



Scottish Community
Safety Network

National Data Resource

Sources of data and publications to
support evidence based strategic
planning and evaluation

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This resource is intended to bring together a number of sources of data and publications that Community Safety Partnerships (and others) can use in the course of their work. Some of these sources relate to the release of specific data – nationally and sometimes at a sub-geographical level such as local authority, ward or datazone¹ – relating to community safety; and others relate to organisations which produce research publications, reviews and toolkits which local partnerships can use to further their work.

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¹ The datazone is the key small area statistical geography in Scotland. They were introduced for the first time in 2004, when [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#) (SNS) developed them as a common, stable and consistent small area geography. There are 6,505 datazones covering the whole of Scotland.

Datazones are groups of 2001 Census output areas and have, on average, populations of between 500 and 1,000 household residents. They nest within local authority boundaries and where possible, they have been constructed to respect physical boundaries and natural communities. As far as possible, they have a regular shape and contain households with similar social characteristics.

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SOURCE	NATURE OF COMPANY	INTEREST	LINK(s)	PRODUCTS	FREQUENCY
Action on Sectarianism	Established by YouthLink Scotland on behalf of Scottish Government to address sectarianism. Providing advice to children and young people and adults. Looking at the impact of sectarianism.	Contains information, tools and training for anti-sectarianism. Useful link for data collection and engagement with communities around sectarianism.	www.actiononsectarianism.info	Case studies, tools for engaging with communities, research findings and analysis.	Various
Alcohol Focus Scotland and Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems	Alcohol Focus Scotland is the national charity working to prevent and reduce alcohol harm. They work with a wide range of partners to advocate for evidence-based policy, deliver training and development programmes, and provide accurate and accessible information about alcohol to the media, policymakers, practitioners and the general public.	Publications related to the cost to society, the effect on public behaviour and anti-social matters and also on the physical, health and societal effects of alcohol. Good reference/corroborating material.	http://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/ http://www.shaap.org.uk/index.php	Various publications relating to alcohol statistics, strategy, health, marketing and prices, children and young people and misuse and justice.	Various
Audit Scotland	Services the Accounts Commission and Auditor General to ensure that public sector bodies in Scotland make effective use of public funds.	Audit reports on multiple CSP related areas that can substantiate findings using an impartial audit facility and its diverse range of reports.	http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/our-work/performance-information http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/search	Various publications relating to central and local Government, criminal justice, policing, fire and rescue and health inequalities. Annual Audits on key areas directed by current priorities or longer term research.	Various
Applied Quantitative Methods Network (AQMEN)	AQMeN is a research centre developing dynamic and pioneering projects to improve our understanding of current social issues in the UK and provide policy makers and practitioners with robust, independent, research-	Research areas are Crime and victimisation, Education and social stratification and Urban segregation and inequality. In addition to these there are a	http://aqmen.ac.uk/	Blogs, articles and research papers.	Various

	based evidence to build a better future.	number of projects underway including Location dynamics, ownership and ethnicity in Scotland, and Scottish and UK Data.			
Brake	Road safety charity.	Working with communities and organisations across the UK to stop the tragedy of road deaths and injuries, make streets and communities safer for everyone, and support people bereaved and seriously injured on roads.	http://www.brake.org.uk/ Driver behaviour research http://www.brake.org.uk/info-and-resources/facts-advice-research/driver-survey-reports	Training and education resources plus facts, research and advice on road safety. They also produce research with Direct Line insurance into driver behaviours.	
Building Safer Communities Programme	BSCP is a programme to bring together national and local sources in a number of projects to boost community safety and resilience.	Supportive evidence on multiple anti-violence projects, asset based approaches and information and data sharing within multiple organisations and agencies.	http://www.bsc.co.uk/	Blogs, case studies, meeting minutes, evidence and guidance on safety and crime.	Various
British Transport Police (BTP)	National police force for the rail network.	Annual reports, statistical bulletins and specific data dependent on trends/incidents. They also provide public consultation responses and safety advice and links to local teams. Wide range of crime statistics available through the crime mapping toolkit.	http://www.btp.police.uk/ http://crimemaps.btp.police.uk/	On station and on network crime statistics by crime type Local internal contacts or FOI requests may be able to provide bespoke data requests.	Annual report and statistical returns. Crime maps are updated monthly and show a full years' data where available.

<p>Carnegie Trust UK</p>	<p>Works to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work.</p>	<p>Focus on improving wellbeing, championing shared learning across the jurisdictions of the UK and Ireland and working across the public, private and voluntary sectors. Three thematic initial priorities 'Flourishing Towns'; 'Fulfilling Work' and 'Digital Futures'.</p> <p>Since 2014, Carnegie UK Trust has been working as part of the USP consortium to create a new data platform for towns, practitioners and communities. The platform gives summary information and data on any town in Scotland and its comparator towns too.</p>	<p>http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/home</p> <p>Data platform at http://www.usp.scot/</p>	<p>There is a wealth of information on community resilience and creating an "enabling state" within the 'publications' section.</p> <p>The new Place standard for Scotland has been trialled in a number of towns and case studies can be found on the website.</p> <p>The data platform is a searchable databank based on location.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS)</p>	<p>Dedicated to making positive and lasting improvements in the wellbeing of children and young people living in and on the edges of care, and their families.</p> <p>In partnership with carers, social workers, teachers, nurses, charities, councils and government officials, they work to understand the issues, introduce the best possible practice and develop solutions. They take an innovative, evidence-based improvement approach.</p>	<p>Work focuses on looked after children who are often not able to enjoy the same positive experiences and outcomes as many of their peers; many of whom come into contact with community safety and public protection teams.</p> <p>A host of evidence and research findings available for this group of young people which can help develop solutions to improve their experiences and outcomes.</p>	<p>https://www.celcis.org/</p>	<p>Blogs, articles and research papers.</p>	<p>Various</p>

<p>Child Accident Prevention Trust</p>	<p>National charity committed to reducing the number of children and young people killed, disabled and injured as a result of accidents.</p>	<p>Supports senior practitioners and policymakers working to prevent unintentional injury to children and young people in England. Also provides advice to the government and other organisations on child safety.</p>	<p>http://capt.org.uk/</p>	<p>General safety advice and resources on child accident prevention including best practise case studies and strategies and sharing local evidence of what works.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)</p>	<p>Governing body for local authorities and the voice for local government in Scotland.</p>	<p>Provision of multiple areas of reporting, processes and practice including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing • Community Wellbeing • Strategic HR Management • Education, Children & Young People • Resources & Capacity • Development, Economy & Sustainability 	<p>http://www.cosla.gov.uk/</p>	<p>Minutes of CoSLA meetings, policy briefings.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS)</p>	<p>Scotland's prosecution service. We receive reports about crimes from the police and other reporting agencies and then decide what action to take, including whether to prosecute someone. We also look into deaths that need further explanation and investigate allegations of criminal conduct against police officers.</p>	<p>Some information and statistics relating to priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Abuse • Fatalities • Hate Crime • Knife Crime • Proceeds of Crime • Serious Organised Crime • Sexual Crime • Unsolved Homicides • Violent Crime 	<p>http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/publications/statistics</p>	<p>See local Single Outcome Agreement and internal COPFS contacts and/or partnership analyst(s) for additional or specific local information.</p>	<p>Annual reporting for Adhoc for other reporting not associated to priorities</p>
<p>Department of Work and Pensions</p>	<p>The UK's biggest public service department responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy.</p>	<p>Publish statistics on employment programmes, household income, benefits and pensions. Responsible for to provision of accurate and comprehensive information about clients, benefits and employment for</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions</p>	<p>Suitable data source to assess the demographics within an area, the identification of poverty and employment and unemployment statistics and break downs of</p>	<p>Various</p>

		those living in poverty.		disabilities, benefits and legislation regarding welfare benefits.	
Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) – Scotland	Works to eliminate discrimination, reduce inequality, protect and promote human rights and to build good relations, ensuring that everyone has a fair chance to participate in society.	Publications on human trafficking, disability and harassment, human rights, gypsies and travelling communities. Organisation documents issues surrounding discrimination and human rights which affects CSP/ CPP related research.	http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/devolved-authorities/commission-scotland	Information, guidance and research.	Various
Fix My Street	Website to report, view or discuss local problems such as potholes, graffiti or vandalism and broken streetlights	Complaints of antisocial behaviour submitted by the public.	http://www.fixmystreet.com/	Shows incidents by postcode, area or street. Can also view problems by Local Authority area as a list and map. Summary of the issue is included and may include a photo.	Ad hoc – when complaints are submitted
Glasgow Centre for Population Health	GCPH is a resource to generate insights and evidence, to create new solutions and provide leadership for action to improve health and tackle inequality to shape a healthier future for Scotland.	Analysis of key health issues for inclusion in Local Outcome Improvement Plans. Evidence based statistical reporting suitable for reports and project data.	http://www.gcph.co.uk/	Statistical data and analytical publications.	Various
Global Drug Survey	Annual drug and alcohol use survey (c.100k respondents).	Seeks to inform the wider drug using populations about their use of substances in a way that is meaningful, relevant and useful.	http://www.globaldrugsurvey.com/	Statistical information and trends over time.	Annual

<p>Growing Up In Scotland</p>	<p>Longitudinal research study tracking the lives of thousands of children and their families from the early years, through childhood and beyond.</p>	<p>Publications may be useful in community safety policy development, and in linking wider community safety and community planning issues.</p>	<p>http://growingupin-scotland.org.uk/</p>	<p>Information on a range of topics including family circumstances and experiences, child health and development, parenting and support, diet and physical activity, use of services, the local neighbourhood and experiences of school and pre-school.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Health Scotland and Healthcare Improvement Scotland</p>	<p>Scotland's national agency for reducing health inequalities and improving health.</p>	<p>Population health, evidence and evaluation with some research tools and material. Specific areas on alcohol and tobacco and the effects.</p>	<p>http://www.healthscotland.com/index.aspx and http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/</p>	<p>Data and research in addition to evaluations of 'what works' and economics of prevention information.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Home Safety Scotland</p>	<p>Membership consists of representatives from local authorities, health boards and private companies and work together to find ways of taking home safety forward</p>	<p>Home safety concerns involving community safety officers, health safety offices and health promotion.</p>	<p>http://www.homesafetyscotland.org.uk/</p>	<p>Provides advice and assistance for communities and practitioners.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Improvement Service</p>	<p>Helps councils and their partners to improve the health, quality of life and opportunities of all people in Scotland through community leadership, strong local governance and the delivery of high quality, efficient local services.</p>	<p>Useful data sources, toolkits and publications which cover aspects relating to community safety.</p>	<p>http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/</p>	<p>Specific toolkits of interest are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Benchmarking Framework • Community profiler • ViewStat • Menu of local outcome indicators • Community planning self-assessment • Training materials for 	<p>Various</p>

				elected members		
Information Service Division	The Information Services Division (ISD) is a division of National Services Scotland, part of NHS Scotland. ISD provides health information, health intelligence, statistical services and advice that support the NHS in progressing quality improvement in health	Useful for analysis statistics and research for a raft of NHS or health related matters from unintentional injuries and child health to NHS policy and statistics. Data from Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) may be requested through ISD.	http://www.isdscotland.org/	Of particular interest are the drug and alcohol misuse, emergency care (unintentional injury).	Various statistical publications and analysis under a range of themes. One can also request specific data.	Annually for standard target reporting. Varied time frame for specialist data and research reporting.
Injury Observatory Britain and Ireland	Supports injury prevention practitioners by making important and relevant information and tools available through one website.	Publishes data on a range of injury prevention topics.	http://www.injuryobservatory.net/		Publications include statistics, initiatives, legislation and the latest research.	Various
Institute of Home Safety	An institute that is represented on several national committees looking at home and leisure safety as national organisation aiming to affect legislation.	Works towards raising the profile of home safety.	http://instituteofhomesafety.com/		Various links to campaigns and other organisations.	Various
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	British social policy research and development charity, which funds a UK-wide research and development programme.	Covers themes that cross-cut community safety issues nationally and locally.	http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications		Provides a large amount of data and research; and is a useful source of social policy data.	Various
Keep Scotland Beautiful	Independent charity which takes action, campaigns and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues.	Environmental issues.	http://www.keepscotlandbeautiful.org/library/		The organisation also provides funding and access to statistical and policy data.	Various

<p>Local Authority</p>	<p>Local government bodies comprised of councillors (members) who are voted for by the public in local elections and paid council staff (officers) who deliver services.</p>	<p>Various performance indicators and other data collected by individual departments such as housing, environment, social work, education etc. Social attitude data may also be available through Citizen Panels.</p>	<p>See local Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) and internal LA contacts and/or partnership analyst(s)</p>	<p>Various performance information, annual reports and other bespoke requests.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>MAST Online (Road Safety Analysis)</p>	<p>Free to use, online data analysis tool that provides information about injury road collisions reported to the police.</p>	<p>Statistical data relating to road traffic collisions.</p>	<p>http://www.roadsafetyanalysis.org/mast-online/ Register for access at: http://www.roadsafetyanalysis.org/mast-userreg/.</p>	<p>The tool provides users with access to data covering the location and circumstances of injury accidents as well as details about the drivers, vehicles and casualties involved.</p>	<p>Bespoke</p>
<p>National Crime Agency</p>	<p>Incorporates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre (CEOP) • Border Policing command • National cybercrime unit • Economic crime command • Organised crime command 	<p>The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre is dedicated to eradicating the sexual abuse of children.</p> <hr/> <p>Responsible for border security and tackling all serious, organised and complex crime threats before they reach the UK.</p> <hr/> <p>National cybercrime unit leads the UK's response to cybercrime, supports partners with specialist capabilities and coordinates the national response to the most serious of cybercrime threats.</p> <hr/> <p>Reduce the impact of economic crime (including the financing of serious and organised crime) on</p>	<p>http://ceop.police.uk/</p> <hr/> <p>http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/</p>	<p>Publishes annual reports containing performance statistics, three year strategies and threat assessments relating to child exploitation and online protection.</p> <hr/> <p>Various toolkits, strategies and high level information about each of the areas covered by the commands.</p>	<p>Various</p>

		UK society and the UK economy.			
		Leads, supports and co-ordinates the national effort to identify, pursue and disrupt serious and organised criminals.			
National Records for Scotland	Merger of General Register Office and National Archives Registration providing statistical, demographic and census functions and maintaining national archives.	Access to registration and statistics from the Registrar General of Scotland, including demographic statistics, Census and archives.	http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/	Statistical information on aspects of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Households, population and migration including estimates and projections • Life Expectancy and healthy life expectancy • Vital Events including births, marriages, deaths, civil partnerships and divorces. • Census 	
Office of national Statistics	NOMIS is a service provided by the Office for National Statistics, ONS, to give you free access to the most detailed and up-to-date UK labour market statistics from official sources.	Leading provider of employment market statistics provided by the office of national statistics.	http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/ http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html	Provision of Statistical data.	Various
Police Service of Scotland (PsoS) / Police Scotland	Police service for Scotland	Publishes a range of information relating to policing and crime in Scotland.	http://www.scotland.police.uk/	Publishes strategic plans, annual reports, performance data and local plans and priorities. Performance reports from the legacy forces can be found by searching the internet for Scottish Policing Performance	Various

				Framework (SPPF).	
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)	Aims to save lives and reduce injuries and lead the way on accident prevention.	Data, research and advice relating to home, road and water safety.	http://www.rospa.com/homesafety/aroundtheuk/scotland/statistics.aspx	Data, research, case studies and advice relating to home, road and water safety.	Various
Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research	Carry out high quality, internationally recognised research in relation to crime and criminal justice.	The centre produces many books, papers and journals as well as research, briefing papers and technical reports on crime and justice.	http://www.sccjr.ac.uk/publications/	Authority on evidence based research, statistics and trends.	
Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA)	National body focused on children most at risk and conducts children's hearings.	Provides data, statistics and detailed reports and findings in support of child issues and safety.	http://www.scra.gov.uk	Provides data on referrals, reasons for referral, outcomes and time trends at a national and local authority level ² . Also provide research reports on a variety of subjects.	Various
Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC)	Supports best practice in community development.	Works across sectors and with a wide range of professions to support community engagement and community capacity building in any context and at strategic and practice level.	http://www.scdc.org.uk/	Case studies, toolkits, guidance and advice on community engagement and capacity building.	Various

² The statistical dashboard is being updated and will be available on their website soon; however an older version is currently available at http://www.scra.gov.uk/resources_articles_category/official-statistics/.

<p>Scottish Crime and Justice Survey</p>	<p>Social survey which asks people about their experiences and perceptions of crime in Scotland.</p>	<p>Balances police recorded crime data with survey data of people's experiences (reported and unreported to the police).</p>	<p>http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/crime-and-justice-survey/publications</p>	<p>Statistical data, time trends, analytical summaries and thematic reports.</p>	<p>Annually for comparison data analysis. Ad-hoc for thematic reporting.</p>
<p>Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service</p>	<p>Provides administrative support to Scottish courts and tribunals and to the judiciary of courts, including the High Court of Justiciary, Court of Session, sheriff courts and justice of the peace courts, and to the Office of the Public Guardian and Accountant of Court.</p>	<p>Strategy and future vision of the service and some statistics on processes.</p>	<p>https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/about-the-scottish-court-service/reports-data Performance data available at http://www.gov.scot/topics/statistics/browse/crime-justice</p>	<p>Strategic plans, annual reports and court user satisfaction surveys.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</p>	<p>Fire and Rescue Service for Scotland.</p>	<p>Provides data and information on fire and casualties, rescues and false alarms. Also provides fire prevention advice.</p>	<p>http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/</p>	<p>Publishes strategic plans and annual reports and statistical data including performance reports. Information can also be obtained from local scrutiny panels and the local fire plans.</p>	<p>Various and additional requests can be made via local contacts.</p>
<p>Scottish Government crime and justice statistics</p>	<p>Statistical information and support relating to police and community safety, court affairs and offenders, prisons and matters relating to civil and international law.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Law Statistics in Scotland • Criminal Justice Social Work Statistics • Criminal Proceedings in Scotland • Divorces and Dissolutions • Domestic Abuse Statistics • Drug Seizures Statistics • Fire statistics in Scotland • Fire and Rescue Services 	<p>http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Datasets and http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Datasets</p>	<p>Statistics and analysis relating to a number of areas of crime, policing and community safety.</p>	<p>Most are annual publications. Safer communities crime and justice brief is monthly. Police Officer Figures are</p>

		<p>Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearm Certificates • Firearm Offence Statistics • Homicide Statistics • Liquor Licensing Statistics • Police Strength Statistics • Prison Statistics • Racist Incident Statistics • Reconviction of Offenders Statistics • Recorded Crime Statistics • Scottish Crime and Justice Survey • Scottish Safety Camera Programme Statistics • Scottish Policing Performance Framework • Safer communities and justice brief 	tatistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Justicebrief		quarterly.
<p>Scottish Health Survey</p>	<p>Provides a detailed picture of the health of the Scottish population in private households</p>	<p>Data on self-assessed general health and mental wellbeing and other health behaviours including alcohol consumption, smoking, diet, physical activity, obesity and health inequalities. Every two years there is a module on unintentional injuries.</p>	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/scottish-health-survey	<p>Statistics and analysis, in addition to thematic briefing papers.</p>	<p>Annual.</p> <p>Rotating biennial module covers cardiovascular disease, asthma, eating habits, physical activity, mental health, dental health and accidents.</p>
<p>Scottish Household Survey</p>	<p>Provide information about the characteristics, attitudes and behaviour of Scottish households and individuals.</p>	<p>Household composition and characteristics (including accommodation, driving/transport, health), responding to emergencies, repairs, heating, household</p>	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/16002	<p>Statistics and analysis, in addition to thematic briefing papers.</p>	<p>Annual</p>

		income. There is also a 'random adult' module exploring neighbourhood (this includes community safety), education and employment, transport, volunteering, health, disability and caring.			
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)	Scottish Government's official tool for identifying those places in Scotland suffering from deprivation.	It incorporates several different aspects of deprivation, including combining them into a single index	http://simd.scotland.gov.uk/publication-2012/	Interactive web portal where one can download SIMD summaries for each of the local authority areas and also explore outcomes for those in the most deprived areas.	Usually every three years
Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR)	Strategic collaboration between 13 of Scotland's universities and the Police Service of Scotland, offering research opportunities to help the police meet the challenges of the 21st century and for achieving international excellence for policing research in Scotland.	Published research covers topics such as Police-Community Relations, Evidence and Investigation, Education and Leadership and Public Protection.	http://www.sipr.ac.uk/	Blog, newsletter and a wide range of research papers and articles relating to policing but has also covered local scrutiny and other partnership issues.	Various
Scottish Neighbourhood statistics	SNS is the Scottish Government's on-going programme to improve the availability, consistency and access to small area statistics in Scotland. Providing information to support targets and commitments with a small area emphasis.	This site provides access to a wide range of information and statistics on: health, education, poverty, unemployment, housing, population, and crime and social/community issues in Scotland. The data is available at a range of different geographic levels.	http://statistics.gov.scot/	Interactive web portal where one can run queries for specific themes, organisations or download summaries for specific geographical areas. You can also search for datasets, places or enter your postcode to find data about your local area. The data can be viewed as tables, maps and charts or downloaded in various formats.	Various

<p>Scottish Police Authority</p>	<p>Responsible for maintaining policing, promoting the policing principles outlined in the 2012 Act, delivering continuous improvement of policing and holding the Chief Constable to account.</p>	<p>The SPA has developed a Performance Framework which allows it to monitor and evaluate the performance of the police and whether the aims of reform are being realised. It also publishes public Board papers.</p>	<p>http://www.spa.police.uk/performancepages/ and http://www.spa.police.uk/meetings-events/</p>	<p>Performance statistics and Board papers (plus video) for the SPA's public meetings.</p>	<p>Full SPA meet at least six times a year.</p>
<p>Scottish Prison Service</p>	<p>The Scottish Prison Service is an agency of the Scottish Government tasked with maintaining custody and good order within prisons.</p>	<p>Research into prisons, rehabilitation, offending, community engagement and equality.</p>	<p>http://www.sps.gov.uk/Corporate/Corporate.aspx</p>	<p>Research and performance reports available.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) and Glasgow Centre for Population Health</p>	<p>Collaboration between ISD Scotland and NHS Health Scotland, and includes the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, National Records of Scotland and Health Protection Scotland.</p>	<p>The observatory maintains a large amount of data on health information for Scotland which includes public health, hospital data, illnesses and health as well as research and news articles.</p>	<p>http://www.scotpho.org.uk/ Glasgow: http://www.gcph.co.uk/</p>	<p>Provides up-to-date evidence and statistics on public health.</p>	<p>Various</p>
<p>Scottish Social Attitudes Survey</p>	<p>Annual survey of public opinion on a range of issues in Scotland.</p>	<p>Historically used to focus on migration, inequality, sentencing community trust. More recently this has focussed wholly on Scottish independence and other political matters.</p>	<p>http://www.natcen.ac.uk/our-research/research/scottish-social-attitudes/</p>	<p>Statistics and analysis, in addition to thematic briefing papers.</p>	<p>Annual</p>
<p>Think tanks</p>	<p>Think tanks are public policy research institutes that seek to play a key role in making and influencing global, regional and national policy. While each think tank serves a specific purpose, they all share a common vision to improve their respective</p>	<p>Research and briefing papers can cover crime and policing, safety, partnership, prevention and inequality and poverty. Note that not all are entirely independent and can politically lean to the right or left or be</p>	<p>http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/sep/30/list-thinktanks-uk And http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk/think-tanks/</p>	<p>Research and briefing papers in addition to policy recommendations.</p>	<p>Various</p>

	spectrums, as well as being sources of new ideas and research.	funded by companies/individuals with a vested interest and political direction.	Also The Police Foundation and Reform Scotland.		
Transport Scotland	National transport agency for Scotland. Also incorporates Road Safety Scotland.	Transport Scotland delivers the Scottish Government's transport vision. Road Safety Scotland works to promote awareness of road safety issues in Scotland.	http://www.transport.gov.scot/publications-stats and http://www.roadsafetyscotland.org.uk/	Access to all transport related data affecting Scotland: publications and consultations as well as trends, statistics and transportation type specific information.	Various
Victim Support Scotland (VSS)	Scotland's lead voluntary organisation helping people affected by crime. This is a free and confidential service based throughout a network of community victim support services.	Research on victims of crime, annual report and corporate plan in addition to a blog.	http://www.victimsupportscotland.org.uk/campaigning/	The victim support resource library (found under 'campaigning') provides a great deal of data on victim support which provide statistical and analysed data on victims and offences by region.	Various
Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)	The VRU was an organisation formed to target all forms of violent behaviour and is a national centre of expertise on tackling violence.	Publications and research relating to violence in Scotland. Includes projects such as injury surveillance, community assets, domestic abuse, mentors in violence prevention and medics against violence.	http://www.actiononviolence.co.uk/content/resources	The resource library contains key research data and case studies relating to violence.	Various
Women's Aid	The lead organisation in Scotland working towards the prevention of domestic abuse. They play a vital role campaigning and lobbying for effective responses to domestic abuse, in addition to ensuring that women and children who have experienced domestic abuse get the services	Publications including the impact of domestic abuse on women's health, mother-child relationships or legal issues for women. Survey results (for example on 'revenge porn') and consultation responses are also available.	http://www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/	Case studies, research and other publications relating to violence against women.	Various

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Youthlink Scotland	The national agency for youth work, representing the interests and aspirations of the whole of the sector both voluntary and statutory. They champion the role and value of the youth work sector, challenging government at national and local levels to invest in the development of the sector.	Work on multiple Community safety related tasks from bullying to anti-sectarianism. Is a good source of data for youth related matters and the links on-going project work.	http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/	Case studies, strategy, minutes of policy forums and other briefing papers.	Various