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New Year, New Opportunities...



Agile and self-powered public space CCTV – South Ayrshire Council

South Ayrshire Council (SAC), as part of its public space CCTV strategy and consultation, requires a truly flexible redeployable CCTV solution to enhance community safety, crime prevention and detection, and enforcement (such as litter dropping, dog fouling and traffic safety.) Such a solution would also influence joint service delivery with Police Scotland, and allow closer liaison with community groups and partners as SAC would be able to provide more responsive and tailored CCTV coverage and support.

Frankly, existing redeployable solutions on the market don't cut it. They are limited in the types of surfaces/objects cameras can attach to, are reliant on aerial platform vehicles to install at height, and require too many power considerations.

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A partnership review of Public Space CCTV

The Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN); COSLA; Police Scotland; Scottish Government; NHS Scotland and Neighbourhood Watch Scotland are working together to review Public Space CCTV in Scotland. The research project, launched 9 January 2019, will review the current landscape for Public Space CCTV across Scotland and will identify future opportunities in terms of Community Safety outcomes.

The research is currently out to tender and is expected to commence 1 February 2019 with an expected publication date in early summer 2019. It is expected that a wide range of organisations, communities and individuals will be asked to participate in the consultation as it progresses.

You can download the full tender specification on our [website](#).

For any further information please contact Lorraine Gillies, Chief Officer, SCSN on 0131 225 8700 or Lorraine.Gillies@scsn.org.uk

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New year, new opportunities!

It's the beginning of a new year and for most of us, that brings with it thoughts of change, new opportunities and/or beginnings. That is the theme of our newsletter this month as we bring you news on new pieces of work we will be involved in and opportunities and events across a range of safer communities work streams.

SCSN Strategic Planning Day

We've hit the ground running in the new year, holding a joint Strategic Planning Day with our staff and Board to discuss our priorities for the coming year, and begin the development of our Strategic Plan for the next few years. Keep your eyes open for lots of exciting events, changes and work coming up over the next twelve months!

Question of the Month

Our December Question of the Month focussed on the fact that while the festive season can be a time of fun and celebration, many people can experience feelings of loneliness, isolation, stress and money worries. So we asked people, 'Are you OK?'

The results were:

- 47% of people said yes
- 33% of people said no
- 20% of people were unsure

Whilst the sample size was small, it is nonetheless concerning that over 50% of respondents said no or not sure. We hope that your festive period turned out OK. If not we can provide information on help and support at info@scsn.org.uk

Question of the Month

January 2019

Thinking about our newsletter theme, 'New Year, New Opportunities', we'd like to ask the following question of our readers and members:

'Are you feeling optimistic about your work and the safer communities and justice sector in 2019?'

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

60 seconds with...

Liz Aston, Edinburgh Napier University and Scottish Institute for Policing Research



Our 60 second Interview this month, we spoke with Liz Aston, about her new role as Director of the Scottish Institute of Policy Research, about future working with SCSN (see page 4).



As the new Director of SIPR, and in the spirit of new year's resolutions what are your aspirations for SIPR in 2019?

One of my key aspirations for SIPR in 2019 is to extend our partnerships. Partnerships; research and innovation; and learning and education are the three priority areas I plan to focus on during my terms as Director of SIPR. During my first year in the role, along with establishing new partnerships, I will be visiting all 14 of SIPR's member Universities, and developing a Strategic Plan. I hope that during 2019 an increasingly diverse range of practitioners, in addition to academics across a range of disciplines, will engage with us. We have already begun to extend our partnerships in the field of policing and public health, and in October 2019 we will be holding the [International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health in Edinburgh](#).

What opportunities do you see for closer working between SCSN and SIPR?

The purpose of policing, as enshrined in legislation, is to improve safety and wellbeing, and to do so by working collaboratively with

partners. Therefore, it is essential to engage with a range of organisations across the community safety landscape. I believe that by working more closely together SCSN and SIPR can help generate and share knowledge, and support evidence informed policy and practice. SIPR and SCSN can share information, events and opportunities across our networks and foster new collaborations.

How do you think academic research, particularly in collaboration, can support safer communities in Scotland?

Developing academic research collaboratively with practitioners can be a great way to ensure that research is relevant and useful. There are also ways to ensure that research is independent, as well as being relevant, and academic integrity is maintained. If research can help fill evidence gaps where changes to policy and practice are required then this makes it worthwhile for all involved, and it can help improve community safety.

What difference do you think researching in collaboration makes?

Working collaboratively with others is rewarding –plus we can do more collectively than we can manage on our own. Researching in collaboration with practitioners or people with lived experiences brings a wealth of experiential knowledge, which is of great importance and reminds us academics that research evidence is not the only form of knowledge! SIPR have Practitioner Fellowships, which is one way of supporting collaborative research.



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EDINBURGH
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21-23 OCT

The Fifth International Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health

SCSN working with The Scottish Institute for Policing Research

The Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR) is a strategic collaboration between 14 of Scotland's universities and the Scottish police. Their key aims are: to undertake high quality, independent, and relevant research; to support knowledge exchange between researchers and practitioners and improve the research evidence base for policing policy and practice; to expand and develop the research capacity in Scotland's universities and the police service; and to promote the development of national and international links with researcher, practitioner and policy communities. They are an interdisciplinary Institute which brings together researchers from the social sciences, natural sciences and humanities around four broad thematic areas: Police-Community Relations; Evidence & Investigation; Education & Leadership; and Public Protection.



SCSN will be working with SIPR by including details of their most relevant events in our SCSN Newsletter, but if you would like to be added to their mailing list to receive their full SIPR Noticeboard you can sign up for this [here](#).

South Ayrshire Council Agile CCTV: Continued from front page

SAC is looking to develop a public space CCTV camera solution that can be redeployed to virtually any location, in the least resource intensive manner possible, and operate where no traditional power supply exists. In essence the ability to deploy a camera on a wide range of surface types and locations, swiftly and securely, powered up and ready to transmit images, all with limited staff resource (one person with no aerial platform vehicle or ladder). The camera may need to operate for 12hrs, 12 days, 12 weeks or 12 months.



On that basis, SAC applied to the '[Can Do Innovation Challenge Fund](#)' and was awarded funding of £150,000 to work with five 'challenge solvers' (allocated £30,000 each) who were tasked to develop a proof of concept for a commercial solution that would fill the market gap. SAC will shortly apply for Phase 2 funding (a further £150,000) to help turn the winning design into a fully manufactured product available for SAC (and any other organisation) to buy.

The fund is a 'win-win'. SAC wins as a product it always wanted, but didn't exist, is available for it to procure (but which SAC could never afford to R&D itself), and the challenge solver wins as they have funding that helps them develop, manufacture and sell a product that likely has wider market potential across the UK and foreign markets (and which they retain full copyright and intellectual rights to).

SAC will apply for the funding in February 2019 and if successful the manufactured product should be available in 2020.

SAC is confident that many public sector organisations involved in community safety related CCTV will also be interested in the progression of this project. For further information please

In other news...

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Safer Internet Day 2019

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on 5th February with the theme: Together for a better internet.

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day will focus on **how consent works in an online context** and will ask young people to explore how they ask, give, and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data.

The campaign encourages young people to explore how the internet works, who owns the information that is shared on it, and how they can actively take ownership of digital spaces. We want SID 2019 to empower young people to take control of their online lives and to feel that they can harness and use the positive power of the internet for good.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February
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positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet. Get involved to play your part!

You can register as a Safer Internet Day 2019 supporter [here](#).

Find out how you can support Safer Internet Day on social media [here](#).

Violence Prevention Special Interest Group: National Strategic Framework

The Violence Prevention Special Interest Group was established in 2016 and is currently developing a national, strategic framework for prevention of violence in conjunction with key partners (Police Scotland, VRU, community justice, third sector, public health etc). They are looking for additional capacity to support this work in understanding and developing an action plan for gathering violence data to share with others. This clearly has a close relationship to existing work that has been explored over the years in injury prevention and – very recently – major trauma prevention. They have some resource between now until the end of March 2019 to fund a colleague from partners to help establish the scope of what is needed. Ideally, this colleague should have experience of data analysis and/or a good understanding of data sources available in Scotland and data linkage.

For further details please contact Ann Conacher in the first instance (ann.conacher@nhs.net)

Tricia Spacey Blog: Thoughts so far...

Tricia Spacey is currently working with SCSN on secondment from Fife Council on Safer Communities Improvement and Partnerships. At the end of 2018, she wrote a short blog post on her thoughts so far. We introduce it here...



'Firstly a little introduction....I have worked in community safety in Fife since 2001, until 2015 within a policy role and the last couple of years as a Team Manager within the operational Safer Communities Team. While I enjoy my role with the SCT, I have missed policy so welcomed the opportunity this secondment offers to return to my policy, strategic roots. I also really wanted the opportunity to experience life within the Scottish Government. I studied Politics at University (albeit a few years ago) and it is world which has always fascinated me.

I am surprised at the structure/set up of Building Safer Communities. The wider Safer Communities Division is huge and I can see potential for more joined up working both within the division itself and across to others. Already, I have identified potential for closer working links between BSC and Housing.'

Read the blog in full on our website [here](#).

Rights into Reality: Human Rights and Community led Health

Wednesday 6th February

Join the [CHEX](#) team to explore how community-led health organisations can use human rights in their work improving health, addressing inequalities and making a difference to communities across Scotland.



This FREE conference is a chance to meet and share experience with other community-led health organisations, and discuss what taking a human rights approach means in practice to local organisations.

With human rights taking an increasingly important role in our society, it will also look ahead at the future of human rights in Scotland, especially relevant following the recommendations late last year from the [First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights](#).

Sign Up [here](#). If you have any questions or would like assistance with booking please contact [Andrew](#) or [Sarah Jane](#) at CHEX on 0141 248 1924.

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