



## Reflections Round Table: Oversight of Policing during the Pandemic

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

10am to 12pm

Via MS Teams and broadcast on SPA Website ([LiveStream](#))

### Background

Back in August 2021 the Scottish Police Authority co-hosted an online Round Table discussion on the theme of *Policing and the Pandemic: the Scottish Experience*. You can watch a recording of this event on our [LiveStream channel](#) and additional materials are available on [our website](#), including the Programme, Presentations and the post-event Newsletter.

It was agreed on conclusion of that Round Table event that there would be benefit and public interest in a follow-up event taking place approximately 12 months on, with more of a focus on the learning outcomes from policing the pandemic, the role of oversight activity during the pandemic, and the legacy of the pandemic on crime patterns and trends, and other policing demands.

### This Event

This follow-up Round Table event will begin by featuring a number of brief, leader-led presentations from various organisations involved in policing the pandemic in Scotland, and the oversight of policing in the public interest. Professor Susan McVie will also present concluding findings from funded research the use of Fixed Penalty Notices by Police Scotland. The [Event](#) will then develop into a Round Table discussion. It is anticipated that the knowledge exchange outcomes and learning will be used to shape current and future policing strategy and policy.

The Event will be broadcast on [livestream](#) and a recording will be made available on the SPA website for those unable to watch live. The public and stakeholders/partners will be encouraged to watch 'live' and submit comments/questions in a moderated chat facility, and the Scottish Police Authority will also use a variety of channels, in advance of the Event, to generate questions and areas of interest from the public and stakeholders, including via our [Citizen Space](#) portal.






## Running Order






- 10.00am Welcome and Introductory Reflections (SPA Chair **Martyn Evans**)
- 10.15am Video Reflection from **John Scott QC** (Chair of the IAG)
- 10.20am Reflections from Police Scotland on Operation TALLA and the legacy of the pandemic on crime and policing in Scotland (**ACC Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland**)
- 10.35am Reflections from the Scottish Government on the police powers and the publishing of information about crime, policing and wider justice sector matters (**Mr Graham Thomson, Head of Legislation, Police Division, Scottish Government**)
- 10.50am Concluding Insight Report - including analysis of Fixed Penalty Notice data (**Professor Susan McVie OBE, University of Edinburgh**)
- 11.10am Infographics Presentation (during a 10-minute **Comfort Break**)
- 11.20am Round Table Discussion / Reflections and Q&A
- 11.55am Closing Remarks (**DCC Will Kerr OBE, Police Scotland**)




## Above to be joined at the Round Table discussion at 11.20am by the following Panel Members:

- **Dr Catriona Stewart OBE** (SPA Board Member and IAG Member)
- **Michelle Miller** (SPA Board Member, Chair of the Policing Performance Committee, and Member of the Police Scotland Public Confidence Governance Board)
- **ACC Owen Weatherill** (National Police Chief's Council)
- **Craig Naylor** (Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland and former Deputy Chief Constable at Lincolnshire Police)
- **David Hamilton** (Chair of the Scottish Police Federation)
- **Ephraim Borowski MBE** (Director of the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities, Chair of Police Scotland's National Independent Strategic Advisory Group, and IAG Member)
- **Dr Elizabeth Turner** (Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool)
- **Dr Shane Horgan** (Lecturer in Criminology, Edinburgh Napier University)

## Biographies

 <p><b>Martyn Evans</b> Chair of the Scottish Police Authority</p>	<p>Martyn joined as a board member in June 2018 before being appointed Chair in January 2021. He has wide-ranging executive and non-executive experience in the voluntary and public sectors. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>ACC Gary Ritchie</b> Police Scotland</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Constable Gary Ritchie is the executive lead for Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing. He was appointed ACC in 2019 and in his current role, he is responsible for developing new approaches to working with other public services to achieve better outcomes for communities. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>Professor Susan McVie</b> <b>OBE</b> University of Edinburgh</p>	<p>Susan is Chair of Quantitative Criminology within the School of Law. She has several major research roles and plays a significant role with in the Scottish and UK research community. Susan regularly provides strategic advice to academic and non-academic organisations. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>Graham Thomson</b> Scottish Government Police Division</p>	<p>Graham Thomson is the Head of Legislation within Police Division at Scottish Government and his team acted as the key conduit between Scottish Government and Police Scotland's Operation Talla throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>He has been a civil servant for 20 years, firstly working in a variety of operational delivery, customer facing and leadership roles within Registers of Scotland. Since then he has worked in a range of policy roles including road safety, transport accessibility, housing and homelessness before he joined Police Division in 2020.</p>
 <p><b>DCC Will Kerr OBE</b> Police Scotland</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Constable Will Kerr has executive responsibility for Local Policing. DCC Kerr, who was awarded the OBE in 2015, joined Police Scotland in 2018 as Deputy Chief Constable for Local Policing.</p> <p>In November 2021, Deputy Chief Constable Kerr was elected to one of three Delegate for Europe posts, which form part of the Executive Committee of Interpol. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>

 <p><b>Dr Catriona Stewart OBE</b> Board Member at the Scottish Police Authority</p>	<p>Catriona is the Executive Trustee and founder of the Scottish Women's Autism Network which she chaired for 4-years. Catriona has experience of board membership in a variety of contexts and sectors, and of working for positive outcomes to community, stakeholder and organisational needs. In 2020 and in her capacity with the Scottish Women's Autism Network, Catriona joined the Independent Advisory Group set up to review Police Scotland's use of temporary police powers to tackle coronavirus. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>Michelle Miller</b> Board Member at the Scottish Police Authority</p>	<p>Michelle Miller joined the Authority in June 2018. In February 2020, she was nominated as the Authority's Whistleblowing Champion. Michelle has worked in public services in Scotland since 1985, primarily in local government. Michelle joined the Authority having retired as the Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Safer and Stronger Communities for the City of Edinburgh Council. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>David Hamilton</b> Chair of the Scottish Police Federation</p>	<p>David served on the Tayside Joint Branch Board as a Constable and the Sergeant rep since 2001. He became its full time Secretary in 2011 and, on the inception of Police Scotland, Chair of the North Area Committee, then Vice chair in 2017. He has extensive experience in the Operational Support arena and is an operationally active and qualified Public Order/CBRN Commander and Post Incident Manager. David has an ICT background is a regular contributor and commentator on national policing issues. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>ACC Owen Weatherill</b> Strategic Lead at the National Police Chief's Council</p>	<p>ACC Weatherill has spent almost 30 years with Hertfordshire Constabulary, gaining a wide range of operational and command experience. Owen has been the Strategic Lead for Operation TALLA for the National Police Chief's Council, working between police services across the UK and with government regarding the implementation of the 4Es strategic policing response to the pandemic (Engagement, Education, Encouragement and Enforcement). <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>Ephraim Borowski MBE</b> Director of the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities</p>	<p>Ephraim chairs the National Independent Strategic Advisory Group (NISAG) that advises Police Scotland and the SPA on diversity matters including hate crime, is past chair of the Scottish ethnic minority umbrella organisation BEMIS, and a member of the Employment Tribunal. He is the Director of the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (sCoJeC), the democratic representative body that speaks on behalf of the Jewish Community of Scotland. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>

 <p><b>Craig Naylor</b> Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland</p>	<p>Craig Naylor was appointed Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland in March 2022. This is an independent appointment under Royal Warrant and confers wide ranging powers to look into the "state, effectiveness and efficiency" of both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority. He is also Scotland's senior advisor on policing. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr Shane Horgan</b> Edinburgh Napier University</p>	<p>Dr Shane Horgan joined Edinburgh Napier University as a Lecturer in Criminology in August 2019. Prior to joining ENU, they were a lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the West of Scotland. They are currently the program leader for the BSc in Policing and Criminology, and teach on the topics of; policing and security, cybercrime and cybersecurity, criminological theory, online research methods, criminal justice, surveillance. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr Elizabeth Turner</b> University of Liverpool</p>	<p>Dr Elizabeth Turner's research to date has been focused on policing and criminal justice and in particular public perceptions of both of these, and the relationship between criminal justice agencies (especially the Police) and democratic values. They have experience of applying both quantitative and qualitative methods to the study of public perceptions of crime, justice and policing. <a href="#">Biography</a></p>

## Useful Reading Materials

**McVie, S., Morales, A., and Pantoja Nunez, F. (2020).** Interim report on data for the Independent Advisory Group on Police Use of Temporary Powers related to the Coronavirus Crisis. Available on this [link](#).

**McVie, S. (2020)** Data report on Police Use of Fixed Penalty Notices under the Coronavirus Regulations in Scotland. Available on this [link](#).

**McVie, S. (2021).** Second data report on Police Use of Fixed Penalty Notices under the Coronavirus Regulations in Scotland. Available on this [link](#).

**McVie, S. and Matthews, B. (2021).** Third Data Report on Police Use of Fixed Penalty Notices under the Coronavirus Regulations in Scotland: March to December 2020. Available on this [link](#).

**McVie, S. (2021).** Data Report on Police Charges Reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service under the Coronavirus Regulations: March 2020 to June 2021. Available on this [link](#).

**Scottish Police Authority. (2021).** Fixed Penalty Notices during the pandemic – Factsheet. Available on this [link](#).

**Turner, E. and Rowe, M (2020).** Police discretion and the coronavirus pandemic. BSC Policing Network Blog. Available on this [link](#).

**Wooff, A., Horgan, S., and Tatnell, A. (2021).** Pluralised responses to policing the Pandemic: Analysing the emergence of informal order maintenance strategies, the changing 'policing web', and the impacts of COVID-19 in rural communities. A Report on Interim Findings. Edinburgh: Edinburgh Napier University. Available on this [link](#).