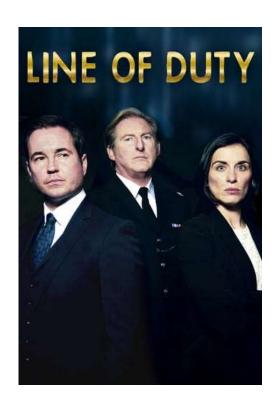
Community experiences of serious organised crime

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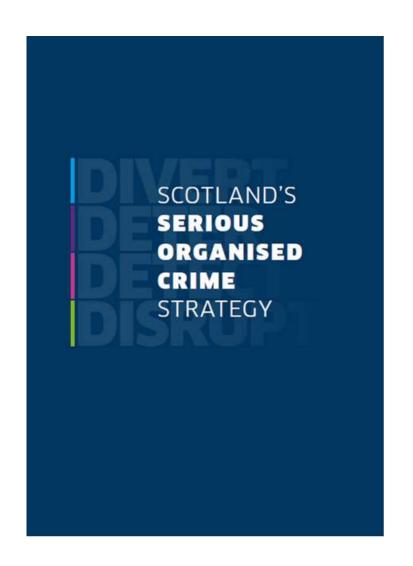
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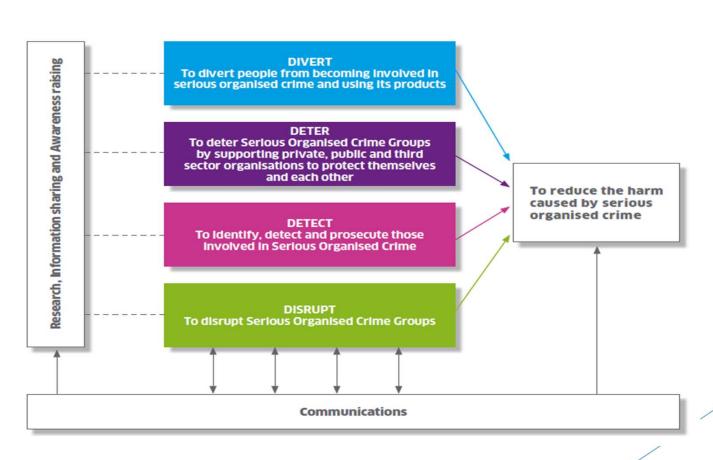






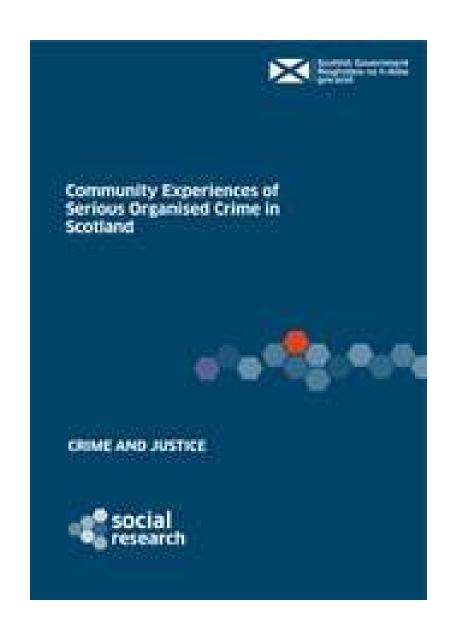


Scotland's SOC Strategy - the 4 Ds



Building on preventative work









Focus on communities



And a focus on listening



What Were the Findings?

- Housing
- ► Leisure, recreation and youth work
- Drug Use
- Vulnerability and victimisation
- ► Aspirations, opportunities and narratives
- ► Local policing and trust
- Community resilience



Vulnerability and victimisation:

If they live in the area they [organised crime groups] know who they can target... They know exactly what they're doing. They'll also then know in terms of some of our customer groups who have got severe issues with alcohol or drug addictions and mental health issues and they play on that.

Quote from a housing manager

Young people: the push and pull of organised crime

We call it [community] economics, we're saying to the laddies 'you come and dae this course for five days a week and we'll gie you £55'. And the laddies are looking at you and goin, £55?... [They're] sitting wi' about four grand in their pocket.

Quote from a community member

The role that housing providers can play:



Next Steps 1

Community Empowerment Project:

- ▶ Building on the research and the conference
- Communities at the centre of the decision-making process
- ► Four communities approached to take part
- Small groups of around 12 people, all local community members
- Each community group decides its own priorities for action

Next Steps 2

Working with policy-makers, service providers, community members and others to:

- ► Further understand the harms caused by organised crime in communities;
- Address some of those harms;
- ▶ Build community resilience against organised crime.

My questions for you:

➤ What can Community Safety Partnerships do to reduce the harm caused by organised crime and build community resilience?

▶ What can YOU do?

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