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Recommendation to Members	For Noting
Appendix Attached:	No

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) with information on progress and significant events within Police Scotland since the last SPA Board meeting on 20 June 2016.

This report is submitted as a Standing Agenda Item.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The purpose of Police Scotland is 'to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland' and our focus is on Keeping People Safe. This paper is intended to provide Members with an update on key events and activity within Police Scotland, in support of that focus.

2. FURTHER DETAIL ON REPORT TOPIC

2.1 EXTERNAL PUBLICATIONS

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner (PIRC)

During the reporting period 31 May - 12 August 2016 there have been a total of twenty one referrals to the PIRC. In comparison to the 18 March – 31 May 2016 reported at the last Board, this is a decrease of one.

Publications

On Tuesday 12 July 2016 a PIRC report was published regarding Police Scotland's response to a call regarding the welfare of a 72 year old man.

On 19 April 2016, a Neighbourhood Support Officer employed by the City of Edinburgh Council telephoned Police Scotland to report that she had concerns for a man, aged 72 who was the subject of regular welfare visits. There had been no reply at the home address of the man and he had not been seen for a few days.

Police Scotland dispatched officers to attend at the address, however, on the way to the call they were diverted to another urgent incident in Edinburgh City Centre. The original incident was not re-allocated and as a result there was a delay before officers attended and found the man in the house severely ill. His condition slowly improved and he is expected to make a full recovery.

Following investigation the Commissioner concluded that:

- When the initial telephone call was made to police, it was correctly prioritised as a Grade 2 incident.
- Although officers were not dispatched to attend within the 15 minute timescale required by this grading, they were dispatched within 35 minutes.
- When the officers were diverted to another call, there was a lack of ownership regarding the initial call, which resulted in a

delay of over five hours in the police attending at the house to assist the occupant.

- Medical opinion suggests that this delay is unlikely to have had a significant impact on the severity of the man's illness.
- Police Scotland have carried out a review of the incident and safeguards have been put in place with regard to this type of incident (more commonly known as 'concern for incidents'). This includes supervisors reviewing 'concern for' incidents and Inspectors 'walking the floor' of the Area Control Room to strengthen supervision of staff.

On Wednesday 10 August 2015 the PIRC submitted a supplementary report to the Lord Advocate on the circumstances surrounding the death of Sheku Bayoh on 31 May 2015. Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) direction is awaited.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland (HMICS)

Reviews

On Monday 27 June 2016 HMICS published its assurance review of the state, effectiveness and efficiency of the Police Scotland Counter Corruption Unit (CCU).

The review was requested by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) following a determination by the Interception of Communications Commissioner's Office (IOCCO) after guidelines relating to an application for communications data were breached during a CCU investigation.

A review of Police Scotland's approach to countering corruption is now underway, led by DCC Ruaraidh Nicolson.

A steering group now meets on a regular basis, taking forward the work associated with this review and the 39 recommendations made by HMICS.

Additionally a Reference Group, Chaired by Mr Graham Houston from the Scottish Police Authority has also been convened to work in close partnership with the Steering Group to ensure that all activity undertaken in response to the recommendations improves Police Scotland's counter corruption practices and assists in developing a future operating model that is flexible, robust, proportionate and accountable.

Membership of the Reference Group comprises Staff Associations and representative bodies, Trade Unions, partners from across the wider legal and criminal justice sector as well as other professional / lay bodies. The initial Reference Group meeting was held on Monday 8 August 2016 with the second scheduled for 5 September 2016.

Police Scotland are fully committed to considering the recommendations from HMICS, and working with the SPA, and will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure both the public and the police service have confidence in our approach.

In 2015, there were 11,025 communications data applications approved by Designated Persons. Police Scotland is subject to regular inspection by IOCCO.

2.2 RECENT EVENTS OF NOTE

Scottish Cup Final Disorder – Enquiry Update

At the last SPA Board on 20 June 2016 Police Scotland reported on the violence and disorder at the Scottish Cup Final held at the National Football Stadium, Hampden, Glasgow between Hibernian and Rangers Football Clubs on 21 May 2016.

In light of the criminal activity, a full and robust criminal investigation was launched (Operation Tonish) and at the time of writing this report, fifty eight individuals have been arrested, resulting in fifty six people being reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service for various offences relating to their conduct in this incident.

Enquiries continue and it is anticipated that further arrests may be made.

As previously reported, Police Scotland responded in a proportionate and justified manner, deploying appropriate resources to prevent a further escalation of violence.

Immediately after this incident Police Scotland received a number of positive comments from members of the public and fans caught up in these events. In their correspondence they praised our officer's restraint, professionalism and efforts leading up to, during and after the event recognising our efforts to Keeping People Safe.

On 5 August 2016 the Scottish Football Association published the report of the independent commission chaired by Sheriff Principal Edward Bowen QC looking into the matter.

Police Scotland continues to work with our partners, looking to identify lessons to prevent this being repeated in the future.

T in the Park

As previously reported T in the Park, Scotland's largest music festival took place at Strathallan Castle in Perthshire between Friday 8 July and Sunday 10 July 2016.

Festival attendees arrived onsite from Thursday 7 July and left by 1600 on Monday 11 July 2016, this being the second year using this venue.

Sadly, during the early hours of Friday 8 August 2016, a 17 year old female and a 17 year old male tragically died at the event. There were no suspicious circumstances and whilst both deaths are believed to be drugs related this has not been confirmed. Enquiries into both deaths continue, whilst we await the results of toxicology from respective tests.

Our sincere condolences remain with the families and friends of the two young people who sadly died.

2.3 OPERATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CAMPAIGNS

Rural Crime - Expert Witness Qualification

On Saturday 25 June 2016 Roads Policing officers who had successfully completed a specialist two-day course on Plant and Agricultural Vehicle Theft Identification, were presented with their qualification certificates at the Royal Highland Show by Martin Malone, Regional Manager, National Farming Union (NFU) Mutual Insurance.

Police Scotland now have 12 qualified specialist roads policing officers, who are able to appear at court as expert witnesses in the identification of stolen agricultural vehicles and plant.

We are committed to working with partners, fully supporting the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) understanding the impact that crime has in our rural and farming communities.

Operation LATTISE

Operation LATTISE, which ran between 6 June and 15 July 2016, was the first national operation of focused activity to tackle the many forms of online child sexual abuse, the key aims being to identify children who are victims or may be at risk of online abuse and also identify perpetrators / predators who pose a risk to children online. Operational

activity for LATTISE focused on the following areas of online child sexual abuse: -

- Distribution, sharing and possession of images depicting child sexual abuse (known as Indecent Images of Children – IIOC).
- Online grooming of children for sexual purposes, including child sexual exploitation.
- Online or webcam sexual extortion of children.
- Live streaming of child sexual abuse.

During the 6 week period a total of 100 investigations were actioned as a result of intelligence indicating the on line possession/distribution of images depicting child sexual abuse/indecent images of children. In addition, some 34 significant investigations were identified and progressed in relation to other forms of online child sexual abuse.

Given the complex nature of online child sexual abuse investigations, a number remain ongoing. Notwithstanding, the result of this increased operational activity as of 27th July 2016 was as follows: -

- 523 children identified as victims or potential victims of online child sexual abuse or other related abuse as a result of investigation. The age range of children were between 3 and 18 years. 122 children have been referred for the purposes of child protection discussions with partner agencies to ensure their safety and progress investigations appropriately.
- 547 devices were seized for examination.
- In excess of 100,000 chat logs have already been assessed. An example of the scale is one of the ongoing investigations involves the thorough assessment of approximately 25,000 chat logs between the suspect and a number of children. Over 30 million images depicting child sexual abuse or indecent images of children recovered.
- 77 persons have been arrested and charged with crimes/offences as a result of Operation LATTISE activity.
- As of 27 July 2016 investigations have resulted in 392 charges being libelled, which include rape, sharing indecent images of children, grooming for sexual purposes, sexual extortion, indecent communication with children, possession of a firearm, bestiality and drugs offences.

New Exit Survey

On Monday 4 July 2016 Police Scotland introduced a new survey for officers and staff leaving the organisation.

Previously when leaving, there was limited opportunity to capture officers and staff reasons for leaving. From now on, leavers will be asked to complete a survey which will not only outline their reasons for leaving but allow them to tell us what they thought of their time with Police Scotland.

The online survey is anonymous, takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and hosted by Survey Monkey.

The surveys aim is to provide a greater understanding of why people leave Police Scotland and the SPA in an effort to make the organisation a better place to work.

Ask the Dep

On Tuesday 16 August 2016 Deputy Chief Constable, Iain Livingstone launched an electronic forum where police officers and staff can ask questions about the financial challenges for the service and the delivery of policing.

The answers to questions posed will be published regularly on the Ask the Dep page on the Police Scotland Intranet.

2.4 BUSINESS UPDATES

Exercise Astral Climb

On 22 June 2016, the Scottish Multi- Agency Resilience Training and Exercise Unit (SMARTEU) worked with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) delivering a live-play exercise at Longannet Power Station in Fife.

All blue light emergency services responders participated, exercising their joint response to a major incident, which, on this occasion was a serious road traffic collision, involving the release of hazardous material.

A wide array of disciplines were involved from initial divisional / service delivery area responses, specialist operational support and technical resources through to Disaster Victim Identification teams working alongside Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

This live-play exercise will be followed by a table top exercise which will allow agencies to discuss and tease out any issues identified in order

that work can be taken forward to ensure our preparedness to deal with events of this nature.

Brexit Vote

On Thursday 23 June 2016 the European Union (EU) Referendum took place, with the United Kingdom ultimately voting to leave the European Union.

The Brexit vote has significant implications for policing in Scotland and as a consequence Police Scotland has set up a small team to start to consider these and ensure that we are engaged in the debate with law enforcement and intelligence colleagues across the UK.

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 - Update

The changes to air weapon legislation in Scotland continue to remain subject to extensive and high profile media, communication and engagement.

Police Scotland recently undertook a very successful air weapon surrender campaign, which was regularly and widely promoted through various national and local media and press organisations. This was extremely well supported by the public with to date over 15,000 air weapons surrendered.

On 1 July 2016, Police Scotland commenced the application process and invited those members of the public choosing to apply for a certificate to possess, purchase or acquire an air weapon in accordance with the new legislation which becomes law on 31 December 2016, to submit their applications.

Within the first 5 weeks Police Scotland received over 1,100 applications, and are also responding to telephone calls, e-mails and general enquiries received from members of the public with supportive information.

Information relating to the application process and surrender opportunities continue to be subject to extensive communication, including significant guidance, information and support through the Scottish Government and Police Scotland websites.

In addition, national advertising remains ongoing and includes poster campaigns, public transport and widespread public venue advertising.

The Scottish Government and Police Scotland continue to maximise the use of all social media opportunities, where frequent messages and information are automatically circulated.

Police Scotland maintain very good relationships with the various gun clubs and shooting organisations and associations operating across Scotland and remain in regular contact with these key partners to provide information to the thousands of members they represent.

Details of the air weapon application process, surrender opportunities and other important developments are also detailed on the respective websites for these organisations.

Police Scotland's communication strategy will remain prominent and provide members of the public with all available information to support the smooth and safe transition of the new legislation.

Policing 2026

The Policing 2026 programme is a collaboration between Police Scotland and the SPA that will ensure Scottish policing continues to deliver excellence in a continually changing world.

This ambitious programme will shape and deliver a long-term vision, strategy, organisational blueprint and financial strategy that will take Scottish policing into the next decade.

Policing 2026 will be informed by the policing priorities of the people of Scotland, and built upon the Chief Constable's outline vision of Four Pillars. The programme will set out how we empower our people to work with others, innovate and solve problems, and continue to protect the public from harm. Our objective is to make Police Scotland the most effective law enforcement organisation in the world.

Chief Constable Phil Gormley has set out his ambitions for the future which will be underpinned by four broad pillars. These will ensure that the service is agile enough to address new and changing demands, while ensuring that its legitimacy and the principle of policing by consent are maintained by putting communities at the heart of policing.

The Four Pillars are:

1. Protecting the Public
2. Localism and Serving Diverse Communities
3. Creating a Sustainable Operating Model
4. Culture and Performance

National Custody System to be rolled out to all Custody Centres

On Monday 4 July 2016 it was announced that the National Custody System (NCS) will be rolled out to all Police Scotland Custody Centres in preparation for the enactment of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act in 2017.

Upgrades to this system will enable it to meet the legislative requirements of the act and has been in use in 'V' Division (legacy Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary) since 2007. It will assist in improving the care and management of those in custody by introducing a corporate system across Police Scotland custody suites, introducing national visibility of information relating to custody matters.

The system will be introduced in three phases, with appropriate training provided to users.

- 'Phase 1', NCS will be introduced in its current format, as used in V Division, with minor amendments and anticipated to be in use in all custody areas by early 2017.
- 'Phase 2' will involve system upgrades to ensure NCS addresses the legislative requirements of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act.
- 'Phase 3' will focus on the future development of NCS, addressing any potential improvements to the system.

Supreme Court Judgement – Named Person Service

The Supreme Court's judgment on the Named Person provisions in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 was handed down on 28 July 2016. The Supreme Court ruled that:

- The principle of providing a named person for every child does not breach human rights and is compatible with EU law.
- Rejected the petitioners' argument that the legislation relates to reserved matters.
- Ruled that changes are required to the information-sharing provisions of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act to make those provisions compatible with Article 8 of the ECHR.

Scottish Government now intends to amend the information-sharing provisions in the 2014 Act to make it clearer how they will be operated in a way compliant with data protection and human rights law. This, in

effect, means before there can be a commencement of the provisions, Scottish Government will require the agreement of the Scottish Parliament. The Scottish Government is assessing what that means for the timescale for implementation of the Named Person service and related provisions.

Police Scotland is engaging with the Scottish Government and a range of other stakeholders on these issues to seek assurance that our current information sharing procedures remain compliant with ECHR and the Data Protection Act 1998. This forms part of an ongoing programme of work within Police Scotland to improve our responses to deliver better outcomes for children and young people.

Your View Counts

This is the fourth year in which Police Scotland has had the opportunity to undertake a country wide public consultation survey. It gives the organisation the ability to seek the views of Scotland's diverse communities and gives local people the chance to influence the setting of both National and Local policing priorities.

In previous years the surveys were conducted by community Police officers gathering responses from their Multi Member Ward (MMW) areas where they had responsibility, with responses recorded on Survey Monkey.

In a change to this approach, from April 2016 an online Survey Monkey portal has been available, to allow the general public to complete the survey online with an alternative paper version available if required.

During quarter 1 (7 April 2016 to 30 June 2016), 10,075 Your View Counts surveys were completed across Scotland.

9,864 of the completed surveys have been successfully mapped against a relevant Division, Council area and MMW. The remaining 211 surveys (2.1%) could not be mapped due to invalid postcodes being entered.

Following analysis, the top 5 Local priorities within Scotland are identified as follows:

1. Anti – Social Behaviour / Disorder
2. Homes being broken into
3. Drug Dealing / Drug Misuse
4. Violent Crime
5. Child Abuse including Child Sexual Exploitation

The top 5 National priorities within Scotland are identified as follows:

1. Counter Terrorism / National Security
2. Violent Crime
3. Serious Organised Crime
4. Drug Dealing / Drug Misuse
5. Child Abuse including Child Sexual Exploitation

New Deputy Chief Constable for Crime and Operational Support

On 9 August 2016 it was announced that following a robust interview and selection process Johnny Gwynne has been appointed by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) as Police Scotland's Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) for Crime and Operational Support. A formal start date for Mr. Gwynne will be confirmed in due course.

Since 2013 Mr. Gwynne has been on secondment from Police Scotland to the National Crime Agency (NCA) where he is currently Director of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command.

Mr. Gwynne will lead on crime reduction and detection across Scotland as well as the provision of specialist operational services – Major Crime and Public Protection, Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism, and Operational Support. He will replace Ruaraidh Nicolson, who has filled the role on an interim basis and is retiring from the service later this year.

Before joining the NCA, Mr. Gwynne was a serving Chief Officer with Police Scotland and had previously been Deputy Director General of the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA).

Mr. Gwynne began his policing career in Northern Ireland and also served in Strathclyde Police.

2.5 FUTURE EVENTS OF NOTE

European Championships 2018

On Monday 1 August 2016 it was announced that Scotland will play host to the European Championships between 1 and 12 August 2018, further cementing Scotland, and Glasgow in particular, as a venue with the expertise, excellence and innovation to stage world class events.

The European Championships Glasgow 2018 is a new multi-sport event and will see over 8500 athletes, officials and delegates representing 51 countries, as well as a high number of tourists / spectators, arrive in

Scotland to participate in and deliver an event watched by a potential TV audience of over 1 billion.

The Championships are to be held every four years and the inaugural event will be co-hosted by Glasgow/Scotland and Berlin. Berlin will host the athletics, while Scotland's world class venues will host:

- Aquatics at Tollcross Swimming Pool, Glasgow, Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh and Loch Lomond.
- Cycling at Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome, Cathkin Braes, Knightswood Park (new build BMX venue), Glasgow City Centre and Greater Glasgow.
- Gymnastics at The SSE Hydro, Glasgow.
- Rowing and Triathlon at Strathclyde Country Park, Lanarkshire.
- Golf at Gleneagles Centenary Course.

There will be no athlete's village, no large scale opening / closing ceremony and there will not be the same level of disruption to the wider community as experienced at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

That said, the championships will present safety and security challenges which require to be met however also offers Police Scotland the opportunity to showcase our ability and experience in meeting the demands of policing major international events alongside providing a professional service to our local communities.

Planning is already well underway to deliver a championships which builds on Scotland's reputation as the perfect stage for high profile international events and extends the Commonwealth Games legacy.

2.6 INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media Analysis

Evaluation of social media since last reported to the SPA Board, shows the total number of followers/likes across all accounts to be 1,165,265 up 59,813 on last period.

June 2016

Scottish Cup Final

After the disorder at the Scottish Cup Final in May, social media was used to continue updating the public on the investigation, with these posts reaching over 100k people. In particular, an appeal shared with 13 images of persons we are keen to trace in relation to the disorder was viewed by 182,400 Facebook users and shared 577 times.

Air Weapons Campaign

Posts relating to our Air Weapons Surrender Campaign reached over 436.4k people on corporate Facebook, achieving over 29.4k engagements. Over 270k people were reached on Twitter with over 3.8k engagements.

National Volunteers Week

A week long social media feature supporting National Volunteers Week was a great opportunity to highlight the work that's carried out by our special constables and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV). Videos, positive stories and photographs were really well received with our audience, reaching over 200,000 people. Videos with special constables discussing their roles were viewed a total of 19,301 times.

July 2016

T in the Park

Our social media channels were used for both proactive safety messaging and reactive updates during the T in the Park festival.

Proactive content relating specifically to the Festival Safety campaign reached 388k.

A statement confirming that 2 deaths had taken place at the festival was posted on our Facebook & Twitter accounts reaching 1m people, receiving 1.7k comments and 8k shares, further reinforcing that the public look to our social media channels for current / accurate updates.

Operation LATTISE

Social media was used to highlight this operation with weekly updates posted containing our key messages. A video of ACC Graham talking about operation was viewed over 30k times. The media briefing at the

completion of the operation including live tweets, Facebook posts, pictures and videos reached 206k in one day.

Your View Counts - Q1 Results

These were made available at the end of July, with social media being used to inform members of the public thus far reaching in excess of 400k in both English and Polish language formats.

A video of ACC Kate Thomson speaking on the results has been viewed 13k times.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report other than those specified.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

6. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no reputational implications associated with this report.

7. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no social implications associated with this report.

8. COMMUNITY IMPACT

8.1 There is no community impact as a consequence of this report.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no equalities implications other than any highlighted in this report or the reports pertaining to the events detailed.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no environmental implications as a consequence of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to note the information on progress and significant events within Police Scotland since the last SPA Board meeting on 20 June 2016.