changes at SCSN with a brand new Business Plan and we have recently launched our new outcome based, graphically illustrated Strategic Plan!

We have also launched a new series of Masterclass Events, learning reports and videos, replacing our old Training & eLearning offering - along with many more exciting changes and new pieces of work!

It's so important that we get as much participation and feedback from members and stakeholders as possible, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey and help us to continue to develop and keep offering our members and stakeholders something that they really value!

The survey should take **no more than 5 minutes** to complete!

Closing date: 5 August

You can take part in the survey [here](#).

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#SCSNMasterclass Events - Save the Dates!

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: How will we work together to create a Scotland where we live in vibrant, healthy and safe places and communities?

A seminar for community safety and public health leaders, policy-makers and practitioners to explore the intersect between community safety and public health and how we could work together under the new public health arrangements in Scotland.

Venue: Lesser Hall, Albert Halls, Dumbarton Rd, Stirling FK8 2QL

Time: 9.45am (registration from 9.15am) finishing 1.30pm

Date: Wednesday 4th September 2019

WORKING IN COMPLEX SYSTEMS, MEASURING PERFORMANCE, CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES PART II - September 11

*Building on our sold out event from September 2018 we are delighted to have Dr Toby Lowe join us to further explore what approaches those of us working in complex systems (like community safety) can take to get the best outcomes. He will also share findings from his latest publication with Collaborate providing practical examples and insights for people **eager** to develop new ways of working.*

Hosted and sponsored by the Scottish Community Safety Network with Dr Toby Lowe, Newcastle University Business School based at Northumbria University

More details about event bookings will be sent out shortly!

Rona Gold joins SCSN Board!



SCSN is delighted to welcome Rona Gold to its board of Directors. Rona is currently the Community Planning Manager for Argyll and Bute Council and will be our link to the network of community planning managers across Scotland. Prior to that, Rona was the COSLA Policy Manager for waste, carbon and climate change.

Question of the Month

Our Question of the Month for June came from Kirsten Horsburgh of the Scottish Drugs Forum, as part of our Alcohol, Drugs and Community Safety themed newsletter (prior to the release of the latest drug related death figures - see page 10). She asked:

'Do you believe drug consumption rooms would improve community safety in your area?'

- 76% said Yes (28 votes)
- 19% said No (7 votes)
- 5% said Not sure (2 votes)

Question of the Month July 2019

Our Question of the Month for July is on our Travel Safety theme and comes from Cycling Scotland. They're asking:

Do you think media reporting contributes to negative attitudes and behaviour towards cycling?

You can take part in our poll [here](#).



SCSN Conversations with...

Bertrand Deiss, Head of Road Safety Policy, Transport Scotland

Our newsletter theme for July is Travel Safety and so we sat down with Bertrand Deiss of Transport Scotland. In this conversation, Bertrand gives us an insight into his role at Transport Scotland, reflects on what has been achieved in Scotland so far as the Road Safety Framework for 2020 comes to a close and discusses what he feels will be some of the priorities for the Road Safety Framework to 2030.

You can view the interview [here](#).

Other recent Conversations with...

Following the tragic news that Scotland saw a 27% rise in drug related deaths for 2018, you may want to revisit our interview with Kirsten Horsburgh of the Scottish Drugs Forum from last month's Alcohol and Drugs themed newsletter.

View the interview with Kirsten [here](#).



Update on Public Space CCTV research



It's been a while since a range of partners and organisations contributed to research by Perform Green on Public Space CCTV.

The Project Advisory Board overseeing the research have agreed to extend the fieldwork period to allow some additional opportunity for contributions. Perform Green will be contacting organisations, authorities and agencies who didn't participate in the first call to invite them again to contribute.

Our intention is that the final research output will be available no later than October 2019.

To speak to someone about the research or to arrange a contribution please contact Steven.Connolly@scotland.pnn.police.uk or Michael.Maltman@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Help Us Spread the Word!!



We're delighted that so many people subscribe to and read our newsletter. We regularly get great feedback from our partners and stakeholders who say that our newsletter really helps keep them abreast of what's afoot in the world of Community Safety!

You can help spread the word even further by sharing our [newsletter in PDF form](#) with any contacts or partner organisations you see fit. Please also feel free to suggest to contacts that they sign up to receive our newsletter and other updates.

People can sign up to receive our newsletter by visiting our website and simply entering their email address on the drop down at the top of the page!

BSCP Online Hub launched!

The Building Safer Communities Unintentional Harm and Injury Executive Group is a collaboration of national and local partners working together to prevent and reduce unintentional harm in Scotland, of which SCSN is proud to be a part.



The Unintentional Harm Online Hub provides a wealth of resources and information on Unintentional Harm and community safety in Scotland, including practice exemplars, evaluation support and latest news in this field.

You can visit the [Online Hub here](#).

SCSN supports the new Safer Business, Stronger Scotland campaign



SCSN was delighted to support the launch of *Safer Business, Stronger Scotland*, a new high profile national campaign placing the Scottish Business Resilience Centre (SBRC) at the heart of supporting businesses to understand criminal and fire risks and how to be more resilient by taking steps to mitigate these threats, thereby supporting safer communities in which business and entrepreneurship continue to grow.

Through the campaign, businesses and organisations are encouraged to take action by committing to the #PadlockPledge. This is a public statement of intent to take steps to keep staff, customers and business practices safe through resilience training, a refresh of procedures, or collaborating with networks and our other partners to share intelligence.

SBRC has a dedicated website at

[SaferBusinessStrongerScotland.com](#) which details the campaign and how businesses can sign up for free to the #PadlockPledge. These pledges will be promoted on SBRC communications channels, highlighting the positive impact companies are making to their own resilience.

You can explore a range of videos, toolkits and materials on their website in support of the campaign.

If you would like to take a #PadlockPledge or borrow the 5ft high padlock for your own internal and press communications please contact SBRC, or they'd be happy to engage with your comms teams directly to arrange.

[View a video](#) featuring SCSN's Chief Officer Lorraine Gillies speaking at the campaign launch.

SCSN on Tour in Wales!



What would a Welsh Community Safety Network look like?

SCSN attended the Wales Association of Community Safety Officers (WACSO) conference in July to share knowledge and expertise from Scotland and answer questions on how Wales could develop their own Community Safety network.

Read our Chief Officer's blog post [here](#).

Restorative Justice Action Plan Published

The Scottish Government has published its new Restorative Justice Action Plan.

Restorative Justice Action Plan



Restorative Justice will enable victims to meet those who harmed them and tell them about the impact their crime had on them and their families. It is hoped that this will help victims of crime through their recovery journey, as well as reducing reoffending by bringing those who have committed crimes face to face with the consequences of their actions, and giving them the opportunity to repair the harm caused.

Restorative justice is already being used successfully across Europe. Norway and Belgium have the most comprehensive systems of all the European jurisdictions examined by the Scottish Government.

Those countries offer restorative justice at every stage in the criminal justice system and for any age and offence type.

Gemma Fraser from Community Justice Scotland, who helped develop the action plan, said: "Everyone harmed by crime in

Scotland has a right to experience justice in a meaningful way - however the system can often make victims of crime feel both voiceless and powerless over what has happened to them".

"Restorative justice allows victims to express the impact that harm has had on them, their family and community. Those who have offended are faced with the reality of this and asked to account for their actions and to payback in a significant way."

You can view and download the new Restorative Justice Action Plan [here](#).

Mediation in Civil Justice: International Evidence Review

The Scottish Government has published an international evidence review of mediation in civil justice.

The Justice Vision contains a commitment to 'empowering our people and communities to exercise their rights and responsibilities, to resolve disputes and other civil justice problems at the earliest opportunity'. There is growing interest within Scotland and internationally in the role of mediation as a mechanism for resolving disputes.

This review looks at lessons for Scotland from how mediation is used internationally.

You can read the review [here](#).

Report: Responses to Offending in Residential Childcare

There is current and ongoing concern regarding the potential criminalisation of looked after young people. To address these issues, CYCJ undertook a study which aimed to: gather more data about police contact for offending by young people in children's houses; explore how practitioners make and are supported to make the decision to involve the police in incidents; and to survey what formal policies are in place within each local authority to aid decision making.



[This report](#), written by CYCJ's Kristina Moodie and Debbie Nolan, identifies the prevalent issues and tensions, and makes recommendations for going forward.

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- Knowledge of the amount of space that should be allowed is good (and recall of the previous safety campaigns was high) – but many admitted that they don't always follow advice.
- Many believed poor cycling behaviours excuse poor driving behaviours.
- Many cited practical reasons for overtaking closer than ideal – narrow roads, busy roads, city traffic, etc.
- Low awareness that passing someone riding a bike too closely was an offence.
- Lack of understanding of penalties around driving near people cycling means that drivers don't have top of mind concern about consequences.
- People assumed it was good manners and courtesy to give space

All of the focus group participants were unaware of Operation Close Pass run by Police Scotland, in partnership with Cycling Scotland.

Operation Close Pass involves a police officer in plain clothes cycling with cameras set up on their bike. When they are passed too closely by a car, the police cyclist radios details to colleagues further up the road who pull over the motorist and direct them to a spot where another officer is waiting to talk to them about their driving. The chat takes place on a mat showing the correct minimum passing distance, usually defined as 1.5 metres. If someone is unreceptive to education then they will be cautioned for careless or dangerous driving and receive a court summons.

A further YouGov survey, carried out by Cycling Scotland, revealed that 73% of people in Scotland were unaware they could get three points on their licence for driving too close to someone cycling.

Cycling Scotland developed and tested four advertising scripts and respondents were most

positive about a campaign focused on raising awareness of the need to give space to people cycling or risk a three-point penalty and up-to £100 fine.

The 30-second advert, shown on STV and social media, was filmed from the perspective of someone cycling, helping to put the driver in the shoes of the person cycling and gain some understanding of how a close pass feels.

Cycling Scotland chief executive Keith Irving said: "Whether cycling or driving, we're all just trying to get from A to B and most people do so with consideration for other road users. Unfortunately, there are also some who don't.

"People who cycle regularly are likely to experience a "very scary" close pass incident every couple of days and cycling casualties are increasing, in line with cycling's growing popularity. Every week in Scotland, at least three people cycling suffer serious, potentially life-changing injuries, usually from a collision with a vehicle".

"Cycling has huge benefits for both physical and mental health and to encourage even more people to cycle, we need to make sure people feel safe cycling on our roads."

Early results from the campaign have been very positive with 'opportunities to see' through news coverage alone of 1.2 billion. In the post-campaign research, there has been a significant increase in positive statements about driving behaviour around people cycling, compared to pre-campaign research, as well as a significant increase in awareness of Operation Close Pass.

You can view the Give Cycle Space TV ad [here](#).

View the Operational Close Pass film [here](#).

Focus on Travel Safety

Police Scotland and Road Safety - Chief Inspector Stephen Innes, Road Policing Division

Police Scotland is committed to reducing road casualties and through effective patrolling of the roads we seek to positively influence driver and road user behaviour, and make Scotland's roads safer.

Whilst policing and the patrolling of our roads is essentially a 24/7 business, a range of bespoke road safety initiatives and operations are undertaken throughout the year by Road Policing Officers, local Policing Officers and the Scottish Safety Camera Units, supported by key Partners.

In June of this year, a road safety campaign led by Police Scotland and supported by Road Safety Scotland and the British Vehicle Rental & Vehicle Leasing Association (BVRLA) was launched, encouraging visiting motorists to "Drive on the Left".

The campaign launch came on the back of a spate of serious collisions over the last year, and is intended to encourage visitors to safely enjoy Scotland's roads.

Leaflets, stickers and wristbands – designed to be worn on the left hand of drivers with the words "Drive on the Left" – have been produced in eight different languages. These will be distributed by car rental companies upon the delivery of a hire vehicle to visiting drivers.

Continue reading this article [here](#).

Latest Scottish Road Casualty figures for 2018 published

The latest road casualty figures for Scotland have been published by Transport Scotland. Whilst there were significantly fewer casualties, sadly there was a rise in fatalities from the previous year.

There were 8,402 road casualties in 2018 (11% fewer than in 2017), representing the lowest number of casualties since records began in 1950. There was a slight reduction in the number of serious injuries reported (1%) and a large reduction (13%) in the number of minor injuries recorded.

However, there were 160 reported fatalities on Scotland's roads, 15 (10%) more than in 2017.

Overall, Scotland is on track to meet 3 of the 5 targets set out in the Road Safety Framework for 2020, with significant improvements in the other two.

View the full stats and reporting [here](#).



MSPs Vote Down 20mph Speed Limit Bill

SCSN was disappointed at the news that the Scottish Parliament voted down legislation to introduce a standard 20mph speed limit for restricted roads.

Green MSP Mark Ruskell had put forward the legislation in a bid to reduce deaths and serious injuries on roads.

But SNP, Conservative and Lib Dem MSPs sided with Holyrood's rural economy committee that the bill's "one size fits all" approach was not appropriate.

Mr Ruskell said the bill "would have saved lives" and called on ministers to say what action they will take instead.

Green and active travel groups also voiced disappointment, with Friends of the Earth Scotland calling the move "a damning indictment of a parliament that pays lip service to the need for a reduction in car use".

It would have made 20mph the standard speed limit for "restricted roads", residential and minor roads in urban and rural areas, leaving councils the power to designate 30mph zones - essentially the reverse of the current system.

Road Safety Framework to 2030 - Lynne Veitch, Transport Scotland



The Scottish Government is committed through Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2020 to achieving safer road travel in Scotland. As we approach the end of this Framework and develop the next one, the Government wants to build on this commitment. The expectation for the next framework will be that it will continue to adopt a Safe System approach with the ultimate aim of a vision zero, where no one is killed on Scotland's roads and could also potentially extend to seriously injured, as is being recommended across Europe.

In considering the national approach to Road Safety beyond 2020 a number of actions are underway such as reflecting on the success (or otherwise) of the existing Framework. Work is also ongoing to develop new targets for the subsequent 10 years to 2030, identify risks, predict future trends, challenges and opportunities to 2030.

To support this, Transport Scotland run a series of workshops to look at the three current Priority Focus Areas identified at the mid-term review of the Framework in 2016, being Speed, Age, Vulnerable Road users and an additional workshop on Occupational Road Risk. At each workshop, attendees were asked to list key challenges relevant to the theme along with suggested solutions to address these.

Every workshop discussion identified that we will have an ageing population going to 2030 and this needs to be factored into the next Framework. One discussion point that continued to be raised was the message that road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Opportunities for the next Framework include incorporating the use of developing technologies such as telematics, dash cam footage etc – both for monitoring and vehicle safety as our understandings of these develop. These technologies can be both a challenge to road safety and an opportunity when delivered in the right environment with the correct education and the appropriate engineering support.

We are presently developing a public consultation on the Framework which will launch at the end of this year/beginning of 2020.

SCSN and Home Safety Scotland joining forces!

SCSN has agreed to take Home Safety Scotland under our umbrella! Home Safety Scotland is a forum for those working in Home Safety across Scotland. We will soon be incorporating Home Safety Scotland into our website as well as featuring a regular Home Safety Scotland page in our monthly newsletter, starting next month!

A new Home Safety Scotland Twitter account has been created and will be starting to post regular home safety updates in the very near future. Please do follow the new Home Safety Scotland Twitter account [here](#).



6VT: Edinburgh City Youth Café

Guest Article by Professor Susan McVie

6VT Edinburgh City Youth Cafe is a city wide youth work charity. In July 2019, they enter their 25th year of operation. During this time they have worked with tens of thousands of young people from Edinburgh and the surrounding areas. 6VT have had a long history of contributing to Community Safety through their work over the years.

Spotlighting two of their current innovative services, "**The Cairn Service**" which is Scotland's only dedicated confidential support service for young victims of crime. The Cairn launched in June 2017 and has just received a further three award from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Demand for the services have been high and thanks to the latest Lottery award, the Cairn have extended the age group and catchment area, now supporting young people from 10yrs - 21yrs old, from Edinburgh and Midlothian.

The service is for young people who:

- Are the formal complainers to Police and a direct victim of crime
- Are not the formal complainer, but impacted by a crime experienced by someone they live with or against their household
- Have been a victim and not reported the crime to the Police.

The Cairn Service delivers services in four key areas:

- Practical support - including court preparation, attending legal meetings & police interviews etc.
- One to one support
- Therapeutic & developmental Group work
- Confidential online support.

6VT Hospital Youth Team is Scotland's first youth work team based in an Accident & Emergency Department and operates from the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. It will be moving to the new Edinburgh Children's Hospital in July 19.

Two youth workers are situated in the E.D. on a Friday evening 7pm to 1am and will hopefully be moving to a Saturday night also if funding can be secured. Youth Workers are on hand for any young person requiring support in the department. Follow up support is offered to those with no established community supports.

Priority is given to those presenting with self injuries, over consumption of substances, and those harmed by others. The team:

- Provide social and emotional support to young people in need.
- Support young people in ED to positively and safely engage with the medical staff.

For more information on any aspect of their work please call 0131 229 1797

"The scars of victimisation, whether visible or invisible, can take many years to heal."

- The more we care for our young people – the more likely they are to care.
- The more we respect our young people – they more likely they are to respect others.
- And the more we protect our young people from further harm – the more likely they are to protect others in the future."

Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce Recommendations

The Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce has just published its recommendations to COSLA and the Scottish Government.

The aim of the taskforce was that children, young people and their families should know that they are supported in good mental health and be able to access services which are local, responsive and delivered by people with the right skills.

The panel made a range of recommendations on leadership, GIFREC, innovation, technology and more.

Read the recommendations [here](#).

Drug Related Deaths at 1,187 - 'The Shame of a National Scandal'



Lack of access to treatment and prescribing practice contribute to drug death figures.

The latest figures on drug related deaths in Scotland have just been published. Dave Liddell, CEO of the Scottish Drugs Forum, issued a scathing response.

Key points

- National Records of Scotland have confirmed that 1187 people died of a drugs overdose in Scotland in 2018. This represents a 27% increase from last year. Of these deaths, 86% involved heroin or other opioids. 47% of deaths involved methadone which may or may not have been prescribed to the person. The vast majority of deaths involved more than one substance. (There were 7 methadone-only deaths and 10 cocaine-only deaths)

The following are significant factors in understanding these statistics :

- Compared with the rest of the UK Scotland has a high number of people with an opiate-based drug problem
- Compared with the rest of the UK Scotland has a low number of people in drug treatment - only 40% of people with a drug problem are in treatment
- Waits for opioid substitution therapy are over 6 months in some areas of Scotland
- In Scotland, a large proportion of people on opioid substitution therapy are on sub-optimal doses of methadone or

buprenorphine in contravention of clinical guidelines and recommendation of the World Health Organisation

- Treatment retention rates in some areas are low , particularly for the most vulnerable and there is a lack of follow-up of people who drop out or are pushed out of services.

Read the full Scottish Drugs Forum response [here](#).

Alcohol Sales down after first year of Minimum Unit Pricing

Scots bought less alcohol in 2018 than any year since records began as the country embarked on it's first year of Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP). Scottish adults still bought more alcohol than their English and Welsh counterparts, though the gap narrowed.

The authors of the report cautioned that it was not possible to quantify the impact of MUP, but that the early indicators were encouraging.

You can download the Measuring & Evaluating Scotland's Alcohol Strategy (MESAS) report [here](#).

Alcohol and Drug Partnerships Delivery Framework published

This Partnership Delivery Framework sets out a shared ambition across Local Government and Scottish Government to reduce the use of and harms from alcohol and drugs.

It recognises the importance of Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) in taking forward the work to address these harms, setting out the partnership arrangements needed to reduce the use of and harms from alcohol and drugs.

The Partnership Delivery Framework aims to ensure that all bodies involved are clear about the accountability arrangements and their responsibilities when working together.

You can view the Framework [here](#).

In other news...

A graphic showing the word 'news' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with each letter on a separate white card pinned to a dark background with blue pushpins.

Consultation on Duty to Notify: Human Trafficking

The Scottish Government are currently consulting on Section 38 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Act on duty to notify and provide information about victims. They'd like your views on who should have a duty to notify and what information should be provided on victims. Take part in the consultation [here](#).

SCSN attended a consultation event on this in Glasgow in June. You can read our response [here](#).

Further consultation events will take place over the next few months across the country. You can find out more about these events and book your place using the links below:

[Aberdeen: 16 August](#)

[Dumfries: 23 August](#)

[Inverness: 27 August 2019](#)

SAMH Mental Health Survey

SAMH is currently running a survey asking people what has had the biggest positive or negative impact on their mental health, and what is needed to improve people's mental health in Scotland. One example of how this links to Community Safety is the Whitehall II study (Marmot) which showed a steep social gradient in fear of crime with the lowest grades having highest fear of crime - the greater the fear of crime, the worse the mental health and physical functioning, with fear of crime not only directly influencing anxiety and stress but leading older people in particular to become socially isolated.

You can complete the survey and share your thoughts [here](#).

Alcohol consumption a major factor in fatal accidents at sea

A Marine Accident Investigation Report into the death of fisherman Duncan Matheson, has found that he drowned after falling over board without wearing a life jacket. The report also concluded that alcohol was almost certainly a factor in the accident occurring as he was five times over the limit for commercial sea farers and it would have affected his perception of risk and reactions. Alcohol has been a factor in 17 of 24 fatal accidents between 1994 and 2016 involving fishermen boarding vessels. Read the full story [here](#).

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