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Fireworks & Bonfire Night Safety Edition

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Blackburn Bonfire Night Action Group (BBNAG)

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

Over the past few years, Blackburn has been renowned for high levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB) over bonfire seasons. In 2018, the trouble escalated with emergency services, Police and local residents being targeted, with fireworks being thrown at them and numerous bonfires being lit. Adults supplying fireworks to young people from houses and vehicles were reported; this fuelled the trouble resulting in local residents claiming that Blackburn was like a 'war zone'.

The Community Regeneration Officer (CRO) was tasked with pulling together a multi-agency working group to use a proactive, rather than reactive approach to deal with the issues faced in the local community, involving the community to drive forward change. One of the main themes identified by the community for the Blackburn's Future Plan (regeneration plan) is *Care, Maintenance and Feeling Safe* with some key messages from the community being 'trouble on bonfire night', 'people setting bonfires and ruining parks with fires', 'increase in Police presence needed' and 'more community Police engagement needed'.

The first meeting of the BBNAG took place in April with agencies in attendance from Scottish Fire and Rescue, Police Scotland, Safer Neighbourhoods Team, West Lothian Council (WLC) Housing, Blackburn Community Council, Community Action Blackburn (CAB), WLC Youth Services, WLC Customer Services/Facilities, Youth Action Project, local primary and secondary schools, WLC Trading Standards and local residents. It was agreed that the meetings would be monthly, moving to fortnightly from September.

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Scare Safely This Halloween!



#ScareSafely

Hallowe'en can be an exciting time of year for children, dressing up and going out after dark. Being mindful of potential hazards can help prevent accidents and make Hallowe'en safer for everyone without dampening the fun.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust have produced a handy hints and tips guide to ensure that children can safely enjoy Hallowe'en.

You can support the campaign on Twitter by using the #ScareSafely hashtag.

Visit the Child Accident Prevention Trust website [here](#) to find out more!

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Event: Let's talk about...the Community Safety Narrative

Hosted by Fife Council and sponsored by the Scottish Community Safety Network

Venue: Fife Voluntary Action, 16 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1XT

Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm

Date: 7th November 2019

Cost: FREE but booking is essential by emailing info@scsn.org.uk

Tricia Spacey from Fife Council was seconded to work between SCSN and the Scottish Government from late 2018 into early 2019 to develop a community safety narrative building on the work undertaken by Hayley Barnet in 2017.

The narrative was created with partners and was designed to aid the understanding of community safety as a policy area and support people to make the case for community safety in a range of settings and landscapes.

Read the full event summary [here](#).

SCSN and Neighbourhood Watch Scotland officially partner up

The new Chair of the Scottish Community Safety Network, Ian Hanley, is delighted to announce the joining together of two significant organisations in a new Partnership. From 1 October 2019, Neighbourhood Watch Scotland will be hosted by the Scottish Community Safety Network. This means that both organisations will be led by Lorraine Gillies and supported by the existing staff teams to support enhanced community safety outcomes across Scotland. Ian Hanley said:

"This new partnership arrangement will mean that 2 of the foremost organisations in the Community Safety field in Scotland will jointly benefit from more effective relationships and mutual support. Of course, it's good news for Community Safety in Scotland as well as we work together to achieve more."

Question of the Month

Last month, our National Development Officer published a Briefing Paper on the evidence around sentencing and stop & search in response to UK Government policy announcements, and it received some great coverage. Our Question of the Month related to that. We asked people what they thought:

'Based on the available evidence, increasing prison sentences will not reduce crime.'

- 75% (18 votes) Agreed
- 12.5% (3 votes) Disagreed
- 12.5% (3 votes) Weren't sure

Question of the Month for October/November

This month's Question of the Month comes from CrimeStoppers. They're asking:

'Should support from the Community Planning Partnership be provided to community groups looking to put on fireworks displays?'

Take part in the poll [here](#).

60 seconds with... Ross Haggart, Assistant Chief Officer, Director of Prevention & Protection, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

How are you enjoying your role as ACO of Prevention and Protection? What are your priorities for this important part of SFRS' work going forward?

I am very much enjoying my current role as Director of Prevention and Protection with the SFRS. Having served as Area Manager within the Directorate at the commencement of the Service, it is a real privilege to now be back as the Director.

Having commenced this new role in April of this year, my priority up until now has been to meet as many people as possible both internally and out with the Service who have a role to play or interest in matters relating to community safety and wellbeing. This has enabled me to gain a real insight into all the work that is on-going within the Service and across our partnerships to improve community outcomes.

My priority going forward is to ensure that the Prevention and Protection Directorate fully supports the recently published SFRS Strategic Plan 2019-22. In doing so, we will maintain the proactive approach we have to prevention, which is delivered through each of our functional areas of Community Safety Engagement, Fire Safety Enforcement, Fire Investigation and Fire Engineering.

Tell us a bit about how SFRS work with partners to make Bonfire Night and Fireworks Safer.

We work proactively with a range of partners both nationally and locally in the build up to Bonfire Night, on the evening itself, and in learning any lessons after the event. These partners include the Scottish Government, Police Scotland, local authorities, education and youth services, and of course communities themselves.

Firefighters responded to in excess of 1900 deliberate fires during the Bonfire Night period last year, with 5th November being our busiest night of the year by up to four times. As well as

being a drain on our resources, deliberate fires put those setting them and others at risk of serious harm and injury, whilst also having a negative impact on neighbourhoods.

While we want people to enjoy and celebrate Bonfire Night, we'd encourage everyone to leave the fireworks to the experts and find an organised display nearby. By attending an official display, people can help ensure our resources aren't delayed for someone who really needs our assistance.

On 1st October SFRS launched their new strategic plan for 2019-22. Is there anything in particular you think is particularly important to share with the community safety sector from the strategic plan?

The Strategic Plan 2019-22 reaffirms our commitment to prevention, with our first outcome being that *"our collaborative and targeted prevention and protection activities improve community safety and wellbeing, and support sustainable economic growth"*.

This outcome is underpinned by four specific strategic objectives around prevention, which cover working with our partners to ensure targeted prevention and early intervention; the enforcement of fire safety legislation in a risk-based and proportionate manner; evaluation and learning from our prevention and protection activities to maximise community outcomes; and continuing to respond appropriately to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and work with our partners to reduce and manage their impact on businesses, communities and our Service.

The Service is currently developing a three-year programme of work to support delivery of the outcomes and strategic objectives within the new Strategic Plan. From a prevention and protection perspective this will certainly involve the development of our already comprehensive approach to working with partners in the community safety sector.

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The post-legislative report on the Police and Fire Reform Act was broadly positive about SFRS, particularly singling out the collaborative working that has helped SFRS to meet the policy aim of strengthening local relationships and scrutiny. It did, however touch upon some improvements, specifically around ensuring that local impacts are considered when decisions on changes to national policy are made and, secondly, to provide greater autonomy to local senior officers to enable them to respond to priorities in their local areas. Do you have any reflections on the comments from the Committee?

Firstly, the Service welcomes the Justice Committee Report on post-legislative scrutiny of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. We thank members of the Committee for the time taken in preparing the report and for the careful considerations, conclusions and recommendations contained within it.

To meet our requirements under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 the SFRS established the position of Local Senior Officers in our management structure. The Service published its first Local Fire and Rescue Plans in 2014, and these were reviewed following the approval of the previous Strategic Plan (2016-19). Throughout 2017, 32 new local plans were agreed with our local authority partners.

Each year the Board and the Chief Officer also undertake some local partnership engagement sessions following Board meetings held throughout locations across the

country. We continue to monitor the quality of our partnership working with local authorities and other key local partners. In 2019 we will, in conjunction with our local authority partners, undertake a review of our local scrutiny arrangements to ensure they remain fit for purpose and meet the needs of our local scrutiny partners.

What have you enjoyed most about being the Chair of the BSC Executive group on unintentional harm and injury?

It's difficult to single out one thing I've enjoyed most about Chairing the Executive Group as it has been such a positive experience. I became the Chair at a really good time due to all the hard work that had been done up to that point, which was starting to come to fruition. Things like the launch of the online hub, including the *Practice Exemplar Library*, the evaluation framework, and the development of a comprehensive network of practitioners that the group engages with. I was also fortunate to become Chair shortly before the very successful second learning event, which was held in June this year. This was very positive and demonstrated the real value that working in partnership can bring. So, in summary it's all been very enjoyable thanks to the hard work of all on the group and the practitioners across Scotland who contribute to making our communities safer.

We also conducted a short video interview with Ross which you can view [here](#).

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2019-2022

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has unveiled its comprehensive plan to help keep Scotland's communities safe.

The SFRS Strategic Plan 2019-2022 sets out the Service's proposed direction over the coming years, which includes delivering a world class and sustainable Service, enhancing partnership working and responding to new and emerging risks such as climate change.

Chief Officer Martin Blunden said: "This is a significant milestone for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service."

"A huge amount of thought and effort has been invested into drawing up this plan for how we move forward into the future, to meet new challenges facing Scotland and emerging community risks flowing from population and climate change."

"We already have an outstanding track record in areas of prevention where we have seen the number of house fires continue to reduce over the decades, and we are actively looking at how we can continue to assist those most at risk – and partnership working is also key to that ambition."

Find out more and download the plan [here](#).

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Numerous community information events have taken place providing the community with a wide range of information. These events have been used to promote the work that the BBNAG are doing, to invite new community members to be part of the BBNAG, to consult the community on what diversionary activities should be delivered and if the community would welcome a Dispersal Order, and to keep the community informed on progress.

Diversionary activities have been planned for the evening of the 5 November and will consist of multi-sports, games consoles, arts and crafts, DJ-ing and general music sessions along with a free BBQ and much more.

Shell 'Twilight Basketball' sessions are now being delivered from the Blackburn Partnership Centre every Friday aimed at diverting young people from negative behaviour into a more positive activity. The sessions are delivered in partnership with Scottish Sports Futures which provides young people with a safe place to be at times of peak ASB within communities. Physical activity is delivered in a fun welcoming environment and is combined with consultation and education that encourage and inspire young people to develop life skills and reach their full potential. The sessions are led by trained volunteers from the community with support from trained youth staff from the area. Two young people from Blackburn have been trained as ambassadors and attended a residential weekend in September to gain training to support the delivery of the project. Sessions for Blackburn commenced on 11 October and ran from 6.30pm to 9pm bridging the gap left when the Friday night Youth Club ceased.

Awareness sessions within the schools involving Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Scotland and the Safer Neighbourhood Team have been planned and will be delivered in the lead up to the bonfire season.

Information from all agencies has been compiled into a leaflet that will go out to the

community with useful information on the risks and laws around fireworks including the distribution of them to minors. A campaign aimed at parents asking 'Dae ye ken where the young team are?' is being designed to raise awareness with parents and carers regarding not only the dangers but the consequences of supplying fireworks.

CrimeStoppers Bonfire Night Main Safety Campaign

CrimeStoppers main campaign is encouraging people to anonymously report those misusing fireworks.

The CrimeStoppers website also features clear advice around the do's and don'ts on staying safe, as well as what the legalities are around fireworks and bonfires.

Visit the CrimeStoppers website [here](#) for more.



Stop your area from becoming a fireworks hot-spot.

If you know or suspect who is misusing fireworks or causing deliberate fires in your area, contact our charity 100% anonymously.

0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org/giveinfo

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Scottish Government Publishes Analysis of Fireworks Consultation Responses prior to release of Fireworks Action Plan



SCSN has been delighted to be supporting the Scottish Government and Minister Ash Denham in work around firework and bonfire night safety over the past year, including supporting this government consultation and the development of the new Fireworks Action Plan, due to be published in November.

The Scottish Government has just published its analysis of responses to their recent Fireworks Consultation. In total, 16,420 responses were available for analysis. In addition to the online consultation, 29 events were held across Scotland and a range of social media platforms were used to seek people's views. The main issues and themes raised by participants were similar across the different ways of taking part in the consultation.

Answers to the closed questions to the online consultation

- A majority of respondents, **70%** of those answering the question, reported that they had been **affected by fireworks used in an irresponsible or unsafe way**.
- A very substantial majority, **94%** of those answering the question, thought there should be **more controls over the sale of fireworks**. Individual respondents were more likely than organisations to think there should be more controls – at 94% and 78% respectively.
- A majority of respondents, **87%** of those answering the question, would **welcome a ban on the sale of fireworks to the public in Scotland**. Of the remaining respondents, 10% would not welcome a ban and 4% were unsure. Individual respondents were much more likely than organisations to think there should be a ban – at 87% and 40% respectively.
- A very substantial majority, **92%** of those answering the question, thought there should be **more controls over how fireworks can be used in Scotland**. Individual respondents were more likely than organisations to think there should be more controls – at 92% and 73% respectively.
- A very substantial majority, **93%** of those answering the question, thought there should be **more controls to make sure animals are not caused unnecessary suffering because of the use of fireworks**. Individual respondents were more likely than organisations to think there should be more controls – at 93% and 80% respectively.

You can download the published analysis in full [here](#).

Organised Fireworks Displays 2019

If you are looking to enjoy fireworks this year why not go to a safe, organised public display? You'll save money on buying fireworks and you'll see a much more spectacular display! The period around Nov 5th is traditionally one of the busiest for fire crews. Scotland needs its firefighters for real emergencies. Attending bonfires can cost life saving minutes getting to a house fire. Visit the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service website here:

DOWNLOAD - ORGANISED FIREWORKS EVENTS

If you know of another organised fireworks display which isn't on the list, please let the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service know! Email stephen.mckee@firescotland.gov.uk

SafeTea Ambassador Programme - Awareness Campaign



SafeTea is a national campaign which aims to reduce hot drink scalds to young children and promote burns first aid. The launch will be on 16th October 2019. National Burn Awareness Day.

A small number of organisations and individuals are being invited to become Ambassadors for the SafeTea campaign, helping to amplify the messaging and increase the reach of the campaign.

It is estimated that there are 50,000 paediatric attendances for burns and scalds at emergency departments (EDs) in the UK each year. Three quarters of these children with burns are younger than five years, and burns from hot drinks are the commonest cause. Every day, 30 babies and toddlers attend hospital in the UK with a burn injury. These injuries are completely preventable!

SafeTea is a national campaign targeted at parents, grandparents and carers of children under 5 years old across the UK: to raise awareness of the risk of hot drink burns, giving

practical tips on how to prevent them, and improving burn first aid knowledge.

The key messages of the campaign are to:

- Keep hot drinks out of reach from young children
- Not pass hot drinks over children
- Never hold a baby and a hot drink at the same time
- First aid for burns is: COOL, CALL, COVER

SafeTea ambassadors are organisations or groups who support the aim of preventing injuries to children and can help to promote the key messages of the SafeTea campaign.

The role of ambassadors is to:

- disseminate information about the SafeTea campaign,
- promote the campaign messages
- encourage individuals to get involved by using the materials and becoming supporters

How to get involved

To learn more about the campaign strategy, view the materials and resources, go to the SafeTea website www.safetea.org.uk

To become a SafeTea ambassador, send an email to info@safetea.org.uk

Second Chancers 2 Launch Event Invite

Location: St Luke's, Calton, 17 Bain St, Glasgow G40 2JZ

Date: Thursday 14th November 2019

Time: 6-9pm

Those with an interest in the Community Justice Scotland Second Chancers Project are cordially invited to attend the launch of Second Chancers 2 on the date and time above!

SCSN Response to recent Strategic Police Priorities published



We recently published our response to the Strategic Police Priorities consultation.

You can find our consultation response, as well as all of our previous consultation responses listed by year, on our website [here](#).

Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy Review

Public survey on Scotland's Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy

This public survey is open to anyone in Scotland and seeks views as part of the Scottish Government's review of the Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy. Section one contains general questions about the approach to trafficking and exploitation in Scotland which are intended for all respondents. Section two contains more detailed questions which are likely to be of more interest to those working in areas related to trafficking, or who have a strong interest in the Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy.

All questions are optional so please feel free to answer any questions that you have an opinion on. You can access the survey [here](#).

NHS Guidance

NHS Health Scotland have been working with partners in the Scottish Government's Action Area 1 Strategy Group to refresh [guidance](#) for NHS Scotland staff on human trafficking. The

guidance is published on the Scottish Government website. The guidance aims to help frontline health professionals spot the signs of human trafficking and what action to take if they have concerns.

COSLA Guidance

Trafficking and exploitation has been identified in every one of Scotland's 32 local authorities, and as frontline service providers, local authorities play a key role in identifying and supporting victims and deterring criminal activity. It is vital that all staff are informed about how they might encounter victims of trafficking during their day to day duties.

COSLA has therefore launched guidance on human trafficking and exploitation for all local authorities in Scotland. The guidance is intended to develop good practice in order to identify, refer and support victims of human trafficking and exploitation, and disrupt and deter criminal activities. The guidance was developed with input from the Scottish Government, the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and other partners across Action Area 1. The guidance is hosted on the Migration Scotland website and can be found [here](#).

Improving the lives of Gypsy Travellers: National Action Plan

Following widespread consultation, the Scottish Government has published its new National Action Plan aimed at improving the lives of gypsy travellers.

The foreward to the Action Plan states that this is a significant human rights commitment for both the Scottish Government and COSLA and will tackle deep rooted inequalities in order to contribute to a fairer Scotland, citing *'the widespread exclusion, deprivation and social antipathy that gypsy/ travellers face.'*

You can read more and download the Action Plan in full on the Scottish Government website [here](#).

YouthLink Scotland is delighted to announce that the 13th National Youth Work Awards are now open for nominations!



The National Youth Work Awards celebrates youth work and the youth workers who make a difference every year in the lives of young people. They are aimed at individual youth workers, managers, projects or groups for work that is delivered in youth work settings or in other settings, using a youth work approach. The awards are a mixture of universal, targeted and specialist youth work provision.

The deadline for nominations is 5pm on 25 November 2019.

Find out more and nominate [here](#).

Blogging from across the community safety sector

Were we wrong to talk about outcomes?

Steven Marwick, Evaluation Support Scotland

We recently held Part Two of our Working in Complex Systems Masterclass Events with Dr Toby Lowe of Newcastle University.

Steven Marwick of Evaluation Support Scotland has also been thinking along the same lines with regards to working to outcomes in this blog published on the Evaluation Support Scotland website.

ESS loves outcomes and we are not giving them up without a fight. But there are some problems with the way we use the word. And that matters because it's getting in the way of public service improvement.

We've got the verb wrong

The postie delivers the mail. The midwife delivers the baby. No one delivers an outcome.

In fact we deliver activities that enable the people we work with to achieve outcomes. So at most the verb should be "**achieve**".

But in relation to strategic outcomes, the most appropriate word is **contribute** since no single activity or organisation can achieve those outcomes on their own.

Am I just being pedantic? Why does the verb matter?

Well because ...

Outcomes are not targets

Did I mention ESS loves outcomes? We love them because they focus attention on the difference we want to make rather than just activities or money. Outcomes help us critically question whether we are doing the right thing to bring about the change people want. Outcomes provide a route map for measurement and learning.

But they are not targets. We should hold them lightly. We should change them if we discover, as we work, that they are not right. We should measure "what works, who for and why – or why not?" not simply how many reduced loneliness we have "delivered".....

Read the blog in full [here](#).

Every other meeting....

Blog by Lorraine Gillies, Chief Officer, SCSN

The Scottish Community Safety Network team go to and put on a lot of meetings and events. I was at one the other day when someone said something that struck me. "I'm only allowed to go to *every other meeting*". This from a professional lady who works in a large authority who has a role that means she must stay on top of what's happening in her field.

Let's stick with that lady, we will call her Jan. Jan is gregarious, clearly enjoys the debate, has a lot to give others in terms of her knowledge and experience, still can learn loads in the same way, is passionate about her work and committed to her organisation.

Read Lorraine's blog in full [here](#).

Czech-ing out Prague with Elevate David Barbour, Communications Officer, SCSN

From September 24-28 this year, I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to visit Prague through [Elevate](#), a Public Social Partnership (PSP) working to get people in recovery from substance use back into employment.

When I tried to write this blog, I was running at four pages and not even half way through! We learned and experienced so much in a short space of time. So here is my attempt at a condensed summary of the overall experience of the staff team and a bit of learning that came from the experience!

Read the blog in full [here](#).

Monthly round up of the latest Home Safety news updates in Scotland



Scotland fires up product safety

The Scottish Parliament recently held a debate on product safety, with the Government supporting a call by Electrical Safety First for a Central Recall Database.

Commenting on the recent debate on product safety and the Whirlpool recall in the Scottish Parliament, Wayne Mackay of leading consumer protection charity, Electrical Safety First, said:

“We are delighted that Scotland’s Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, Jamie Hepburn MSP, supported our call for a central product recall database to be established as quickly as possible and has committed to raising the issue with the UK Government.

Electricity is responsible for almost three quarters of fires each year in Scottish homes – most of which arise from electrical products. Yet despite our repeated calls, there is still no one-stop-shop for consumers to find out about potentially lethal recalled electrical products.”

The power to regulate consumer protection is held by Westminster and in 2015, the UK Government established the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS), which is co-ordinating the Whirlpool recall. However, Electrical Safety First believes the Scottish Government could use its new consumer advice and advocacy powers to tackle some



of the major failings in the current recall system. In particular, the low – just 10-20% - success rate of recalled products.

“Many electrical products are recalled because they can lead to fire or electric shock – presenting a serious threat to life and property”, adds Wayne. “And with the low success rate of recalls, there could potentially be thousands of such items still in Scottish homes. A central database - which has been promised by the OPSS - where consumers could readily check if their items have been recalled, is a 21st Century safety fundamental.

However, with just a third of Scottish consumers registering their electrical products – which would allow manufacturers and retailers to contact them in the event of a recall – more needs to be done to encourage product registration. So we were extremely pleased that a number of MSPs taking part in the debate also lent their support to our forthcoming campaign on this issue.”

Child Accident Prevention Trust Resource on Blind Cord Safety

Looped blind cords and chains can strangle toddlers and young children. There are many ways this sort of accident can happen and the result is usually fatal.

The good news is there's a lot you can do to help parents prevent this sort of tragedy happening to them. Here we tell you how these accidents happen, offer safety tips to tell parents and provide you with links to [free downloadable resources from CAPT and from the Office of Product Safety & Standards](#) to help you run simple sessions with parents or for one to ones.

In other news...



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Public Policy and the Infrastructure of Kindness in Scotland

The Carnegie Trust are delighted to share with you a new report, authored by Simon Anderson and Julie Brownlie, [Public policy and the infrastructure of kindness in Scotland](#).

Between October 2018 and January 2019, the University of Edinburgh hosted a series of discussions on kindness in public policy. This report, written by the authors of the JRF 'Liveable Lives' research, draws together learning from the 'Kindness Sessions' and asks some key questions about kindness in Scotland.

What do we mean when we talk about a kinder Scotland? How might public policy help to enable or sustain the 'infrastructure of kindness'?

In doing so, it outlines three key areas where the National Performance Framework – and organisations more broadly – might work to build and sustain an 'infrastructure of kindness' in Scotland.

Watchdog finds emergency conditions in Scottish Prisons

Europe's anti-torture watchdog has described conditions in Scotland's overcrowded prisons as an emergency situation, in a [damning report](#) that highlights a rise in drug-related violence, the overuse of segregation, and inmates confined to their cells for lengthy periods of time, sometimes in less than 3m² of living space.

Julia Kozma, who led the delegation of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) when they visited five Scottish prisons last October, described witnessing an influx of new arrivals at HMP Grampian. She said it was "like an emergency situation" as staff searched frantically for spare mattresses.

New Drug Driving Laws come into force on 21 October 2019

Police will carry out testing using 'mouth swabs for any motorist they suspect of drug driving or who has been involved in an accident or stopped for a traffic offence. This will make it easier to hold drug drivers to account as there will no longer be a requirement to prove that someone was driving in an impaired manner.

There will be a zero tolerance approach to the eight drugs most associated with illegal use, including cannabis, heroin and cocaine. Drugs associated with medical use will have limits based on impairment and road safety.

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