

# Serious organised crime

Police Scotland will work in partnership to prevent harm caused to individuals, communities and businesses by **serious organised crime**.

## Your View Counts

Respondents to our public consultation survey identified serious organised crime as the second highest national priority.

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## Impact

Serious organised crime has the potential to affect every community in Scotland. Our assessment indicates a threat linked to ongoing feuds, violence and firearms incidents between serious organised crime groups (SOCGs).

In 2018/19 we will:

Commitment	Prevention and Protection	Communities	Knowledge and Innovation
Prevent <b>cybercrime</b> by working with partners to support the implementation of Scotland's Cyber Resilience Strategy, and disrupt those involved in cyber enabled and cyber dependent criminality.	<p>We will <b>prevent cybercrime</b> by working in partnership to implement Scotland's Cyber Resilience Strategy and deliver Scotland's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy.</p> <p>Our <b>cybercrime threat assessment</b> will develop our understanding of cyber threats and inform our activity to tackle this evolving area of criminality. We will enhance national and international partnerships to disrupt those involved in cyber enabled criminality and increase access to people with the right skills to respond to cyber threats.</p>	<p>We will establish a 'cybercrime safety, prevention and resilience unit' to enhance cyber incident reporting mechanisms and improve <b>support to communities</b>, public, private and third sector partners.</p> <p>We will equip officers and staff with the skills to respond to emerging trends and provide <b>cybercrime prevention advice</b> and supporting materials to communities.</p>	<p>We will deliver a structured training programme to equip officers and staff appropriately to recognise and respond to <b>cyber threats</b>. We will also continually update the information on our <b>cyber intranet site</b>; providing advice and current information regarding emerging threats and signposting officers and staff to further sources of national information / intelligence.</p> <p>The initial rollout of enhanced digital forensic infrastructure, including <b>cyber kiosks</b>, will support local investigations as officers will be able to promptly triage devices</p>

			linked to cybercrime. The development of multi-agency <b>cyber hubs</b> across Scotland will enhance our capability to respond to emerging threats.
Disrupt and prevent <b>SOCG</b> activity.	<p>Our national firearms and explosive licensing (NFEL) team will continue to enhance the partnerships and <b>prevention opportunities</b> to support the lawful firearms network by enforcing licensing standards and preventing opportunities for exploitation by SOCGs.</p> <p>We will utilise new proceeds of crime legislation, including account freezing, unexplained wealth orders and disclosure orders (Criminal Finances Act 2017) to <b>disrupt SOCG</b> activities and seize their cash and assets. We will further support the delivery of key strategies aimed at tackling serious and organised crime, including; UK Government's Prevent Strategy; Scottish Government's National Action Plan on Internet Safety; and Police Scotland's Children and Young People 2016/20 – Our Approach.</p>	<p>Our team of '<b>web constables</b>' are an effective conduit for engaging with local communities and will deliver appropriate preventative advice regarding SOCG activity, whilst sharing best practice nationally.</p> <p>We will also work with partners to develop <b>targeted messages</b> to firearms certificate holders and registered firearms dealers to raise awareness of the threats specific to use of firearms by SOCGs.</p> <p>We will support a UK-wide National Ballistic Intelligence Service led <b>firearms surrender campaign</b> to remove firearms from communities.</p>	<p>We will focus our <b>intelligence</b> gathering activity to support enforcement to disrupt and prevent SOCG activity.</p> <p>We will enhance our intelligence on the criminal use of firearms and utilise <b>new legislation</b> regarding the conversion of imitation firearms and raise the standards required when deactivating firearms to ensure they are put permanently beyond use.</p> <p>Our 'national firearms threat desk' will collate, assess, review and appropriately <b>share information and intelligence</b> with partners and through our local policing divisions.</p>
Develop an overarching Police	We will develop a <b>prevention approach</b> , working with partners,	To support our communities and reduce the harm	We will work with partners to improve the collation and <b>analysis</b>

<p>Scotland <b>Drug and NPS</b> Prevention approach.</p>	<p>including Scottish Government, to support the 'Road to Recovery' strategy; participate in the Partnership for Action on Drugs in Scotland (PADS); and develop a national drug 'problem profile'.</p> <p>We will focus intelligence gathering and <b>enforcement activity</b> to disrupt individuals and SOCGs who supply controlled drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and reduce the violence synonymous with SOCG drug supply, as well as acquisitive crime committed to feed drug addiction.</p>	<p>caused, we will work with the Scottish Government Substance Misuse Team to <b>identify emerging drug trends</b> and risks and, through consultation, agree appropriate and proportionate responses.</p>	<p><b>of data</b> from partner agencies regarding the harm caused by drug misuse and contribute to the development of new and more effective approaches to reduce this harm.</p> <p>We will <b>monitor drugs related deaths</b> to identify underlying trends and develop partnership approaches through PADS groups.</p>
<p>Prevent <b>fraud</b> and protect those most at risk from current and emerging organised fraud threats.</p>	<p>We will continue to support the Scottish Business Resilience Centre and implement a standardised national '<b>banking protocol</b>' to assist vulnerable people at risk of being targeted by fraudsters.</p>	<p>In collaboration with partners, including the financial sector, we will deliver targeted <b>prevention messages</b> to raise awareness within communities of current and emerging threats, such as vishing, pension liberation fraud and advanced fee fraud.</p>	<p>We will expand the gathering of financial and business <b>intelligence</b> connected to financial crime committed by SOCGs. This will develop and deliver an enhanced disruption approach through innovative tactics with a focus on reducing SOCG's access to specialist assistance and quasi-legitimate businesses.</p>