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"THOUGHTS ON SAFER COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS; NATIONAL AND LOCAL"

PARTNERSHIP, PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

SCSN: Making the case for community safety
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- ## Christie Commission (2011) Future Delivery of Public Services

- ## Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012
  Section 32 - Policing principles
  The policing principles are—
  a) that the main purpose of policing is to improve the **safety** and well-being of persons, localities and **communities** in Scotland, and
  b) that the Police Service, working in collaboration with others where appropriate, should seek to achieve that main purpose by policing in a way which—
    i. is accessible to, and engaged with, local communities, and
    ii. promotes measures to prevent crime, harm and disorder.

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Police Scotland's Performance Framework 19-20:
5 Strategic Outcomes

- **Public Safety and Wellbeing**
- **Needs of Local Communities**
- Confidence in Policing
- Positive Working Environment
- Sustainable and Adaptable Service

Serving a Changing Scotland – the challenge

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EVERY DAY

A Snapshot of Daily Incidents Dealt with by Police Scotland *

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4630 [1]
Incidents Recorded Every Day
▲ An increase from **4430** in 2015/16

570 [2]
Incidents recorded on the Vulnerable Persons' Database every day

197 [3]
Incidents Related to Mental Health
▲ An increase from **157** in 2015/16

322 [4]
People are booked into Police Scotland Custody Centres every day

124 [5]
People booked into Police Scotland Custody Centres advised that they have a Mental Health concern
Over half (**54%**) returned to custody in the same year

1in4 [7]
People reported missing had experienced a mental health concern
This represents **26%** of missing persons overall

54 [6]
People reported missing every day

GENERAL DEMAND

A Snapshot of how Societal Demands impact Police Scotland *

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEMAND

£3.6bn [19]
Estimated total cost of alcohol misuse on public services and the economy

£10.7bn [20]
Estimated total cost of mental health problems on social care costs, economic outputs and human costs

£3.5bn [21]
Estimated total cost to our public services and economy through illicit drug use

9x
Failure to effectively address the complex needs of an individual in early childhood can result in a **nine fold increase** in direct public costs in the longer term [22]

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21333 [7]
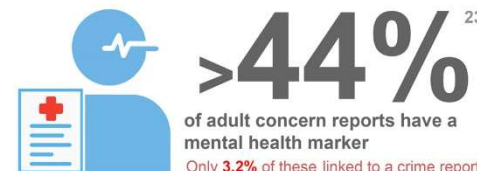Missing people were recorded during the 2018-2019 fiscal year

63% [17]
Of missing people are children
31.7% are 'Looked After' children

92% [18]
Of 'Looked After' Children reported missing were repeat missing people

>44% [23]
of adult concern reports have a mental health marker
Only **3.2%** of these linked to a crime report

3pm-11pm [24]
The peak period for this demand is between 3pm - 11pm, **7 days of the week**

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40% [12]
of people coming into Police Scotland Custody Centres self-report with a current or previous Mental Health concern

79% [13]
of all people reported missing from hospital were identified as suffering from poor mental health

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Police Scotland National Custody System

7, 13, 17, 18
Police Scotland National Missing Persons Database

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Alcohol Advocacy Coalition C/O Alcohol Focus Scotland (2017)

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Scottish Government Public Health Priorities for Scotland (2018)

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The Scottish Public Health Observatory Drug Misuse Availability and Prevalence (2006)

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Scottish Government National Performance Framework (2019)

23, 24
Police Scotland Management Information

Policing is all about Community Safety, **but** Community Safety is not all about Policing

Local and National

Local

- Community Safety Partnerships
- Community Planning
- Local Police Plans and Scrutiny

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National: New Executive Portfolio
"Partnership, Prevention and Community Wellbeing"
 Developing collaborative approach, with initial
 focus on:

- Mental Health and Distress
  - ➢ Health and Justice Collaboration Board
- Children and Young People
  - ➢ GIRFEC, Trauma Informed, Corporate Parenting
- Alcohol, Drugs and other substance related harm
  - ➢ Drug related deaths, violence reduction
- Developing Public Health Principles for Policing

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Principles for Change

- **_Right service provider(s), right support, right time_**
- _Continue to provide a service at time of crisis_
- _Evidence and data driven_
- _Values and rights based approach_
- _Designed with service users_
- _Acute and unscheduled services minimised_
- _No unnecessary criminalisation_

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Challenge/Prompt?

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