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Policing and the Pandemic

the Scottish Experience

A Research and Evidence RoundTable Event

Live Event

Wednesday 18th August 2021

10am to 2pm



Join Us Live - a welcome from our hosts

Over the last 18 months our police service in Scotland has, like all of us, adapted and innovated to meet the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions that have been put in place to help suppress its effect on our society.

Since March 2020 the relationship between the police and the many different communities they serve has been tested in an unprecedented way, yet we take much assurance from the evidence so far available that confidence in policing in Scotland during this public health crisis remains at least as strong as it was before the pandemic.

The legitimacy of policing comes from putting into practice the core principle of policing by consent. Many factors help to cement policing's legitimacy. The willingness of the police service to engage meaningfully with individuals, communities and their representatives and act, wherever possible, on what is being said, remains critical. Analysing and understanding vital data, evidence and other insights is also critical for setting the operational response, policy and policing strategy and for keeping these under review. Transparency in relation to the oversight of policing is crucial for building and maintaining trust, as is seeking expert advice and views, actively listening to people with lived experience, and seeking independent challenge.

We, as sponsors of this event, invite you to join in a discussion and debate and add to the growing bank of evidence relating to policing during the pandemic in Scotland. We are especially keen to hear about experiences and perspectives from beyond Scotland and have dedicated a key speaker input and a panel session explicitly for this purpose.

We set up our Joint Research and Evidence Forum in late 2019, and have hosted several conference-style RoundTable events prior to the pandemic. We've since shifted to the virtual space to continue our approach and we are using this technology to widen our reach. As a reminder and as useful context, our Joint Forum and its sponsored events aim to:

- Bring together expertise of police officers, academics, third sector and government.
- Explore innovation in use of both statistics and data in modern policing from a public benefit perspective.
- Explore areas of future research and evidence-based public debate.

You can watch the event live, submit questions during the event for consideration by our panels, and submit questions in advance using our Citizen Space portal. For further information, please visit our [webpage](#) or [email](#) us.

We very much look forward to you joining the event. Stay well and stay safe!



Mr Martyn Evans
Chair of the Scottish Police Authority



Deputy Chief Constable Fiona Taylor QPM
Police Scotland



Dr Liz Aston
Director of the Scottish Institute for
Policing Research

The Programme

- 10:00** **Welcome and Introduction**
Martyn Evans, Chair of the Scottish Police Authority
- 10:05** **Operation TALLA – Strategic implications and Police Scotland response/
organisational impacts**
Deputy Chief Constable Malcolm Graham, Police Scotland
- 10:40** **Establishing OptICAL – A Real-Time Data Analytics and Intelligence Capability**
Assistant Chief Constable Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland
- 10:55** **Independent Advisory Group and COVID Interventions Data Insights**
Professor Susan McVie, University of Edinburgh
- 11:10** **Comfort Break**
- 11:25** **Public Confidence and User Satisfaction Insights; Compliance with Lockdown
Measures**
Davina Fereday, Research and Insight Manager, Police Scotland and Martin Smith,
Strategy and Research Lead, Scottish Police Authority
- 11:40** **Scottish Victimisation Telephone Survey findings**
Amy Wilson, Head of Justice Analytical Services, Scottish Government and Katrina Caldwell, Senior
Assistant Statistician, Scottish Government
- 11:55** **Rural communities and the pandemic**
Dr Andrew Wooff, Edinburgh Napier University
- 12:10** **Questions and Panel Discussion 1 - Strategy and Insights from Scotland**

Chaired by Dr Liz Aston (Scottish Institute for Policing Research / Edinburgh Napier University) and
featuring Kirsty-Louise Campbell (Head of Strategy and Insight, Police Scotland),
Amanda Coulthard (Head of Strategy and Performance, Scottish Police Authority) and Professor
Susan McVie (University of Edinburgh)
- 12:40** **Break**
- 13:00** **International Perspectives on Policing during the Pandemic**
Peter Neyroud QPM, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge
- 13:30** **Questions and Panel Discussion 2 - Scotland in Context**

Chaired by Derek Penman QPM (Chair of the International Advisory Committee, Scottish Institute
for Policing Research) and featuring Dr Megan O'Neill (University of Dundee), Peter Neyroud QPM
(University of Cambridge), Deputy Chief Constable Malcolm Graham (Police Scotland) and Barry
Sillers (Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish Police Authority)
- 13:55** **Closing Remarks**
Deputy Chief Constable Fiona Taylor QPM, Police Scotland

How to Take Part

Visit our event web page - you can find out more about this event, including the link to the LiveStream by visiting our dedicated [web page](#)

Submit a question in advance - you can pose a question to either of our two panels (or both) in advance of the event by visiting our [Citizen Space](#) platform

Watch the session live and join the chat - you can watch the event Live via our [LiveStream](#) and also submit questions and comments in the chat function - our panels will consider questions and comments arising in the chat.



Speakers and Panel Members

Martyn Evans (Co-host) - Chair of the Scottish Police Authority - Biography available [here](#)

DCC Fiona Taylor QPM (Co-host) - Deputy Chief Constable (People and Professionalism), Police Scotland - Biography available [here](#)

Dr Liz Aston (Panel Chair) - Director of the Scottish Institute for Policing Research and Associate Professor of Criminology at Edinburgh Napier University - Biography available [here](#)

Derek Penman QPM (Panel Chair) - Chair of the International Advisory Committee, Scottish Institute for Policing Research, Honorary Professor at the University of Dundee - Biography available [here](#)

DCC Malcolm Graham (Speaker and Panel Member) - Deputy Chief Constable (Crime and Operational Support - and Operation TALLA Gold Commander), Police Scotland - Biography available [here](#)

ACC Gary Ritchie (Speaker) - Assistant Chief Constable (Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing), Police Scotland - Biography available [here](#)

Professor Susan McVie (Speaker and Panel Member) - Professor of Quantitative Criminology, University of Edinburgh - Biography available [here](#)

Davina Fereday (Speaker) - Research and Insight Manager, Police Scotland - Biography available [here](#)

Martin Smith (Speaker) - Strategy and Research Lead, Scottish Police Authority) - Biography available [here](#)

Amy Wilson (Speaker) - Head of Justice Analytical Services, Scottish Government - Biography available [here](#)

Katrina Caldwell (Speaker) - Senior Assistant Statistician, Scottish Government

Dr Andrew Wooff (Speaker) - Associate Professor of Criminology, Edinburgh Napier University - Biography available [here](#)

Kirsty-Louise Campbell (Panel Member) - Head of Strategy, Insight and Innovation, Police Scotland - Biography available [here](#)

Amanda Coulthard (Panel Member) - Head of Strategy and Performance, Scottish Police Authority - Biography available [here](#)

Peter Neyroud QPM (Speaker and Panel Member) - Lecturer in Evidence-Based Policing, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge Biography available [here](#)

Dr Megan O'Neill (Panel Member) - Reader (Geography and Environmental Science) University of Dundee and Associate Director of the Scottish Institute for Policing Research - Biography available [here](#)

Barry Sillers (Panel Member) - Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish Police Authority - Biography available [here](#)