

Meeting 11 December 2020 13:00 – 15:00

Members attending:

John Scott QC, Solicitor Advocate (Chair)

Ephraim Borowski, Chair of the National Independent Strategic Advisory Group

Martyn Evans, SPA Board Member

Maria Galli, CYPCS

Gill Imery, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS)

Dr Elizabeth Kelly, Associate Carnegie UK Trust

Susan Kemp, Scottish Human Rights Commission

John Logue, Deputy Crown Agent Operational Support, COPFS

Naomi McAuliffe, Programme Director Scotland, Amnesty International

Professor Susan McVie, University of Edinburgh

ACC Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland

Apologies:

Bruce Adamson, CYPCS

Aamer Anwar, Solicitor and Human Rights campaigner

Tressa Burke, CEO Glasgow Disability Alliance

DCC Will Kerr, Police Scotland

Diego Quiroz, Scottish Human Rights Commission

Brian Scott, Glasgow Disability Alliance

Dr Catriona Stewart, SWAN Scotland

Attending for Item 2

Denis Hamill, Chief Data Officer, Police Scotland

Calum Dundas, Data Governance Lead, Police Scotland

Secretariat:

Jennifer Blackwood, SPA

Eleanor Gaw, SPA

Fiona Miller, SPA

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair opened the meeting. He welcomed Denis Hamill, Police Scotland's Chief Data Officer, and Calum Dundas, Police Scotland Data Governance Lead, attending to discuss Data Standards at Police Scotland.

The Chair indicated he would be available for the first part of today's meeting, and that Professor McVie had agreed to chair the remainder of the meeting. Items for discussion under AOCB would therefore be dealt with at the start of the meeting.

2. Note of the previous meeting and matters arising.

- Responses from last week's discussion have been forwarded to Martin Smith, Strategy Lead, SPA, and the meeting note will be shared with Martin by the Secretariat.
- Contact has been established with British Transport Police, with a potential date for attending the IAG likely to be January or February 2021.
- Three local policing Divisional Commanders have confirmed attendance at the IAG meeting 18 December. The meeting on the 18 December will include discussion of the recent paper on the Static Protests and Demonstrations, shared with members via Egress.

3. AOCB

January meetings

Members agreed the first meeting of the IAG in 2021 as 8 January. This is likely to be a shorter meeting, focusing on experience of policing and the pandemic over the Christmas and New Year Period. Thereafter, the intention is to meet each week during January and then review.

Report to the SPA Board

Members discussed the timeframe for finalisation and sign off of the FPN data report, and for gathering and presenting supporting contextual evidence to sit alongside the data.

It was agreed to request a deferral of the next substantive IAG report to the SPA Board until February 2021.

Martyn Evans suggested that an IAG contribution to an SPA Members' Seminar may also be welcome, and indicated that the board were particularly interested in the recent experience and the changing response to the pandemic.

Action

IAG Chair will discuss with David Crichton, Interim Chair of the Authority.

4. Data Standards at Police Scotland Denis Hamill and Calum Dundas, Police Scotland

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Denis Hamill outlined the background to the Police Scotland Data Strategy.

There are numerous legacy data systems which are not compatible and maximising the value from the data collected is very complex, due to varying control standards. However there is now a systematic and strategic approach in place to data management and standards for the service, as new systems are put in place.

Calum Dundas delivered a presentation "Police Scotland - Approach to Data Standards" to the group. He outlined the background to establishing the Data Standards Council, emphasising that consistent data capture to common standards, leads to high quality data.

Outcomes from the work were referenced as -

- Consistent data capture to common standards
- Focus on important data that meets the need of operational and analytical users
- Higher data quality
- Easier integration across datasets
- Standards now defined for Crime Data
- Now part of wider Data Governance efforts

Discussion points included –

- The focus for Police Scotland is on building in agreed data standards as a new system is put in place, rather than retrospective change.
- It was confirmed Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments have been undertaken, and equalities groups engaged, in the creation of the standards for holding and using data in Police Scotland.
- Denis Hamill and Naomi McAuliffe agreed to engage further as required, to consider potential improvements where particular data sets have not been collected or been readily available.
- The new approach to data standards has helped to increase confidence in data sharing.
- There has been a noticeable increase in collaboration across the public sector on data approaches over the past six months.
- It was noted that data on engagement on the first "3E's" is not currently available to consider alongside enforcement data.
- The quality of the data available to the IAG and policing, from the work of OpTICAL, has significantly helped with public reporting and maintaining public confidence during the pandemic.
- Maria Galli indicated that CYPSC will engage directly with Police Scotland and OpTICAL, via ACC Ritchie, on the Vulnerable Persons Database. It was agreed this is outwith the IAG Terms of Reference.
- A copy of the presentation will be forwarded to the Secretariat, to share with group members. **Action: C. Dundas/ Secretariat**

Susan thanked Denis and Calum for their input on behalf of the group.

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5. Data update

Professor McVie updated members on recent OpTICAL discussions.

A first draft of Professor McVie's data paper was discussed at OpTICAL, and an update is scheduled for discussion 22 December. Following this, the paper will be brought to the IAG in January 2021. Additional work is underway to align SCTS data on FPNs with the Police Scotland data.

ACC Ritchie outlined work on context relating to Covid regulation breaches, with supporting information available to members on egress. He outlined some examples of the circumstances in which tickets have been issued for breach of regulations, including travel restrictions.

Members discussed the need to consider more recent data, and the scope for more "deep dive" consideration of changing attitudes, behaviours, and progress through the 4 E's in different circumstances, as the restrictions continue over time.

Professor McVie indicated that her understanding is that a second tranche of data is being prepared, which she will consider in the New Year. She will draft a proposal for OpTICAL on potential for further work, to understand the circumstances impacting on progress through the 4 E's and any change in the ratio of use.

Citizen Space

No further entries have been recorded.

6. Date of Next Meeting

18 December 2020 13:00 – 15:00