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Places of Safety for Children in Conflict with the Law - Delegates' Pack

Roundtable
hosted by the
Scottish Police
Authority and
Police Scotland



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10am until
3.30pm



#PlacesofSafety

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“Are there other, more appropriate places that children – many of whom are previous victims themselves - could be taken to facilitate investigations which avoid the trauma of being taken to police stations, held in police cells and dealt with alongside adults in police custody?” – Sir Iain Livingstone, Chief Constable, Police Scotland

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Welcome from your hosts join the discussion have your say

A very warm welcome to all of our delegates today.

The Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland agree that police custody is not a suitable place of safety for children.

Last year, 3730 children and young people were arrested and taken to a police station. 1473 of these were younger children and whilst 1395 were subsequently released from police custody at the conclusion of enquiries, 78 were held in police cells to appear before the courts. Of the 2257 older children brought into custody to enable further enquiries, 1767 were released at the conclusion of enquiries and 490 were held in police cells to appear before the courts.

Whilst this number is reducing, it is still higher than we would like.

If charged with a crime, a child or young person is only ever held in police custody as a last resort because there is no other suitable place of safety available.

At today's roundtable event, the SPA and Police Scotland are bringing together key stakeholders to discuss how agencies can work together to keep people safe while reducing the impact of children being held in police custody.

The timing of this event was chosen to coincide with the United Nations World Children's Day on Sunday 20 November 2022.

We very much hope you enjoy today, and look forward to working with you in this key area in the future.



Martyn
Evans, Chair
of the SPA



Malcolm
Graham,
Deputy Chief
Constable,
Police
Scotland



Event
Moderator –
Michelle
Miller, SPA
Board
Member and
former Chief
Social Work
Officer

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Your Agenda join the discussion have your say

- 9.30am** Registration Opens – Tea and Coffee Available
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- 10am** Opening Remarks from the Event Moderator
Michelle Miller, SPA Board Member and former Chief Social Work Officer
- 10.05am** Welcome and Introduction
Martyn Evans, SPA Chair
Malcolm Graham, Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) Police Scotland
- 10.25am** Keynote – Setting Out the Legal and Policy Landscape
Fiona Dyer, Director, Children and Young People's Centre For Justice
- 10.45am** Children in Custody – a Policing and Local Government Perspective
Gordon McCreadie, Divisional Commander, Criminal Justice Services Division
Local Government Representative
- 11am** Keynote – Perceptions and Lived Experience of Custody
James Docherty, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit
- 11.20am** Break – Tea and Coffee Available
- 11.30am** Case Study Table Top Exercise Outline
Michelle Miller, SPA Board Member and former Chief Social Work Officer
- 11.40am** Case Study 1 Table Top Discussion
The Moderator will reveal additional aspects of the case study throughout, and pose questions for consideration at each table.
- 12.40pm** Case Study 1 Plenary Session
The Moderator will lead a plenary discussion drawing contributions from the floor, and from your panel of speakers.
- 1.10pm** Lunch – Served Outside Main Room

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The Programme join the discussion have your say

- 1.50pm** **Case Study 2 Table Top Discussion**
The Moderator will reveal additional aspects of the case study throughout, and pose questions for consideration at each table.
- 2.50pm** **Case Study 2 Plenary Session**
The Moderator will lead a plenary discussion drawing contributions from the floor, and from your panel of speakers.
- 3.20pm** **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
Scott Ross, Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny, SPA
Gordon McCreadie, Divisional Commander, Criminal Justice Services Division
- 3.30pm** **Event Ends**

“This event aims to not only highlight our views that police custody is not a suitable place of safety for children in Scotland, but to also engage with partners and discuss how we could take a collaborative approach in ensuring children receive the right support, from the right service, at the right time, to best care for their needs.” – Sir Iain Livingstone, Chief Constable, Police Scotland

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Your Role in the Roundtable join the discussion have your say

3.1 – Safeguarding Information

The following case studies, and consequently the discussion sessions during the event, contain information relating to domestic abuse, sexual crime or sexual offending, and repeat victimisation involving young people, that some may find distressing.

Please do not feel compelled to take part in the event from 11.30am onwards, unless you are comfortable to do so. Whilst discussions will not be graphic in nature, they will include references to domestic abuse, sexual assault and repeat victimisation involving young people.

There will be a break at 11.20am to allow anyone to leave.



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3.2 – Case Studies

The following is a brief overview of each case study. During the course of the hour-long table top discussion, a number of further details will be revealed by the Moderator and shown on the projector screens. These will highlight the increased complexity and additional challenges in both scenarios.

A number of set questions will also be presented.

Generally, it would be helpful to consider: what would solve this challenge? What short-term, better working practices could be put in place? What medium to long-term solutions could be implemented, and what are the barriers to these solutions?

Today's Objectives

1. Promote discussion between a wide range of subject matter experts from relevant partners across the public sector and policymaking bodies.
2. Enable meaningful discussion around the care and welfare of children to improve our shared understanding of challenges for all partners and stakeholders.
3. Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute to discussion which promotes a greater understanding of the impact of holding children in custody.
4. Consider the journey through custody and subsequent support from a child's perspective.
5. Identify solutions and future opportunities to drive positive change in the short, medium and long term.

Case Study 1 - Our first case study will follow the story of Oliver (15) who has been arrested as a suspect following disclosures made by his 10 year old sister. The Case Study will discuss expectations regarding Oliver's care; who is best suited to care for Oliver during the Police Investigation; and who is best placed to support Oliver if he is charged with an offence.

Case Study 2 - Our second case study follows the story of Emma (16) and focusses on more commonly experienced offending behaviours, however, considers aspects of potential exploitation. Again, groups will be asked to discuss appropriate care for Emma; the appropriate place for investigations to be conducted; and how to safeguard Emma.

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3.3 – Opportunities to Contribute and Feedback

The SPA and Police Scotland have arranged today's important event to bring key stakeholders together to discuss the issue of children being held in police custody; the impact on the child; and, most importantly, how all agencies can work collectively to consider what alternative options exist, which balance our duty to protect others, whilst considering the interests of the child.

It is therefore crucial that our key stakeholders are given maximum opportunity to contribute today; to hear from other partners; and to receive feedback from the event.

• During the Table Top Discussion

Each table will be pre-determined in order to ensure a spread of expertise across all partner agencies. Staff will be on-hand at the beginning of the event to direct you after registration.

Each table will have a dedicated facilitator for the discussion, to help follow the lead of the Moderator, and a note taker in order to keep a record of the discussion, which will be anonymised.

• During the Plenary Session

The Moderator will lead the Plenary Session, taking contributions from the floor and the panel of speakers, based on the series of questions posed during the discussion. Once again, note takers will keep a summary of the discussion.

• Following the Event

You will be provided with a link to an online survey form (see QR codes overleaf), which will allow delegates to give further consideration to the questions after the event. There will also be a separate form to give feedback on the event.

Following the event, each delegate will receive a briefing pack, comprising:

- A summary transcript from the table top discussion, plenary session and online feedback.
- Copies of the speaker slides (subject to permission);
- Additional articles from delegates (see below); and
- A full list of attendees and any additional speaker biographies.

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Delegates are invited to submit a short article for inclusion in the post-conference pack. This allows delegates to contribute any thoughts they did not have the opportunity to put across on the day, as well as exploring further issues which may have arisen out of discussion at the seminar.

- **Format:** Articles should ordinarily be approximately 600 words, and should be accompanied by a short (50 word maximum) biography of the author. The content of the article can be as you wish - however, it should normally focus on relevant issues, not your organisation's achievements or activities.

Deadline: The deadline for submissions is Sunday 20th November.

If you wish to submit an article, please let us know as soon as possible at SPAstrategyandperformance@spa.police.uk.

3.4 - Post-Event Feedback

We are inviting two types of feedback following the event (the QR codes are below, and we will email you links):

1. Please give us your thoughts on how you feel the event went, what worked, what could we improve for future events?
2. If you have any further thoughts on the case studies, or anything else you would like to share that you did not get the opportunity to raise, please scan the QR code below.



1. Event Feedback



2. Case Study Follow-Up

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Your Speakers and Panel Members



Fiona Dyer is the Director of the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice As Director, Fiona leads CYCJ towards its ambition of ensuring that Scotland's approach to children and young people in conflict with the law is rights-respecting, contributing to better outcomes for children, young people and communities. This involves supporting professionals from all disciplines who work with children and young people on the cusp of or involved in offending by promoting best practice based on up-to-date evidence and research. [More here.](#)



James Docherty of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit is a Development Officer within the SVRU and an Advisory Officer with Community Justice Scotland. James is also a campaigner and educator with ACE Aware nation and advocates strongly for change and awareness in how we address the hidden cost of untreated trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) in our society.



Martyn Evans is Chair of the Authority 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. Martyn Evans BA (hons) MA (econ) FRSA was the first Chair and Independent Trustee of the Alex Ferry Foundation, a new grant making philanthropic charity which aims to improve the lives of people who work or have worked in the UK shipbuilding, engineering and related manufacturing industries, as well as their families and dependents.



Malcolm Graham, Deputy Chief Constable began his career in 1995 with Lothian and Borders Police, was ACC Major Crime, Public Protection and Local Crime at the inception of Police Scotland. He oversaw significant improvements to policing approaches in key areas such as sexual crime and historic child abuse investigations. He became Deputy Chief Constable in 2019 and took on the remit of Crime and Operational Support. Most recently, DCC Graham provided significant strategic oversight which supported and enabled Police Scotland's successful delivery of Operation Unicorn, the death of her Majesty the Queen.



Michelle Miller, SPA Board Member 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. Her main areas of responsibility have been in children and criminal justice social work services, with an emphasis on public protection and the shared responsibilities across social work, health and police for keeping communities safe, protecting vulnerable individuals and tackling offending behaviour. 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.

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Gordon McCreadie, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland, Criminal Justice Services Division is the Divisional Commander of Criminal Justice Services Division (CJSD), which has responsibility for a range of Criminal Justice functions including the care and welfare of around 100,000 persons who come into police custody every year. Gordon started his policing career in Edinburgh in 1996 and has a diverse range of experience having served in Local Policing, Specialist Crime Division, Contact, Command and Control Division and Corporate Services. Gordon is committed to helping children and young people and, as part of the MCR Pathways programme, he mentors a young person from the East of Glasgow.



Scott Ross, SPA Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny leads the Authority's strategic oversight of transformational change and ensuring the operation and development of policing in Scotland retains and builds public confidence. He is also the lead for the Authority's approach to the consideration of human rights, ethics and equalities issues, including the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme (ICVS). Scott has spent the majority of his career in the public sector between Local Authorities, Non-Governmental Bodies and Policing.

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