

Developing a Community Safety Narrative for Scotland

I help keep people
and
communities
safe from crime
and harm

I am part of a
Safer
Communities
Team

I am a member
of a Community
Safety
Partnership

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Community Safety – ‘the emerging landscape and future opportunities’:

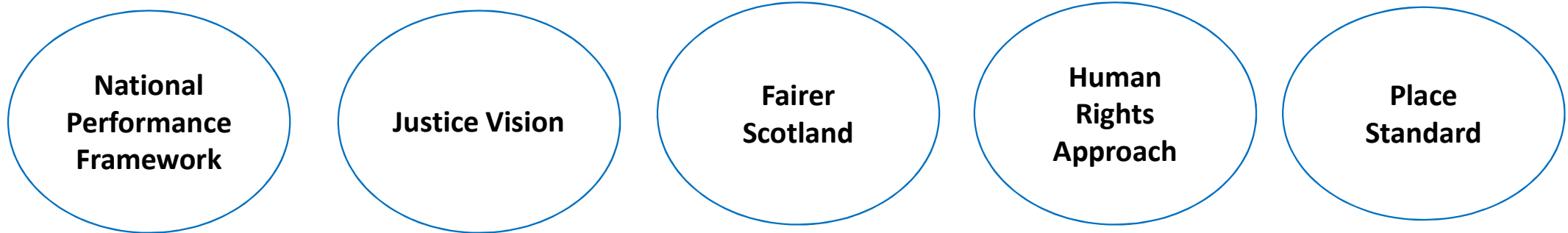
- Community safety - **increasing complex landscape**
 - Development of a community safety narrative would help **local and national organisations and practitioners better understand the current community safety landscape**
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- This is the beginning of this narrative and is intended to prompt further discussion... like today!
 - Aim today – give some food for thought as to **how you in your role as Chairs and Leads can continue to ‘make the case for community safety’**

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- October 2018 – March 2019
- Discussions with national policy leads and local practitioners working in community safety and other related policy areas – **Youth Justice, Public Health, Regeneration and Place, Housing, Antisocial behaviour, Violence Reduction**

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Strategic Direction



- Underpinning themes – **empowerment, resilience, inequalities**
- Strategic direction – **creates the conditions for better collaborative working at both the national and local level**

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Defining community safety:

Why: - provides **greater clarity for community safety practitioners** and partners and **creates the conditions for collaborative working**

Principles underpinning a definition:

- **Being person centred and place- based**
- **Addressing the needs of communities holistically**

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Definition:

*“A safe community is a liveable community, where people can go about their daily activities in an environment **without fear, risk, harm or injury**. Community safety is about **building strong, cohesive, vibrant, participatory communities**, where homes, the roads, public spaces and the workplace **are safe and feel safe** for everyone to enjoy”*

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- **Community safety** has a key role to play in **creating conditions in which communities want and feel able to participate in local decision making**
(Local community planning, Neighbourhood Development Plans, Democracy Matters, Local Governance Review, Community Empowerment)
- **Community Planning** – Strategic and Local
(Where is all happens! Access to share partner resources and information, targeting the same communities – Shared Outcomes)

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**Public Health
Reform**

**Local
Governance
Review**

**Adverse
Childhood
Experiences**

**Reducing
Offending
and further
offending**

**BSC
Unintentional
Harm**

**Social
Isolation and
Loneliness**

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- Social Isolation and Loneliness
- Kindness
- Relationships
 - Many of the success stories around improving safety have had at their heart an effective relationship

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- Effective and meaningful community participation requires a **culture change**
- **Skills and experience** – community development
- Community safety is **ever evolving** - requires flexibility and ability to respond to emerging issues

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I would ask that you...

Think how best you can **promote community engagement and empowerment** – get involved in discussions around increasing the role of local **communities in local decision making**

If you don't know already - find out about more about how to adopt a **Place Based Approach** and link in with those locally who are already doing it!