



Community Safety



Media Monitor

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The SCSN Media Monitor provides a snapshot of Community Safety related media/press stories from across Scotland, the UK and sometimes internationally.

Some of the stories are not from Scotland, but are included as developments in the rest of the UK and internationally may be relevant to community safety here in Scotland and we hope will be of interest and contribute to sector conversations.

We will only source articles from media/press sources that correspond with our values as an organisation and that refrain from using stigmatising language or images.

Road Safety

None for the road: Why lowering drink drive limits didn't lower road traffic collisions

On the 5th of December 2014 Scotland reduced the legal drink drive limit from 80 to 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood (otherwise known as 0.05% blood alcohol concentration or BAC). The limit in the rest of the United Kingdom did not change. Even though there have been large reductions in automobile crashes over recent decades in the UK, they continue to be a considerable burden on health. In 2018, over 160,000 casualties from road traffic collisions [were reported](#), with collisions consistently representing the second or third leading cause of death among Britons aged 5–34.

Read more [here](#).

Calls for Police Scotland to allow uploads of dangerous driver videos

Almost two thirds of Scottish adults support the introduction of an online system to allow the public to upload footage of dangerous drivers to make the country's roads safer.

A survey conducted by YouGov on behalf of the charity Cycling UK found 59 per cent of respondents said they would support an online system that would allow people to upload and report footage of dangerous driving to Police Scotland. Just 17 per cent of those questioned were against the idea.

Jim Densham, Cycling UK's campaigns and policy manager for Scotland, said the results of the poll show the evidence in favour of bringing in such a system is overwhelming. "The Scottish public want to see this life-saving measure brought in. The evidence shows it will save police time and hold dangerous drivers to account. The decision is a no brainer and we hope the government will work with Police Scotland to make our roads safer as soon as possible."

Read more [here](#).

Children & Young People

Number of UK children unhappy with their lives rises – report

Growing numbers of British children are unhappy with their lives, with many worrying about school, friends and how they look, a report reveals.

The number of 10- to 15-year-olds who say they are not happy rose from 173,000 (3.8%) in 2009-10 to an estimated 306,000 (6.7%) in 2018-19, the Children's Society found. That 6.7% – one in every 15 young people – is the highest proportion in the last decade, it said.

The charity lamented the “significant decline in children's happiness over the decade”, as measured by Essex University research before the Covid pandemic struck in early 2020.

Read more [here](#).

Charities work together to examine mentoring support for care experienced youngsters

Scottish Mentoring Network, YMCA Scotland and intandem have announced a new project

Three charities are working together to examine what mentoring support care experienced young people can access.

Scottish Mentoring Network, in partnership with YMCA Scotland and intandem (Inspiring Scotland), are working on mapping the mentoring provision for care experienced children and young people. The organisations hope that, by mapping an accurate picture of where and how mentoring services are currently available to care experienced children and young people, they will be able to identify if there any current gaps in provision.

Read more [here](#).

Violence Against Women & Girls

Police failing to impose orders on men accused of abuse, watchdog finds

Police are failing to impose restraining orders or bail conditions on men accused of rape, domestic abuse, harassment and stalking, a watchdog has found, placing women and girls at increased risk of harm.

A police super-complaint, submitted by the Centre for Women's Justice (CWJ), raised concerns that police were failing to use protective measures in cases involving violence against women and girls.

Read more [here](#).

Scotland's prostitution laws 'outdated and unjust'

Scotland's laws on prostitution are "outdated and unjust", an alliance of frontline agencies has said.

At present, soliciting in public, "kerb crawling" and brothel-keeping are illegal but running a pimping website or paying for sex are legal. Campaigners want to shift the burden of criminality to those who pay for sex.

Anastacia Ryan, of sex workers advocacy project Umbrella Lane, is against the Nordic model. Instead, she favours full decriminalisation, with wraparound support for women. She said the plans would effectively criminalise sex work and increase the risk of violence.

Read more [here](#).

General Community Safety

More than 40% of 101 police calls abandoned during June

More than 40% of non-emergency calls to police in June were abandoned by the caller, Scotland's chief constable has admitted.

Iain Livingstone expressed his "personal regret" that more than 71,000 of the 101 calls were ended without being answered. The force said it took an average of five minutes to answer non-emergency 101 calls in June. The chief constable blamed increased demand and staff shortages as a result of the Covid pandemic.

Read more [here](#).

Glasgow revealed as UK's deadliest place to work with four other Scots areas in top ten

Glasgow is the deadliest place to work in the UK- with four other Scots areas making up Britain's top ten.

The study by life insurance specialists, I'm Insured, analyses the latest HSE (Health and Safety Executive) figures to reveal the percentage of workplace related deaths happening in each region of the UK, as well as each local authority area.

The data in the report revealed that Glaswegian workers are more at risk of dying in the workplace than anywhere else in the country- making up 3.44% of all workplace deaths between 2015 and 2020.

Read more [here](#).

Scotland's national care service expansion labelled 'attack on local communities'

The service is a flagship policy of the SNP that has wide support across Holyrood, but it was initially planned to only take control of adult social care.

However, a consultation document published by the Scottish Government details plans that could broaden the body's responsibilities to include social work, children's services, community justice and alcohol and drug services.

Read more [here](#).

Safety measures for kids in poor communities are often ignored: some reasons why

South Africans in impoverished communities are exposed to a greater risk of falling victim to violence. Children are not spared. Research shows that preventing [harmful environments and situations](#) reduces the burden of violence and injury to children. Parents and caregivers are central to this. Improving their ability to prevent injury to children is key.

Read more [here](#).

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