

Scottish Crime Recording Board Meeting
Meeting Room 3F-91, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, 12th December 2017

Attendees:

Euan Dick (Chair)	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
David Smith	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Mark Bell	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Jamie Macfarlane	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Debbie Kyle	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Sean Scott	Police Scotland: Detective Chief Superintendent
Angela Wood	Police Scotland: Crime Registrar
James Connolly	Police Scotland: Crime Registrar
Lorraine Ramsay	Police Scotland: Crime Registrar
Colin Bain	Police Scotland: Crime Registrar
Mark Hollinsworth	Police Scotland: Analysis & Performance Unit
Jackie McKelvie	Scottish Police Authority
Laura Paton	HMICS
Julie Mann	British Transport Police
Les Rainbow	British Transport Police
Fiona Roberts	COPFS

Apologies:

Mark Lundie	Police Scotland: National Crime Registrar
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Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Actions from previous meeting
4. Feedback from National Crime Registrar on PS audits and actions
5. HMICS update and letter on Clear-Up data Audit
6. BTP Update
7. Update following publication of Group 2 'Other Sexual Crimes'
8. HMICS Recommendation 5 – Cyber Enabled Sexual Crime
9. New project focussing on violent crime
10. Research into weapons crime
11. Consultation on presentation of National Statistics
12. Technical Group Feedback
13. Any Other Business
14. Date of next meeting: February 28th 2018.

Actions Arising from the Meeting:

Action (Meeting/Number)	Description
9/01	<p><u>Actions from Previous Meeting:</u> Police Scotland to finalise updated guidance on how to further improve consistency in the recording of prison-based crimes, for Board agreement prior to inclusion in 2018-19 SCRS.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Draft guidance discussed at February Board meeting and approved in principle. Final discussions on outstanding points were held between Police Scotland, Scottish Prisons Service and COPFS, with a completed version planned for inclusion in the 2018-19 SCRS.</p>
9/02	<p><u>Actions from Previous Meeting:</u> All members to send any final feedback on Police Scotland's Crime Recording Strategy to PS.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action complete.</p>
9/03	<p><u>Feedback from National Crime Registrar on PS Audits & Actions:</u> Police Scotland to circulate findings of their latest crime recording audit to board members.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action complete.</p>
9/04	<p><u>Feedback from National Crime Registrar on PS Audits & Actions:</u> Police Scotland to provide board members with update on any change to the governance arrangements for crime audits, once a decision has been made by PS's Executive Committee.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Update provided to February Board meeting. Police Scotland propose moving to a general annual audit of crime recording practice, with additional bespoke audits for specific topics that may require further investigation. PS Executive Committee to consider in March.</p>
9/05	<p><u>HMICS Update and Letter on Clear-Up Data Audit:</u> Justice ASD to draft letter of response to HMICS regarding an audit of Clear-Up rate data – noting this remains a priority for the Board (alongside continued independent audits of recorded crime) and that the Board would be happy to consider how it could provide additional support in this area. To circulate to members for feedback prior to issuing.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Draft letter circulated to members and discussed at February Board meeting. Following member feedback, a small amendment will be made, and the letter sent to HMICS.</p>

9/06	<p><u>BTP Update</u> BTP and Police Scotland to provide Board with update on process of integration at next meeting.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action complete.</p>
9/07	<p><u>BTP Update</u> Justice ASD to circulate analysis of Police Scotland and BTP in Scotland crime trends to board members for information.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action complete.</p>
9/08	<p><u>Consultation on Presentation of National Statistics:</u> Police Scotland to consider if a future move to a single crime recording system could impact on the running of the consultation and implementation of any outcome - and to write to the Crime Board with their conclusion.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action ongoing. Police Scotland will write to the Board shortly, setting out their conclusions as to whether any changes that might result from the upcoming consultation could impact on the functioning of their crime recording systems.</p>
9/09	<p><u>Consultation on Presentation of National Statistics:</u> Technical Board to consider if common assault could be split into common assault with physical injury and common assault without physical injury in the 2018-19 SCRS. To provide feedback/options to the February Crime Board.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. Members agreed with the Technical Board's recommendation that the Crime Board should consider this proposal when reviewing amendments to the 2019-20 SCRS. This ensures user views will be considered through the upcoming National Statistics consultation and sufficient time will remain to prepare officers for any changes that may result from this.</p>
9/10	<p><u>Consultation on Presentation of National Statistics:</u> Technical Board to consider SCRS guidance for recording crimes of fraud/fraudulent schemes, and whether this topic should be included within the Consultation.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. Technical Board has begun consideration of the SCRS guidance on fraud/fraudulent schemes and the consultation sub-group will continue this work when it meets on 17th April.</p>
9/11	<p><u>Consultation on Presentation of National Statistics:</u> Sub-Group to meet in Spring to consider next steps for consultation – including review of member feedback, final content and timetable for implementation. To report back to Crime Board.</p>

	<p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. A meeting of the consultation sub-group has been arranged for the 17th April, to both continue work on this project and consider a plan for engagement of statistical users.</p>
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