



Scottish Community
Safety Network

Annual Report

2016/17

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SCSN Vision

'People are safe from crime, disorder, danger and free from injury and harm; and communities are socially cohesive and tolerant; are resilient; and able to support individuals to take responsibility for their wellbeing.'

SCSN Outcomes

SCSN will promote leadership, championing community safety so that stakeholders are informed and engaged with new and emerging practice and national policy, and the capacity of our members is strengthened.

SCSN will collect and promote evidence of where partnership and other working has demonstrated an improvement so that members and others can evidence the impact of community safety interventions and shape local delivery and national policy.

SCSN will provide appropriate support and training to develop the capacity and confidence of local community safety partnerships and others so that they can deliver service improvements and engage with national policy.

SCSN Services

Knowledge Exchange
Sharing of practice through case studies, thematic papers, and research papers

Safer Communities Awards
Bi Annual awards that celebrate excellence and innovation in community safety

Training
A comprehensive training programme supported by eLearning modules to improve accessibility.

Guidance and Toolkits
Including briefing papers and practice notes

Conferences and Events
Covering a range of national initiatives to support the development of local practice

Safety NET-works
Newsletter sharing information on national consultations, community safety initiatives and national research

Introduction

SCSN continues to make significant progress against its Strategic Plan 2015 /18, through training, events, research and analysis of key community safety issues and regular updates on national policy matters. Many of these achievements are highlighted in this annual report.

2016/17 was indeed a year of changes for SCSN. As our five year lease on Hill Street drew to an end, combined with the prospect of significant rent and service charge increases, the staff were tasked with finding more cost effective office accommodation. In May 2016 SCSN moved a whole 50 meters to new renovated offices in Thistle Street North West Lane.

We have also experienced a number of staff changes with Andy leaving after three years service and Denise after seven years. Both have made a significant contribution to the growth of SCSN services and we wish them well in their new posts. In addition to this and to support the further development of the BSCP Unintentional Injuries Strategic Assessment, Hannah undertook a secondment with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Hannah has since been on Maternity leave enjoying time with her baby daughter.

The Board of Directors have been stepping up to the mark to support SCSN during these staff shortages, attending strategic meetings and helping to drive national initiatives such as Building Safer Communities Programme.

SCSN Board of Directors 2016/17

Mark McCall	Chairperson
Ian Hanley	Vice Chairperson
Paul Richardson	Treasurer
Jacqui Doig	Company Secretary
John Irons	
Diane Kane	
Lorraine Gillies	
Ann Fehilly	
Andrew Mitchell	Resigned (March 2017)
Martin Millar	Resigned (May 2017)
Barry McEwan	Resigned (June 2017)
Linda Cunningham	Co-opted (October 2016)
Stuart Stephens	Co-opted (June 2017)
John McKenzie	Co-opted (June 2017)

Staffing 2016/17

Jacqui Doig	SCSN Manager	
Denise Huntridge	Business Support Officer	Until February 2017
Hannah Dickson	National Development Officer	
Andy Pryce	National Development Officer	Until December 2016
David Barbour	Communications Officer	From June 2016

Achievements and performance

SCSN proactively seeks to influence, share and contribute to the development and implementation of national frameworks and strategies. As such SCSN represents the sector at a national level and advocates on behalf of the sector across a range of community safety related themes e.g. Building Safer Communities, Stop and Search, Scotland's Road Safety Framework, and Equally Safe etc.

In meeting its principle objectives the company has:

- ⇒ Provided networking opportunities through meetings and forums which facilitate peer learning and sharing of practice; increasing members capacity and improving partnership working, attended by over 100 officers
- ⇒ Supported effective local partnership working by collecting and promoting evidence of good and emerging practice; in particular administrating the Safer Communities Awards 2016 and extending the range of Practice Notes and briefing papers to support local practice and learning
- ⇒ Promoted use of existing guidance and toolkits, and developed two new resources on evidencing Impact and handling intelligence data, to increase resilience and support the sector to be legislatively compliant
- ⇒ Supported the sector to evidence the value, cost benefits and impact of community safety by providing support in cost benefit analysis and evidenced based strategic planning
- ⇒ Provided relevant training and continuous professional development opportunities creating a more informed and skilled sector workforce
- ⇒ Delivered five training courses attracting 56 delegates
- ⇒ Organised two events on current and emerging community safety issues attracting 140 delegates/officers from a range of charity and public sector organisations
- ⇒ Delivered training inputs at other public sector courses (i.e. Tulliallan) and provided inputs at partners events
- ⇒ Promoted and increased numbers completing eLearning courses from 48 PA to 120. Designed and produced four new eLearning modules to improve access to training
- ⇒ Provided current and timely information on a broad range of topics that impact on community safety
- ⇒ Produced 10 newsletters and circulated to 683 direct members (estimated circulation over 1000)
- ⇒ Twitter followers increased from 482 to 839 and are averaging 11,484 impressions and 154 engagements per month
- ⇒ Facebook followers increased slightly from 77 to 126
- ⇒ Website refreshed to be more interactive and achieving an average of 1635 unique visitors average per quarter

Future developments

The Company will look to deliver activities in relation to the aims, outcomes and values contained within the Strategic Plan 2015 -2018, while undertaking an organisational review to inform the 2018/21 Strategic Plan.

Our current three outcomes are:

- ⇒ To provide leadership and be a centre of excellence for the community safety sector.
- ⇒ To champion community safety and influence the shaping and development of national policy and local delivery.
- ⇒ To be a collaborative learning, developing and sustainable network.

We will achieve these by:

- ⇒ Undertaking research on community safety themes to inform national delivery.
- ⇒ Promoting and facilitating the 2018 Safer Communities Awards.
- ⇒ Continuing to extend and evaluate the use of the range of Practice Notes and briefing papers to support local practice and learning, particularly in relation to emerging national themes.
- ⇒ SCSN will continue to work collaboratively with a range of partners to influence developments and represent the community safety sector.
- ⇒ Delivering scheduled core training programme and providing commissioned bespoke training.
- ⇒ Developing and delivering new training which supports local capacity building
- ⇒ Promoting existing eLearning; and designing and promoting new eLearning modules
- ⇒ Organising timely events including the National Community Safety Convention
- ⇒ Proactively engage with member organisations to ensure awareness and engagement with national developments.
- ⇒ Promoting and regularly updating existing toolkits and resources, and support use
- ⇒ Developing new guidance resources, identified by members, which support local delivery
- ⇒ Providing local support in relation to Partnership, People, Performance, Prevention and

Finance

Our reserves at the 31 March 2016 equate to £78,995. Included within these reserves is a £50,000 combined contingency fund to cover contracts should the company seize and operational reserves to cover costs which cannot be accurately forecast: The cost of replacing expensive items of equipment either through wear and tear or sudden breakdown and/or to fund staff cover in case of illness, maternity leave, absence of staff while carrying out public duties like jury service, or temporary cover while recruiting key staff.

After deducting the contingency fund and operational reserves the company has a net general fund carry forward of £28,995.

The Scottish Government are SCSN's main funder, providing our core funding in 2015/16. Our thanks go to the Scottish Government for their continued belief in the sector and in what SCSN do. Thanks also for the additional project funding of £19,125 to deliver the National Convention and Safer Communities Awards, which allowed us to provide a professional event at a much reduced cost to the public and voluntary sector.

Thanks to Network Rail who continued to invest in the Community engagement fund, administered by SCSN, to support rail safety and awareness.

Company Accounts 2016/17

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2017 Total Funds	2016 Total Funds
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		167,125	167,125	226,935
Other trading activities	22,160	19,125	41,835	13,191
Subscriptions and membership	18,000	375	18,375	10,360
Investment income	72	-	72	230
Other income (employee Allowance)	3,000	-	3,000	2,000
TOTAL	43,232	186,625	229,857	242,356
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities				
Development, promotion & education of community safety practice	47,144	188,838	235,982	247,113
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,912)	(2,213)	(6,125)	(4,757)
Transfers between funds	(338)	338	-	-
Net movement in funds	(4,250)	(1,875)	(6,125)	(4,757)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	79,085	6,035	85,120	89,877
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	74,835	4,160	78,995	85,120

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2017	2017	2016
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	9,265	6,350
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	7,256	6,171
Cash at bank and in hand	77,756	92,831
	85,012	99,002
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	(15,282)	(20,232)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	69,730	78,770
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	78,995	85,120
NET ASSETS	78,995	85,120
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund	38,570	45,735
Designated – Fixed Assets	9,265	6,350
Contingency fund	27,000	27,000
	74,835	79,085
Restricted funds	4,160	6,035
TOTAL FUNDS	78,995	85,120

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