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Submitted to **Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland**

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Completing the survey

Do you work for Police Scotland?

No

Keeping people safe

Do these objectives meet your expectations?

Agree

Please provide any further comments below::

This is exactly what we would expect the Police to be focusing on, however its difficult to say any more than this without seeing the underpinning actions. What we can say is that if these priorities are to be achieved, Police Scotland will have to engage better locally both with partner organisations and communities/citizens.

Whilst we welcome and understand the focus on the digital environment, it feels like there is more to do around Police Scotland better integrating into communities too, which is missing from this proposal.

It is worth noting that the analytical capacity of Police Scotland, if shared across partnerships in a more proactive way, could provide a great opportunity to support prevention efforts.

What are your expectations for policing in relation to cybercrime?

Please tell us what you think in the box below::

It is hard to disagree with this but some more detail on how you'll find different ways, what these different ways are and who you'll be working with would be helpful.

Communities are at the heart of policing

Do these objectives meet your expectations?

Agree

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This is welcome, but will require a different level of integration and relationships (both with partners and communities) than we currently see across Police Scotland.

For us, this is absolutely the critical area to focus on. If you crack this, then good things will come; but we recognise the capacity constraints and changes that will have to happen around culture and commitment for this to happen. We would be happy to work with Police Scotland on this.

There is a danger that the national expertise in the form of specialist resources has removed local community policing resources and balancing these two capabilities is critical.

We would welcome more detail on what and how Police Scotland will support the changing nature of communities.

How we involve you

Do these objectives meet your expectations?

Agree

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We suggest that if Police Scotland were to take a human rights approach across the piece to the work that they do this would hugely enhance the work identified in the priorities above and the model of policing by consent.

Policing by consent and public trust and confidence are inextricably linked but we still see examples of where this co-dependency doesn't seem to be understood. For example, facial recognition.

Police Scotland's direction of travel on the CAM would benefit from a better understanding of the contributory factors and the knock-on effect on partners to support delivery.

Supporting our people

Do these objectives meet your expectations?

Agree

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Policing has changed. It's clear from this consultation that Police Scotland is aware of the scale of this challenge. The only comment we would make is that this is all reflected in recruitment messages, probationer training and ongoing workforce development.

Sustainable policing for the future

Do these objectives meet your expectations?

Agree

Please provide any further comments below::

It feels like Police Scotland has a good degree of self-awareness on these issues and these feel like appropriate priorities to work towards.

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Scottish Community Safety Network

Would you like to be contacted by Police Scotland in the future about opportunities to participate in developing our approaches to policing? If so, we will keep your details for this purpose only so that you can be updated on future strategies and engagement.

Contact with PSoS in the future - By email:

Yes

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