



Guest Blog with Roddy Ross: On Collaboration

Roddy is the Team Leader in Community Safety at Perth and Kinross Council. He has held the post for 4 years after 33 years in the Police. He is responsible for the Community Wardens, Anti-Social Behaviour, Unpaid Work and MAPPA Housing Liaison. He is a trustee of the Tayside Council on Alcohol, the St Johnstone Community Trust and a grant assessor with BBC Children in Need.



There has been a great deal written about Partnership working over the past 20 years, I'm not sure I recall when I first heard about the concept but since then I seem to have heard about it every day. During that time Partnership working in Scotland has produced results that could not have been achieved otherwise and policy after policy has emphasised the importance of sharing information and agencies working together – Community Safety partnerships, Community Planning, Management of Offenders, Christie to name but a few – but the public sector is under pressure; from budget cuts, reform, the aging population, social media, transformation agendas, technology, short term contracts and rapid change has become the norm.

Where does this leave partnership and collaborative working? In my view – struggling – Local Authorities, as they reorganise into ever larger directorates and deal with the complexities of Health and Social Care Integration, Participatory Budgeting and Community Justice Partnerships, seem to have lost their collaborative mojo, the Police, who were traditionally such a strong presence in partnership at all levels are diminished by centralisation and lack of local leadership resources. **Continued on page 4.**

Unintentional Harm Learning Event Summary Report Published



The Building Safer Communities Programme has published an Event Summary of the excellent Unintentional Harm Event that took place in April.

Read more on page 6.

Drowning Prevention Week 2018



Drowning Prevention Week takes place from 15-25 June. It aims to raise awareness about the dangers of open water.

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Child Safety Week 2018

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Participatory Budgeting Masterclass Event

CrimeStoppers Doorstep Crime Campaign - see page 7

Equally Safe Standards Published

Burning Injustices Report
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SCSN working to become fully GDPR compliant

Having produced a briefing paper for partners, we've been busy ensuring that our own GDPR house is in order over the past month. You may have noticed some changes to our website and emails regarding our newsletter. We now have a new privacy policy available on our [website](#). Work goes on to ensure our internal procedures also meet GDPR standards.

SCSN Consultation Responses continue apace

Our National Development Officer, Hannah Dickson, has been busy producing a number of consultation responses on behalf of SCSN. You can find out more about our responses on Fire Service Transformation, Road Traffic, Cycling and Licensing on **page 9**.

SCSN Board changes

It is with regret that we announce that Diane Kane has stepped down from the SCSN Board. We'd like to thank Diane for her service to SCSN since joining the board in 2016 and wish her all the best for the future.

However, we are delighted that Jennifer McOmish, Safer Communities Officer at Perth and Kinross Council has joined the SCSN Board in May. SCSN expects to make further board appointments in the near future.

Question of the Month

Last month, in advance of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) coming into force, and supplementary to our publishing of a GDPR Briefing Paper, we asked whether people felt they were prepared for the new regulations.

- ⇒ 50% of respondents said they felt they were well prepared
- ⇒ 33% said they felt they weren't properly prepared
- ⇒ 17% weren't sure

If you remain unsure of your GDPR compliance, download our Briefing Paper [here](#).

Question of the Month June 2018

This month's question is a guest question submission by Elizabeth Lumsden of RoSPA.

We're asking:

Do you agree that the working age population is a useful resource for delivering messages to prevent unintentional harm?

YES/NO/NOT SURE

Take part in our poll [here](#).



60 seconds with...

Elizabeth Lumsden, ROSPA



Tell us a bit about your role.

I have worked with RoSPA for 23 years and have had several roles in home safety, road safety and now manage home safety and water safety under the 'community safety' umbrella. My role is wide ranging but tends to fall into a few broad areas: the first one is taking a lead role in working with Scottish Government departments in the delivery of strategic plans for injury prevention, providing safety information and training – this can range from answering a call about safety gates from a member of the public to training practitioners - through to supplying a Minister with data or highlighting good practice.

I'm always trying to ensure community safety has a high profile in the media and with the general public, and do this by providing press releases on current topics and writing articles for journals. Ensuring accident prevention is on everyone's agendas is another key part of my role and I sit on many groups and committees across Scotland but the most high profile role is providing the secretariat to the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness. We also provide the Secretariat to the group Water Safety Scotland. Additionally, I respond on behalf of RoSPA to relevant government and other organisation's consultations. If we can find additional funding, we are always here to be involved in specialist projects of which recent examples include campaigns on the prevention of hair straightener burns, carbon monoxide awareness and the prevention of injuries from liquid laundry capsules.

Do you believe that community-led, co-produced, participatory, peer-based type approaches can prevent unintentional harm?

It's very important to have communities on board when looking at preventing unintentional harm in order to overcome the common belief that injuries are inevitable and that health and safety takes things too

far. Sadly, it often takes a serious incident to

have happened before communities will understand the need to set prevention activities in place. I met Amy McCabe recently whose son Ben was badly scarred after being injured by a firework. The work that Amy (and Ben) now do in communities to raise awareness of the dangers and how lives can be affected is much more effective than me speaking to a group of residents.

Is there widespread support in the sector for a 'Prevention of unintentional harm strategy'?

RoSPA is working closely with Building Safer Communities to conduct a scoping exercise to measure the support to have a national strategy on the prevention of unintentional harm. Work has begun with early discussions at the Building Safer Communities Learning Event and with the members of the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness. Views are mixed so far and we plan to engage much more widely in the coming months. If you would like us to come and speak with you directly to collect your thoughts then please do get in touch. Otherwise, do look out for the survey (sorry, another one – but it has to be done) we will be circulating soon – and please circulate to your own contacts in the field of unintentional harm.

Why hasn't there been much change in the rates of unintentional harm in Scotland over the past 10 or so years?

Thankfully, the number of injuries has gone down dramatically from where we were 20 – 30 years ago and raising awareness has contributed towards this reduction but, of course, more needs to be done. There are always new products coming on to the market and new ways of doing things that result in injuries happening. However, over the last ten years we have seen a reduction in the number of people involved directly with communities in the area of injury prevention.

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This last, the lack of leadership, seems to me to be the greatest threat. There are reasons for that, everything I have listed makes it more and more difficult for leaders at all levels to look beyond the problems affecting their own responsibilities, their own teams and their own organisations.

What needs to change?

- Tone – a worry shared is a worry halved, everyone needs to calm down and senior leaders need to think about the collaborative approach and the behaviours they need to project to reduce the pressure on their people.
- Trust - Delegation and empowerment, we've been talking about it for years, we have to stop micro-managing, start directing and give ourselves time to think.
- Time – people are too busy

transforming, reorganising and restructuring instead of leading, supporting and achieving.

- Train – train yourself and train others – managers need to invest in their own development and in the development of their people. This isn't just about sending people on courses, it's about taking a real interest in development, in understanding who we are and how our behaviours affect others and the 'business'.

And perhaps most importantly – we need to gradually change the way we think and consider how we might deliver services that meet the needs of people rather than the services themselves. That means, taking ownership of problems and working with others to find solutions to make things better for people.....none of us can do this on our own, we need to stop trying so hard and take the time to look up, look out and to ask for help.

60 Seconds with Elizabeth Lumsden: Contd

We used to have a very large group of home safety officers who met to share experiences and learn from each other (and who had budgets to spend) but, although Home Safety Scotland still meets as a group, there is probably only one full time home safety officer left in Scotland – with others taking on injury prevention as a very small part of their remit – with very limited budget. Of course, the number of Road Safety Officers has dramatically reduced in recent years too. together to further reduce incidences of unintentional harm. All singing from the same hymn sheet has never been so important. I don't want to sound too negative though, we do have opportunities now that we didn't have in the past: the Building Safer Communities programme engages with a much wider audience and the CPG and Water Safety Scotland are reaching areas we traditionally found a challenge to access in the past. We have a very supportive Minister and new

strategies either recently or about to be written. We just need to convince a wider audience that we can pool our resources and work together to further reduce incidences of unintentional harm. All singing from the same hymn sheet has never been so important.

What would you say are some of the main ways individuals can play a role in avoiding unintentional harm to themselves and/or loved ones?

Preventing unintentional injuries can be multi-faceted and usually involves several key facts but those who are affected most are involved in accidents that happen in the home and are at either end of the age spectrum. Supervision is vital when caring for young children and the use of appropriate safety equipment is always advised. For older people, falls cause most injuries and the importance of proper strength and balance exercises, along with the need to keep active, can't be emphasised enough.

Drowning Prevention Week 2018

The annual Drowning Prevention Week campaign will run between 15 – 25 June 2018.

With summer having arrived in Scotland, many people will be looking to enjoy themselves with family and friends around the country, including at beaches, lochs and lakes - taking advantage of the sea and open water to cool down. However, open water can be extremely dangerous if you don't have an awareness of how keep yourself safe. Drowning Prevention Week seeks to raise awareness so that people can enjoy open water in safety!

The campaign, created by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) and this year, running in partnership with the RNLI and Swim England, aims to reduce the number of drowning and near-drowning incidences that occur in the UK every year, by showing people how to be safe and have fun near water. The campaign encourages schools, clubs, leisure centres and communities, to promote water safety education through events, lessons, games and activities, in a bid to make people more aware of the dangers of water.

You can download a copy of the campaign toolkit [here](#). For more information on the campaign, visit the Drowning Prevention Week [website](#).

Water Safety in Scotland

Earlier this year, Water Safety Scotland published Scotland's [Drowning Prevention Strategy](#). The Strategy has two main targets:

- Reduce accidental drowning deaths in Scotland by 50 per cent by 2026 and reduce risk among the highest-risk populations, groups and communities
- Contribute to the reduction of water-related suicide

Find out more about the work of Water Safety Scotland [here](#).



Tragic bank holiday death serves as reminder of the perils of Quarries



The May Bank Holiday weekend saw excellent weather across Scotland, but a tragic incident in Ayrshire led to renewed warnings about the dangers of Quarries.

Mark O'Brien, 28, from Kilmarnock, was tragically killed when he leapt from 40 ft into the Craigiehill Quarry and failed to re-emerge from the water.

Child Safety Week 2018

4-10 June 2018 marks the 20th year of the Child Accident Prevention Trust's flagship community education campaign, Child Safety Week.

It's a week where the focus is on the most serious accidents that blight or even end the lives of Scottish children. It supports the Scottish Government's Building Safer Communities collaborative, helping families and communities build the knowledge and skills needed to prevent unintentional harm to children.

This year's theme is **Safe children: together we've got this!** reflecting the importance of engaging everyone in the community to help keep children safe.

To find out more about Child Safety Week, visit the CAPT [website](#).



Participatory Budgeting Masterclass: Partnerships and safer communities

Wednesday 27 June, Glasgow

A masterclass for community safety professionals and partners, policy makers and those working within community participation and empowerment. A joint event between PB Partners and the Scottish Community Safety Network.

The participatory format will allow for plenty of opportunity for interaction and group exercises with a view to providing a stimulating and informative experience. It will include a review of examples of community safety and participatory budgeting, which have been numerous, both within the UK and worldwide.

Discussion at the masterclass will inform a short briefing report that will be fed back to the Scottish PB working group, and thereby inform policy development as the Community Choices programme matures and expands in coming years.

This masterclass will provide an overview of Participatory Budgeting (PB), aimed primarily at those involved in creating safer communities.

SCSN members will not be charged for this event. Non SCSN members will be asked to pay a nominal £15 per ticket to cover venue and admin costs.

Find out more and book your place at the event [here](#).

Help halt the harm doorstep criminals cause in your community

Independent charity Crimestoppers has launched a campaign to raise awareness of Doorstep Crime and encourage people to pass on any relevant information 100% anonymously. From bogus callers to rogue traders, doorstep criminals are cunning, creative, and often very convincing at targeting people. There are two main types:

Bogus callers try to get into your home or obtain personal details by pretending to be someone they're not. This includes council staff, charity collectors, meter readers and police officers. In reality, they are criminals trying to steal money and valuables.

Rogue traders usually cold-call, claiming to be workers offering to sell services, make repairs or carry out work on your house, garden or driveway. In reality, they charge inflated prices for shoddy or unnecessary work.

Angela Parker, National Manager for Scotland, said:

"Our charity believes everyone has the right to feel safe wherever they live, especially in their own home. Doorstep criminals often target older people living alone and recently a 75 year-old Glasgow man was conned out of handing over £3,500 to bogus workmen for unfinished and unnecessary roof repairs.

"Whilst many legitimate companies use doorstep selling, sadly fraudsters also use this technique. The emotional and financial upset this causes often devastates the victim, so we are encouraging people to speak up and stay safe. Everyone has a part to play, so: lock, stop, chain and check and above all, if in doubt, keep them out."

For more information on this campaign, visit the Crimestoppers [website](#).

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Equally Safe Quality Standards and Performance Framework published

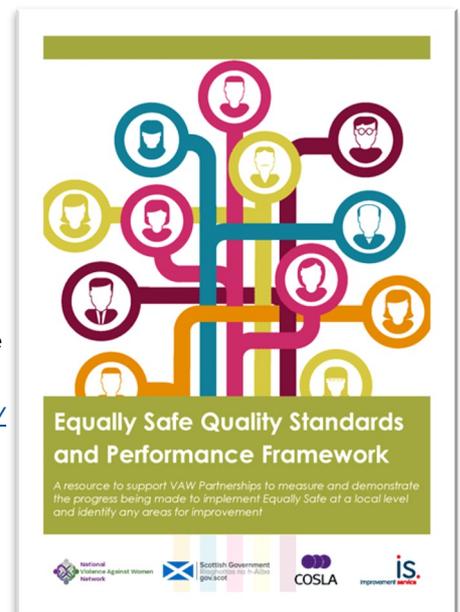
The Scottish Government, COSLA and the Improvement Service have published the [Equally Safe Quality Standards and Performance Framework](#).

Developed in partnership with the National Violence Against Women Network, the framework provides an invaluable resource to help multi-agency Violence Against Women Partnerships measure their progress and performance in implementing [Equally Safe: Scotland's Strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls](#) at a local level. It will also help identify any areas where improvements may be required.

The quality standards aim to raise awareness of the types of services, policies and processes that are most effective in tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG) and capture data on the extent to which they are currently being delivered across Scotland.

The performance framework aims to measure the impact that these services, policies and processes are having on the lives of people and communities affected by VAWG.

Read more about the publication of the Framework [here](#).



Burning Britain? Tackling 'burning injustices' that blight Britain

A joint report by Bright Blue and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has encouraged back bench MPs to take advantage of a hung parliament in Westminster, using their additional leverage to develop and implement policies which tackle injustices in the UK.

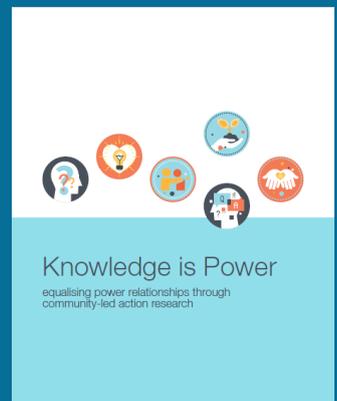
The report, which takes the form of a collection of essays from back bench MPs, deals with many key areas pertinent to community safety and building safer communities, including:

- Racial discrimination
- Dealing with destitution
- Stopping deaths and injuries from drugs
- Ending homelessness
- Making prisons safe and effective
- Making loneliness history
- Reducing intergenerational inequity
- Addressing regional inequality

You can download the report in full [here](#).

New Report: Importance of community led action research in Scotland

The Scottish Community Development Centre has just published a new report, *'Knowledge is Power: equalising power relationships through community led action research'*, highlighting the importance of community action research in Scotland.



Starting in 2017, SCDC and the Poverty Alliance worked with ten community organisations to co-design a resource framework which could be used to support communities across Scotland to conduct their own inquiries into the issues affecting them.

You can download the report [here](#). Kate McHendry, Development Manager at SCDC, has [also reflected](#) on her work using community-led action research and the findings of this new report.

Latest SCSN Consultation Responses published

SCSN has recently published several responses to consultations on a variety of subjects.

Fire Service Transformation Consultation

Communities were asked to have their say on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's proposals to transform to meet modern risks – as it continues to lead the way in Scotland's public sector.

Read our response [here](#).

Prosecuting Road Traffic Offences in Scotland: Fixed Penalty Notice Reform

The Government asked, 'Do you agree that section 54 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 should be amended to allow the police, traffic wardens and DVSA vehicle examiners to issue fixed penalty notices to suspected offenders of road traffic offences committed in Scotland?'

Read our response [here](#).

Scheme to divert young people from serious organised crime

A project in Glasgow aimed at diverting young people away from a life in serious organised crime has been given a £1m boost.

Over the next three years, the charity Action for Children (AfC) will work with 250 young people across the city who have been identified as being on the cusp of serious organised crime.

The charity said the scheme - the only one in the UK - had seen young people making "demonstrable improvements" in their offending behaviour. The project works with teenagers aged between 12 and 18.

A council review found 71% of young people who used the service were kept out of secure care for at least six months during involvement with the programme - including a number

Update of the Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

The Scottish Government sought responses on updating licensing procedures.

You can read our response [here](#).

Cycling Strategy: Call for Evidence

The Scottish Government issued a call for evidence for the Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Safety Review.

You can read our response [here](#).

View all consultation responses on our website

Our National Development Officer Hannah Dickson has been extremely busy since the beginning of 2018, working to prepare a wide range of consultation responses on behalf of SCSN.

We have created a new page on our website where you can view all of our past consultation responses. Click [here](#) to view them.

deemed at "high risk" of being sent to secure care by the children's panel.

It said two thirds of young people involved in the project had made "demonstrable improvements" in their offending behaviour. The council said that by diverting high risk young people from secure care, the project represented a saving of more than £500,000 a year.

That was calculated by deducting £1,562.50, the cost of providing the service for one young person for six months, from the £130,000 cost of housing a young offender in secure accommodation for the same period.

Police data for a sample of 22 young people supported by the service in 2015/16 showed a 31% drop in the average monthly offending rates compared with the previous six months.

The project began in 2012, and has so far worked with about 50 young people.

In other news...

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Working Together to Prevent Drug-related Deaths

30th of August 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton, Glasgow

Early bird rate available now



Presentations and workshops will explore how preventing drug-related deaths is everyone's responsibility and how we can work in partnership to avoid such devastating loss of lives.

The event will seek to build on SDF's work on [Staying Alive In Scotland](#) and is timely, as it will follow the launch of Scotland's drug strategy and the National Records of Scotland report on the number of lives tragically lost through preventable fatal overdoses in 2017.

Presentations and workshops will offer inspirational strategies based on good practice and training tasters on skills and knowledge required by frontline staff and managers to support improvements in service provision.

Speakers and facilitators will be drawn from key services and this event will be of interest to commissioners and planners, staff working in criminal justice and enforcement, treatment, care and support, pharmacy, general practice, first response and services working with peers and families.

This event marks [International Overdose Awareness Day](#).

Book your place [here](#).

Results from Global Drug Survey Published: Alcohol in the UK

Alcohol health could help people drink less, though not every message resonates with British drinkers according to the latest edition of the world's largest annual study into recreational drug use. The Global Drug Survey 2018 which researched the drug-taking habits of 130,000 people across 44 countries, has found that a high proportion of UK drinkers don't believe the health warnings that are printed on alcohol packaging.

Scottish drinkers most frequently sought emergency medical treatment following alcohol use in the past 12 months across the 44 countries surveyed, Scotland is the country with the highest proportion of drinking respondents (4.2%) who sought emergency medical care after a session. This is double the level of English drinkers seeking medical treatment after drinking (2.1%), highlighting how entrenched a problem drinking is North of the border.

You can read the report in full [here](#).

SCSN Updates

In this section, we provide a brief overview of things we've been up to and will soon be involved in!

Last month

- We provided direct support to Fife and Angus' CSPs via development sessions on our ongoing stakeholder consultation and performance reporting.
- We attended a What Works Scotland (@WWS) event about community anchor organisations and the potential they have to engage with, lead and challenge public service reform.
- We attended the Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities which was themed on everyone's right to health and inequality in alcohol provision and the impact of this. More can be found [here](#). We'll be hearing in the next few months from Dr Gary Smith from Fife CSP on their work on something similar at a local level and how it may begin to influence the licensing landscape.
- We participated in a workshop on the Falls and Fragility Fracture strategy with our key focus on how this relates to the wider unintentional harm picture in Scotland.
- We joined the first meeting of the new Cross Party group on Women's Justice. The group is developing it's remit but SCSN will be creating the links between prevention, community safety and empowerment.
- We facilitated a session on Housing and Community Safety at the Scottish Adult Support and Protection Independent Convenors association. Promoting community safety, SCSN, membership and calling out the links.
- Lorraine went out on patrol with Street Assist!

This month

- We will be extrapolating the key messages from our consultation and informing our business plan – which we expect to be published by the end of June. Plans are also afoot to hold a stakeholder; 'you said - we will' session on 12 September, just before our AGM.
- We are in the process of discussing how we engage with remote and rural CSPs and how we offer better membership services to Orkney, Shetland, Argyll and Bute and Outer Hebrides.
- SCSN are chairing the Building Safer Communities Get together on 11 June. #BSCGetTogether
- We will be attending the launch of Inverclyde's new community safety strategy group on 12 June and providing a presentation on community safety - future opportunities.
- SCSN will be representing our members at the Human Trafficking Strategy meeting on 20 June.
- We will be attending SACRO's Open Day to meet the staff, volunteers, service users and managers behind our services in Edinburgh and the Lothians.
- We will be working with BSC team on developing new evaluation methodology for evidencing prevention of unintentional harm & injury
- We will be participating in a working group looking at the behavioural change models in road safety initiatives.
- Attending the Cross-Party Group on Accident prevention and awareness as part of our on-going role in supporting Building Safer Communities.

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