

Agenda Item 4.3 (ii)

Meeting	Policing Performance Committee
Date	9 December 2021
Location	MS Teams
Title of Paper	SPA Corporate Parenting Update
Presented By	Sam Curran, Operational Policing Policy Lead/Scott Ross, Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny
Recommendation to Members	For Discussion
Appendix Attached	Yes Appendix A - Corporate Parenting Plan Appendix B - Children's Rights Impact Assessment Appendix C - Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment

PURPOSE

This paper presents the SPA's Corporate Parenting Plan and provides a summary of the engagement involved in its creation and ratification.

Members are invited to **consider** the contents of this paper and the Corporate Parenting Plan (Appendix A).

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 defines corporate parenting as 'the formal and local partnerships between all services responsible for working together to meet the needs of looked-after children, young people and care leavers'. Schedule 4 of the Act identifies both the Scottish Police Authority ('the SPA') and the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland as Corporate Parents.
- 1.2 In summary, the basic duties of a Corporate Parent are to:
 - Understand the issues that care-experienced young people face and assess their needs
 - Promote the interests of care-experienced young people and provide them with opportunities

- Collaborate with other corporate parents and improve the ways of working with care-experienced young people.
- 1.3 A <u>paper</u> initially presented at the August 2020 PPC detailed the legislative obligations on the SPA as a Corporate Parent to produce a Plan detailing their approach to fulfilling their duties as a Corporate Parent. At this date, a Plan had not been produced.
- 1.4 A further <u>paper</u> providing an update on the development of the Plan was presented at the PPC held in June 2021. This outlined the proposed approach for the SPA to create a Corporate Parenting Plan, as well as the initial steps to progress the development of the Plan. The approach details how the SPA would adhere to legislative guidelines and appropriate engagement with relevant external stakeholders in developing this Plan.
- 1.5 After following the proposed approach, the Corporate Parenting Plan has been drafted for consideration by PPC Members. The Plan, attached in Appendix A, outlines how the SPA will support the needs of the care experienced community as a Corporate Parent.

2. CORPORATE PARENTING PLAN

- 2.1 The Corporate Parenting Plan (see Appendix A) explains the role of the SPA as a Corporate Parent and its obligations. It details the role and responsibilities of the organisation as a whole, as well as the responsibilities of all SPA staff to uphold these obligations. The Plan also provides definitions of related vocabulary to ensure understanding and embedding of appropriate terminology within the SPA. This includes the term "care experienced", to accurately reflect the community the Plan is to support.
- 2.2 The Plan also specifies the dual responsibility of the SPA with regards to its role as a Corporate Parent. This involves overseeing Police Scotland's role as a Corporate Parent whilst also fulfilling the SPA's own Corporate Parent responsibilities.
- 2.3 Detailed in the Plan is the aim to implement the "LOOK, LEARN, LISTEN, REVIEW" mechanism, as per agreement with the cross-departmental working group. This process provides opportunity for the SPA to continually improve, whilst actively engaging with the care experienced community to build relationships.
- 2.4 To compliment this review process, quantitative and qualitative measures will be developed to analyse the progress of implementation.

- 2.5 Review cycles are also established in the Plan. The Corporate Parenting Plan has a three-year lifespan from 2021-2024. It is anticipated that a final progress review will be completed in 2024. This will allow learning to be applied to future iterations of the Corporate Parenting Plan.
- 2.6 Finally, the Action Plan within the document details specific activities, responsible persons and timelines required for the Plan to be implemented.

Approval and external engagement

- 2.7 A draft of the Corporate Parenting Plan and associated impact assessments was presented to the SPA's Senior Management Team (SMT) in early September 2021. During this meeting, SMT provided approval for external engagement activity to be undertaken.
- 2.8 Similarly the Corporate Parenting Plan was considered by SPA Forensics Leadership Team and was approved for adoption by Forensics.
- 2.9 Detailed engagement was undertaken with (i) Who Cares? Scotland; (ii) Children's and Young People's Centre for Justice; (iii) the Social Services team at Stirling Council; (iv)the Education Team at Stirling Council and (v) Police Scotland Children and Young People team. These external parties represent the interests of people with care experience and were able to provide appropriate insight to refining the Plan.
- 2.10 The feedback received was positive and supportive of the contents of the Plan. Several updates were however made to the Plan following feedback considerations. This included reference to The Promise and United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Reference to these documents underpinned the necessity for appropriate Corporate Parenting practices and ensuring current language and terminology is reflected throughout the Plan.
- 2.11 In addition to this engagement, the SPA is currently working with Local Authority partners to make arrangements to discuss the Corporate Parenting Plan with the care experienced community. It is expected that these discussions will take place soon after the festive period. Following these discussions, if further update to the Corporate Parenting Plan is required it is proposed that the version provided in Appendix A is updated and published, with an update provided to Members in the CEO report to the Board.

Implementation of the Plan within the SPA

- 2.12 To begin embedding the Plan within the SPA, an all-staff Corporate Parent awareness session was held on 9 November 2021 by Who Cares? Scotland. Who Cares? Scotland is a national voluntary organisation working with the care experienced community across Scotland. This session explained the concept of being a Corporate Parent and how the responsibility for upholding Corporate Parent duties lies across an organisation.
- 2.13 An internal delivery group to oversee implementation of the Plan has been established. Chaired by the Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny, the group includes representatives from across the SPA and Forensic Services. Invites will also be extended to partners including Police Scotland and any other key stakeholder Corporate Parents to discuss specific matters where appropriate.
- 2.14 SPA have been working closely with Police Scotland to develop an approach to Childrens Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA), ensuring linkages with recognised best practice and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Although the approach to CRIA is still under development, Appendix B has a copy of a CRIA undertaken on the CPP. The process for conducting a CRIA will be refined going forward, however, assessing the CPP against the draft in Appendix B provides assurance that the CPP sufficiently protects the rights of children under the UNCRC. As noted in the CRIA, it will be reviewed annually along with the CPP as more information becomes available through implementation of the CPP actions (e.g. engagement with children and young people).
- 2.15 Finally, Police Scotland will apply the appropriate design to the final approved Plan. This will ensure the Plan is child-friendly and meets accessibility requirements.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All work outlined above will be incorporated into the general working duties of the SPA. No further costs have been identified at this stage.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no additional resource implications identified at this stage. All work will be coordinated by the SPA's delivery group with attendance from SPA Officers (including Forensic Services).

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The responsibility of the SPA to prepare and publish a Corporate Parenting Plan is outlines in the Children and Young People Act 2014. The enclosed plan details how the SPA will delivers against the responsibilities of a Corporate Parent outlined in section 58 of the Act.

6. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are reputational implications associated with this paper. In order to comply with legislation, it is important that the SPA has effective arrangements to monitor, measure and assess its responsibility as a Corporate Parent. Having such measures in place is important for a public body to maintain confidence in the policing of Scotland and its oversight.

7. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Delivery of the Corporate Parenting Plan will enhance the voice of care experienced children in policing matters. The SPA will engage with care experienced young people and work with partners to improve the outcomes of those that have experienced the care system.

8. COMMUNITY IMPACT

8.1 Delivery of the Corporate Parenting Plan will have a positive impact on the community, particularly individuals that have experience of the care system. By engaging with care experienced young people and partners the SPA will better reflect the needs of care experienced communities when carrying out its wider duties.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 This paper details the SPA's proposed Corporate Parent Plan. A Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) to evaluate this has been included in Appendix B. An Equalities Impact Assessment has also been prepared and considered (Appendix C)

10. ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this paper.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to **discuss** the paper.

SPA's Corporate Parenting Plan 2021-2024

Welcome to our Plan

Welcome to the Scottish Police Authority's 2021-2024 Corporate Parenting Plan. The Scottish Police Authority's main function is to promote and improve policing in Scotland and to make sure that Scotland's policing serves the public as well as possible.

In this Plan we describe how we will make sure that policing in Scotland supports care experienced children and young people and how the SPA will deliver positive change in our engagement with the care experienced community.

Introduction and background

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 introduced significant changes to the planning, operation and delivery of services which impact children.

The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is one of the Corporate Parents named within the Act. This gives the SPA the opportunity to look at how we can best support Scotland's care experienced young people alongside other Corporate Parents.

Responsibility for fulfilling Corporate Parent duties lies across the organisation, with every member of the SPA team having a role to play. The Board and our Senior Leadership Team will oversee the final Plan and its implementation to ensure it is fit for purpose. As a Corporate Parent, the SPA are committed to meeting our obligations and maximising our efficacy in our capacity as a Corporate Parent. We recognise the importance of our role and how we can positively influence the care experienced community. This document will outline the steps we will take to meet our responsibilities and how we will monitor our performance.

What is a Corporate Parent?

A Corporate Parent is intended to carry out many of the roles a loving parent should. Whilst Corporate Parents may not be able to provide everything a parent can, they should still be able to provide the children and young people they're responsible for with the best possible support and care.

Ultimately, Corporate Parents act to help improve the lives of those who are care experienced.

Definition of Care Experienced and Corporate Parents

The term 'Care Experienced' refers to:

"Anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked-after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short. This care may have been provided in one of many different settings such as in residential care, foster care, kinship care or looked after at home with a supervision requirement."

The term 'Corporate Parenting' refers to:

"An organisation's performance of actions necessary to uphold the rights and safeguard the wellbeing of a looked after child or care leaver, and through which physical, emotional, spiritual, social and educational development is promoted."

The duties of a Corporate Parent must be fulfilled for all of the care experienced community. The Act sets out a series of seven specific duties which Corporate Parents must fulfil. They are:

- To be **alert** to matters which, or which might, adversely affect the wellbeing of children and young people to whom this Part (i.e., part 9 of the Act) applies.
- To assess the needs of those children and young people for services and support it provides.
- To **promote** the interests of those children and young people.
- To seek to provide those children and young people with opportunities to participate in activities designed to promote their wellbeing.
- To take such action as it considers appropriate to help those children and young people:
 - o **Access** opportunities it provides in pursuance of the above paragraph,
 - Make use of services, and access support, which it provides
- To take such other action as it considers appropriate for the purposes of improving the way in which it exercises its functions in relation to those children and young people.
- To collaborate with other Corporate Parents

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is considered the global 'gold standard' for children's rights and sets out the fundamental rights of all children. The UK ratified the UNCRC in 1991, but has not yet incorporated it into domestic law.

On 16 March 2021, the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill passed through the Scottish Parliament, meaning that the Convention will become part of Scots law. The

UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill takes a 'maximalist' approach. It will ensure that children's rights are protected, respected and fulfilled in Scotland to the maximum extent of the Scottish Parliament's powers. The Bill:

- Directly incorporates the UNCRC as far as possible within the powers of the Scottish Parliament
- Makes it unlawful for public authorities to act incompatibly with the incorporated UNCRC requirements
- Gives power to the Children's Commissioner to take legal action in relation to children's rights
- Requires Ministers to produce a Children's Rights Scheme setting out how they comply with children's rights and to report annually
- Requires listed public authorities to report every three years on how they comply with children's rights

This Bill underpins our approach as a Corporate Parent to ensure we actively embed practices to adhere these standards for children's rights. One such way is through Children's Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA), which have been developed alongside the present Plan.

In addition to these requirements the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and <u>The Promise</u> set welcome ambition for Scotland to better respond to the needs of our children and care experienced young people. In particular, The Promise notes that people with care experience are overrepresented in the youth criminal justice system. The SPA will continue to support Police Scotland to continually improve in this area by working with partners to continue to reduce the criminalisation of children and ensuring alternatives to custody including both secure and non-secure options are maximised. More generally, we will seek to shape the future of policing to improve support for the care experienced young people via active engagement with the community, Police Scotland and partners.

The role of the SPA

As per the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, the SPA is responsible for holding the Chief Constable to account and to promote and support continuous improvement in the policing of Scotland. The SPA is also responsible for the management and delivery of Forensic Services in Scotland and the administration of independent custody visitors.

The SPA sits separately from Police Scotland and therefore needs to create and implement its own Corporate Parenting Plan. This ensures that those who are care experienced understand the commitments the SPA specifically is making as a Corporate Parent and to enable us to be held accountable for how we support the community.

Our aims

The Scottish Police Authority has developed a plan to ensure we are fulfilling our role as a Corporate Parent.

We will:

LOOK – Keep under review Police Scotland's approach to ensure they support the Care Experienced community, and ensure that Corporate Parenting responsibilities are performed in relation to our other statutory functions

LISTEN – Ensure that those who are care experienced have their voice heard in matters relating to policing and have access to opportunities to facilitate this

LEARN – Make sure all our staff understand our responsibilities as a Corporate Parent

REVIEW – Make sure we continue to do our best for children, young people and the care experienced community

Purpose and aims of the Corporate Parenting Plan

The purpose of this Plan is to set out the actions that the SPA will undertake in order to fulfil our duties as a Corporate Parent. Every SPA member of staff is a Corporate Parent and play a vital role in ensuring the successful implementation of this Plan.

The SPA has a dual role as a Corporate Parent. Firstly, we will work to ensure that we are meeting the requirements of a Corporate Parent as described in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. Secondly, we will support Police Scotland to ensure that they are meeting these requirements.

The aims of the SPA detailed in this Plan are to:

- LOOK Keep under review Police Scotland's approach to ensure they support the Care Experienced community, and ensure that Corporate Parenting responsibilities are performed in relation to our other statutory functions
- LISTEN Ensure that those who are Care Experienced have their voice heard in matters relating to policing and have access to opportunities to facilitate this
- LEARN Make sure all our staff understand our responsibilities as a Corporate Parent
- REVIEW Make sure we continue to do our best for children, young people and the care experienced community

Delivery Group

Being a good Corporate Parent involves people from across our organisation. We will create a working group that meets on regular basis to ensure that we are delivering against this plan.

Corporate Parenting delivery group

There are several teams across the SPA that will take the lead to ensure that we meet our responsibilities as a Corporate Parent. Our Strategic Business Management team and Strategy and Performance team will make sure that the SPA takes steps to engage and support those with care experience when carrying out our duties. The SPA's Policing Performance Committee, supported by the SPA's Change and Operational Scrutiny team will seek assurance from Police Scotland representatives for assurance that they are fulfilling their duties as a Corporate Parent.

An internal delivery group has been established to ensure the delivery of this Plan, with representatives from across these departments. We will also invite representatives from Police Scotland, Forensics Services and other Corporate Parents to attend this group to ensure we partner where possible and deliver the best possible outcomes for people with care experience. This group will be led by the Designated Person for Corporate Parenting.

Review and reporting

We want to make sure that we do our best as a Corporate Parent so we will continually review our plan and measure our performance.

Monitoring, reviewing and reporting

The SPA will regularly review our Corporate Parenting Plan and monitor performance. We plan to base reporting on a variety of evidence, presenting a rich picture of progress, giving a narrative of oversight and the impact of the Plan. Monitoring performance is laid out as being a requirement in the Act and is crucial for capturing best practice and lessons learned to help the SPA continuously improve. Combined with the proposed delivery group, this will ensure appropriate scrutiny of the Plan and its efficacy.

Furthermore, at the end of this three year Plan, the SPA will produce and publish a Corporate Parenting Report. This report will detail how the SPA has performed as a Corporate Parent and outline progress made against the actions laid out in this Plan. We will then use any learning and feedback to update the Plan ahead of the next three year cycle.

Actions

The Scottish Police Authority have committed to taking a number of actions that put the needs of care experienced young people first.

Corporate Parenting Actions

The SPA have developed a number of actions that we will deliver to meet the requirements placed upon a Corporate Parent. We will continue to review these actions and seek feedback from care experienced people and other key stakeholders. The following section details the actions that the SPA will take over the 2021-2024 period.

SPA Corporate Parenting Action Plan 2021-24

Commitment	Action	Milestone	Target Date	Owner(s)
LOOK - To oversee and support Police Scotland to ensure that they meet the requirements of a Corporate Parent.	The SPA Board will seek assurance from Police Scotland that they are meeting the requirements of a Corporate Parent as established by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.	 Endorse Police Scotland's Corporate Parenting Plan. 	December 2021	Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny
LOOK - To oversee and support Police Scotland to ensure that they meet the requirements of a Corporate Parent.	Through its administration of Independent Custody Visiting Scheme (ICVS) Scotland, the SPA will continue to monitor the care provided to detainees and ensure that the needs of young people who are care experienced are being met.	 Signpost to developments in how ICVS support the care experienced young people in custody. Report on support for the care experienced young people in custody through the Independent 	December 2021 September 2022	Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny Head of Change and Operational
LICTEN. To analyte	,	Custody Visiting Scheme Annual Report.	A	Scrutiny
LISTEN - To enable looked after children and young people and care leavers to have their voice heard in matters relating to policing and to access opportunities.	The SPA will work with Police Scotland to engage and listen to young people with care experience to understand how policing services impact on their lives.	 Carry out annual roundtable with the care experienced young people to understand how policing services impact on their lives. 	August 2022 and annually thereafter	Head of Strategy and Performance
LISTEN - To enable looked after children and young people and care	A Designated person for Corporate Parenting will be appointed. This person will be responsible for	 Appoint designated person for Corporate Parenting. 	July 2021	Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny
leavers to have their voice heard in matters	ensuring that the way the SPA conducts its business is consistent	 Establish internal Corporate Parenting delivery group. 	July 2021	

Commitment	Action	Milestone	Target Date	Owner(s)
relating to policing and to access opportunities.	with that of a Corporate Parent. As the SPA does not provide any physical services to children or young people this role will particularly focus	 Approval of SPA's Corporate Parenting Plan. 	December 2021	Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny
	on providing opportunities for the care experienced community to inform policing matters which affect them, and to identify opportunities for work experience.	In oversight role, and through service back arrangements, engage with Police Scotland around positive action to recruit those who are care experienced as police officers and staff.	December 2022	Head of Workforce Governance Corporate
		 Explore options for providing work placement opportunities for care experienced young people across the SPA. 	December 2022	Management Lead
LEARN - To make all Scottish Police Authority staff aware that the	The SPA will ensure that all staff are aware of their specific responsibilities with regard to carrying out Corporate	 Identify and roll out relevant staff training to SPA Corporate staff. 	December 2021	Operational Policing Policy Lead / Corporate
organisation is a Corporate Parent with resultant duties to fulfil	Parenting duties. The Designated Person will present at staff and team meetings, while space will be given to discuss the implication for their teams	 Include Corporate Parent training into the induction materials for all new SPA staff. 	May 2022	Management Lead Operational Policing Policy Lead / Corporate
	and themselves.	 Arrange awareness session through Who Cares? Scotland / Children and Young People's Commissioner for our Board and Senior Management Team 	May 2022	Management Lead Corporate Management Lead
		 Arrange awareness session through Who Cares? Scotland / Children 	May 2022	Corporate Management Lead

Commitment	Action	Milestone	Target Date	Owner(s)
		and Young People's Commissioner for SPA staff.		
REVIEW – To keep the Scottish Police Authority Corporate Parenting Plan under review and monitor	The SPA's Policing Performance Committee will regularly review qualitative and quantitative performance data on how Police	 Annual review of SPA Corporate Parenting Plan. Annual oversight of Police 	December 2022	Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny
our performance	Scotland and the SPA are performing as a Corporate Parents.	Scotland's Corporate Parenting Plan and progress at the Policing Performance Committee.	December 2022	Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny / Head of Strategy and
		 Report on progress of our Plan every three years through completion of the Scottish Government Corporate Parenting Survey to inform the National Report. 	April 2024	Performance Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny



Division	SPA	Department	SPA
File Path Record			

Police Scotland Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA)

This form is to be completed in accordance with the instructions as set out in the CRIA Guidance Document.

Name of Policy / Practice (include version number)	SPA Corporate Parenting Plan 2021-2024
Owning Department	SPA

1. Purpose and Intended Outcomes of the Policy / Practice – Consider why this policy / practice is being developed / reviewed and what it aims to achieve.

To set out the actions that the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) will undertake in order to fulfil our statutory duties as a Corporate Parent. The SPA has a dual role with regards to corporate parenting. Firstly, we will work to ensure that we are meeting the requirements of a Corporate Parent as described in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. Secondly, we will oversee Police Scotland to ensure that they are meeting these requirements. The aims of this plan are:

- LOOK To oversee and support Police Scotland to ensure that they meet the requirements of a Corporate Parent.
- LISTEN To enable care experienced children and young people to have their voice heard in matters relating to policing and to access opportunities.
- LEARN To make all Scottish Police Authority staff aware that the organisation is a Corporate Parent with resultant duties to fulfil.
- REVIEW To keep the Scottish Police Authority Corporate Parenting Plan under review and monitor our performance

2. What aspects of the policy/measure will affect children and young people up to age 18?
The policy shall impact children and young people up to the age of 18 years of age. However, it shall impact some children and young people to a greater extent, for instance care experienced children and young people.
3. What likely impact the policy/measure will have on children and young people?
The policy shall have a direct positive impact through incorporating awareness of care experienced children and young people's experiences within the work of the SPA and its scrutiny of Police Scotland. The Plan will also seek to represent the views of care experienced children and young people in decision making.
4. Which groups of children and young people will be affected? - Under the UNCRC, 'children' can refer to: individual children, groups of children, or children in general. Some groups of children will relate to the groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010: disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. 'Groups' can also refer to children by age band or setting, or those who are eligible for special protection or assistance: e.g. preschool children, children in hospital, children in rural areas, looked after children, young people who offend, victims of abuse or exploitation, child migrants, or children living in poverty. This list is not exhaustive.
Care experienced children and young people up to 18 years of age. It also affects those up to 26 years of age who are no longer being looked after by a local authority if they were in care on their 16 th birthday or at any subsequent time.
5. Who is likely to be affected by the policy / practice? (Place 'X' in one or more boxes)
No impact on children

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5.1 Screening for Relevance to Children's Rights – if the policy / practice is considered to have no potential for direct or indirect impact on children, a Children's Rights Impact Assessment is not required. Provide information / evidence to support this decision below, then proceed to Section 9 of the form, *otherwise go to Section 5 and complete all sections*.

It has been decided NOT to complete a children's rights impact assessment because

6, Children's Rights	6, Children's Rights Impact Assessment – Consider which rights / freedoms, if any, are likely to be protected or infringed?			
6.1 Rights / Freedoms Relevant to Policing	6.2 Assessment Protects and / or Infringes or Not Applicable	6.3 Analysis What evidence is there as to how the process / practice protects or infringes Children's Rights.	 6.4 Justification – Summarise the following: Legal Basis Legitimate Aim Necessity 	
Article 1 Definition of the child. Everyone under the age of 18 has all the Rights in the Convention.	Protects	The Plan covers care experienced children and young people under the age of 18. It also covers those up to 26 years of age who are no longer being looked after by a local authority if they were in care on their 16 th birthday or at any subsequent time.	Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people.	
Article 2 Non- discrimination. The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say,	Protects	As a public body, we are held to the standards by the Equality Act 2010 and the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (Amended in 2015 and 2016).	Legal Basis - Equality Act 2010 and the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (Amended in 2015 and 2016) Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people.	

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whatever their family background.			
Article 3 Best interests of the child. The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.	Protects	Per the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, being a Corporate Parent constitutes "an organisation's performance of actions necessary to uphold the rights and safeguard the wellbeing of a looked after child or care leaver, and through which physical, emotional, spiritual, social and educational development is promoted." By this definition, the best interests of a child shall be considered in all decision-making.	Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people.
Article 4 Implementation of the Convention. Police Scotland must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.	Protects	The Plan shall ensure that the SPA are meeting the requirements of a Corporate Parent as described in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, as well as overseeing Police Scotland to ensure they are meeting these requirements. The Plan is also proactive in nature to ensure care experienced children and young people's rights are being upheld, and will be reviewed annually in relation to new information and insights generated by its actions.	Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014
Article 5 Parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities. Police Scotland must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow	Not Applicable		

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up, so that they fully		
enjoy their rights.		
This must be done		
in a way that		
recognises the		
child's increasing		
capacity to make		
their own choices.		
Article 6 Life,		
survival and		
development.		
Every child has the		
right to life.		
Police Scotland	Not Applicable	
must do all they can	Trot Applicable	
to ensure that		
children survive and		
develop to their full		
potential.		
Article 7 Birth		
registration, name,		
nationality, care.		
Every child has the		
right to be registered		
at birth, to have a	Not Applicable	
name and		
nationality, and, as		
far as possible, to		
know and be cared		
for by their parents.		
Article 8 Protection		
and preservation		
of identity.	Not Applicable	
Every child has the	I NOT Applicable	
right to an identity.		
Governments must		

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respect and protect		
that right, and		
prevent the child's		
name, nationality or		
family relationships		
from being changed		
unlawfully.		
Article 9		
Separation from		
parents.		
Children must not		
be separated from		
their parents against		
their will unless it is		
in their best		
interests (for		
example, if a parent	Niat Amaliants	
is hurting or	Not Applicable	
neglecting a child).		
Children whose		
parents have		
separated have the		
right to stay in		
contact with both		
parents, unless this		
could cause them		
harm.		
Article 10 Family		
reunification.		
Police Scotland		
must respond		
quickly and	Not Applicable	
sympathetically if a		
child or their parents		
apply to live		
together in the same		

country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them. Article 11 (Abduction and non-return of children) Police Scotland must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally by their parents or other relatives, or	Not Applicable		
being prevented from returning			
home.			
Article 12 Respect			
for the views of the			_
child. Every child has the			Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014
right to express their		Don'the Diam's LICTEN strained the CDA skell	,
views, feelings and		Per the Plan's LISTEN strand, the SPA shall	Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty
wishes in all matters	Protects	conduct annual roundtables with care experienced children and young people to	
affecting them, and	1 1015013	understand how policing services impacts upon	Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a
to have their views		their lives.	duty under the aforementioned legislation to
considered and			ensure that any work undertaken related to
taken seriously. This			children does not adversely impact care
right applies at all			experienced children and young people.
times, for example during immigration			
during ininigration			

procoodings			
proceedings,			
housing decisions or			
the child's day-to-			
day home life.			
Article 13 Freedom			Legal Basis - Children and Young People
of expression.			(Scotland) Act 2014
Every child must be		Per the Plan's LISTEN strand, the SPA shall	
free to express their		conduct annual roundtables with care	Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty
thoughts and	Protects	experienced children and young people to	
opinions and to	1 1016013	understand how policing services impacts upon	Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a
access all kinds of		their lives.	duty under the aforementioned legislation to
information, as long		then lives.	ensure that any work undertaken related to
as it is within the			children does not adversely impact care
law.			experienced children and young people.
Article 14 Freedom			-
of thought, belief			
and religion.			
Every child has the			
right to think and			
believe what they			
choose and also to			
practise their			
religion, as long as			
they are not			
stopping other	Not Applicable		
people from			
enjoying their rights.			
Police Scotland			
must respect the			
rights and			
responsibilities of			
parents to guide			
their child as they			
grow up.			
grow up.			

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Article 15 Freedom of association. Every child has the right to meet with other children and to		
join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.	Not Applicable	
Article 16 Right to		
privacy. Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.		
Article 17 Access		
to information		
from the media.		
Every child has the		
right to reliable		
information from a	Not Applicable	
variety of sources, and governments	Not Applicable	
should encourage		
the media to provide		
information that		
children can		
understand. Police		

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Scotland must help		
protect children from		
materials that could		
harm them.		
Article 18 Parental		
responsibilities		
and state		
assistance.		
Both parents share		
responsibility for		
bringing up their		
child and should		
always consider		
what is best for the	Not Applicable	
child. Police		
Scotland must		
support parents by		
referring to support		
services for children		
and giving parents		
the help they need		
to raise their		
children.		
Article 19		
Protection from		
violence, abuse		
and neglect.		
Police Scotland		
must do all they can		
to ensure that	Not Applicable	
children are		
protected from all		
forms of violence,		
abuse, neglect and		
bad treatment by		
their parents or		

anyona alaa yyba	
anyone else who	
looks after them.	
Article 20 Children	
unable to live with	
their family.	
If a child cannot be	
looked after by their	
immediate family,	
Police Scotland	
must give them	
special protection	Net Applicable
and assistance. This	Not Applicable
includes making	
sure the child is	
provided with	
alternative care that	
is continuous and	
respects the child's	
culture, language	
and religion.	
Article 21	
Adoption.	
Governments must	
oversee the process	
of adoption to make	
sure it is safe, lawful	
and that it prioritises	
children's best	Not Applicable
interests. Children	
should only be	
adopted outside of	
their country if they	
cannot be placed	
with a family in their	
own country.	

Article 22 Refugee		
children.		
If a child is seeking		
refuge or has		
refugee status,		
governments must		
provide them with		
appropriate		
protection and		
assistance	Not Applicable	
to help them enjoy		
all the rights in the		
Convention.		
Governments must		
help refugee		
children who are		
separated from their		
parents to be		
reunited with them.		
Article 23 Children		
with Disabilities.		
A child with a		
disability has the		
right to live a full and		
decent life with	Net Appliedale	
dignity and, as far	Not Applicable	
as possible,		
independence and		
to play an active		
part in the		
community.		
Article 24 Health,		
Water, Food and		
environment.	Not Applicable	
Every child has the	11	
right to the best		

possible health. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.			
Article 25 Review of treatment in care. If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example, with a foster family or in hospital), they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances.	Protects	To monitor the needs of care experienced children and young people who are detained, this will be reported on within ICVS' annual report. To monitor and oversee the performance of Police Scotland as a Corporate Parent, this will be reviewed as part of the Policing Performance Committee.	Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014; Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Chapter 16 Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people. The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out the SPA's approach to monitoring how people are detained and how SPA keeps policing in Scotland under review.
Article 26 Social and Economic Help. Every child has the right to the best possible health. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.	Not Applicable		
Article 27 Food, Clothing, and a Safe Home. Every child has the	Not Applicable		

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right to the best		
possible health.		
Richer countries		
must help poorer		
countries achieve		
this.		
Article 28 Access		
to Education.		
Every child has the		
right to an		
education. Primary		
education must be	Not Applicable	
free and different	, recr. spinoable	
forms of secondary		
education must be		
available to every		
child.		
Article 29 Aims of		
Education.		
Education. Education must		
develop every		
child's personality,		
talents and abilities	Not Applicable	
to the full. It must	11	
encourage the		
child's respect for		
human rights and		
the people in their		
life.		
Article 30 Children		
from minority or		
indigenous		
groups.	Not Applicable	
Every child has the		
right to learn and		
use the language,		

customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.		
Article 31 Rest, Play, Culture, Arts. Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.	Not Applicable	
Article 32 Protection from Harmful Work. We must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education.	Not Applicable	
Article 33 Protection from Harmful Drugs. We must protect children from all forms of harmful drugs.	Not Applicable	

Article 34 Protection from Sexual Abuse. We must protect children from all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.	Not Applicable	
Article 35 Prevention from Sale & Trafficking. We must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.	Not Applicable	
Article 36 Protection from Exploitation. We must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for Political activities, by the media or for Medical research.	Not Applicable	
Article 37 Children in Detention. Children must not be tortured, suffer	Protects	Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014; Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Chapter 16

other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment. Children should be arrested, detained or imprisoned only as a last resort and for the shortest time possible.		To monitor the needs of care experienced children and young people who are detained, this will be reported on within ICVS' annual report.	Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people. The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out the SPA's approach to monitoring how people are detained.
Article 38 War and armed conflicts. Police Scotland must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.	Not Applicable		
Article 39 Recovery from trauma and reintegration. Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.	Protects	According to Who Cares? Scotland, 84% of children were referred to the Children's Hearing System on care and protection groups in 2019/20. 'Lack of parental care' was the most common ground for referral. Subsequently, the experiences highlighted in Article 39 could refer to those of many care experienced children and young people. The ethos of the Plan is to support these children and young people, and thus that right is protected.	Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people.
Article 40 Juvenile justice. A child accused or	Protects		Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014; Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Chapter 16

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guilty of breaking the law must be treated with dignity and respect. They have the right to legal assistance and a fair trial that takes account of their age.		To monitor the needs of care experienced children and young people who are detained, this will be reported on within ICVS' annual report.	Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people. The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out the SPA's approach to monitoring how people are detained.
Article 41 Respect for higher national standards. If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.	Not Applicable		
Article 42 Knowledge of rights. Police Scotland must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.	Protects	Per the LEARN strand, this Plan aims to ensure that all members of staff are aware of their duties via training and awareness sessions with external organisations.	Legal Basis - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Legitimate Aim – Public body statutory duty Necessity – As a public body, the SPA has a duty under the aforementioned legislation to ensure that any work undertaken related to children does not adversely impact care experienced children and young people.
Optional Protocol 1. The sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.			

Optional Protoco 2. The involvement of children in armed conflict.			
	ulted with relevant pa nts/carers and the ch	rtnerships? - This would include public or targeted consultations with children and yo ildren's workforce.	ung
	ren and young people	ng people in the development of the policy/measure? - Is there enough information on who will be affected by the policy/measure that enables you to make an informed	the
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		mination and / or unlawful interference with child rights have been identified, which stive grounds. Stop and consider an alternative approach.	
		scrimination and / or interference with children's rights that cannot be avoided or been justified on legal / objective grounds.	
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	riew of Policy / Practice will be responsible for		to monitor for impa	act post implementation and review policy / if
	o CPP as part of this pro			pdates to the EQHRIA and CRIA will be made if very three years via the Scottish Government
11. Mitigation Action P	lan – State how any ad	verse / disproportiona	te impact identified	has been or will be mitigated.
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Police Scotland / SPA Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EqHRIA)

This form is to be completed in accordance with the instructions as set out in the EqHRIA SOP. A step-by-step guidance on how to complete this form is also available. You can access relevant sections of the EqHRIA Form Guidance by hovering over headings in this form and following the instructions.

Name of Policy / Practice (include version number)	SPA Corporate Parenting Plan 2021-2024
Owning Department	SPA

1. Purpose and Intended Outcomes of the Policy / Practice – Consider why this policy / practice is being developed / reviewed and what it aims to achieve.

To set out the actions that the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) will undertake in order to fulfil our statutory duties as a Corporate Parent. The SPA has a dual role with regards corporate parenting. Firstly, we will work to ensure that we are meeting the requirements of a Corporate Parent as described in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. Secondly, we will oversee Police Scotland to ensure that they are meeting these requirements. The aims of this plan are:

- LOOK Keep under review Police Scotland's approach to ensure they support the Care Experienced community, and ensure that Corporate Parenting responsibilities are performed in relation to our other statutory functions
- LISTEN To enable care experienced children and young people to have their voice heard in matters relating to policing and to access opportunities.
- LEARN To make all Scottish Police Authority staff aware that the organisation is a Corporate Parent with resultant duties to fulfil.
- REVIEW To keep the Scottish Police Authority Corporate Parenting Plan under review and monitor our performance.

	Other Policies / Practices Related or Affected – Which other policies / practices, if any, may be related to or affected by the policy / practice under development / review?					
3. Who is likely	to be affected by	the policy / practice? (Place 'X' in one or more boxes)				
No impact on pe	eople Police	Officers Special SPA / Police Staff	Communities Partnerships			
•	or Relevance to Equ	ıality Duty – e an equality impact assessment because				
4. Equality Imp	oact Assessment –	Consider which Protected Characteristics, if any, ar	e likely to be affected and how.			
4.1 Protected Characteristics Groups	4.2 Likely Impact Positive, Negative or No Impact (Assessment of Low / Medium / High impact)	4.3 Evidence Considered (e.g. legislation / common law powers, community / staff profiles, statistics, research, consultation feedback) Note any gaps in evidence and any plans to fill gaps.	4.4 Analysis of Evidence (Summarise how the findings have informed the policy / practice – include justification of assessment of No Impact)			
General / Relevance to All						
Age	High - Positive	The Corporate Parenting Plan (CPP) revolves around the SPA's duties around looked after children and young people and care leavers. While it was acknowledged at the Policing Performance Committee (PPC) in June 2021 that the "SPA has limited interaction with looked-after children, young people	The CPP sets out a number of actions which will advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between the SPA and care experienced young people. As noted in the 'Evidence Considered' section, the SPA has limited interaction with these groups, but where			

		and care leavers" the plan outlines steps that will ensure the voice of care experienced young poeple are heard in policing matters. The major role for SPA as an oversight body and Corporate Parent is in its scrutiny of Police Scotland's performance. However, aspects of the SPA's work does involve direct interaction with children. In the ICVS Annual Review for 2019/20 it was noted that the number of children in custody (defined as those under the age of 18) numbered 5,359 (5% of the throughput). Children have been an area of focus for ICVS, in particular ensuring they understand their rights and entitlements. This will continue under the CPP, with a particular focus on the needs of care experienced young poeple being met.	there is (e.g. ICVS), there will be a particular focus on meeting their needs. Undertaking the CPP planning process has also highlighted areas that the SPA could engage more with care experienced young people in its work and advance equality of opportunity. Subsequently, the impact of this policy will be positive.
		The CPP has actions that will help the SPA get the views care experienced young poeple. These will inform the plan going forward and address the current gaps in the SPA's evidence as the CPP is revised and progress is reported on annually.	
Disability	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is revised and progress is reported.	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect
Gender Reassignment	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is actioned and more evidence becomes available as a result of its implementation.	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect
Marriage and Civil Partnership	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is actioned and more evidence becomes	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect

		available as a result of its implementation.	
Pregnancy and Maternity	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is actioned and more evidence becomes available as a result of its implementation.	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect
Race	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is actioned and more evidence becomes available as a result of its implementation.	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect
Religion or Belief	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is actioned and more evidence becomes available as a result of its implementation.	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect
Sex	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is actioned and more evidence becomes available as a result of its implementation.	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect
Sexual Orientation	No impact	At present there is no evidence of an impact to this group. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as the CPP is actioned and more evidence becomes available as a result of its implementation.	Not referenced in policy, any impact will be indirect

5. Human Rights I	5. Human Rights Impact Assessment – Consider which rights / freedoms, if any, are likely to be protected or infringed?				
5.1 Rights / Freedoms Relevant to Policing	Protects and / or	5.3 Analysis What evidence is there as to how the process / practice protects or infringes Human Rights.	 5.4 Justification – Summarise the following: Legal Basis Legitimate Aim Necessity 		

Article 2 Right to Life	Not Applicable	
Article 3 Prohibition of Torture	Not Applicable	
Article 4 Prohibition of Slavery and Forced Labour	Not Applicable	
Article 5 Right to Liberty and Security	Not Applicable	
Article 6 Right to a Fair Trial	Not Applicable	
Article 7 No Punishment without Law	Not Applicable	
Article 8 Right to Respect for Private and Family Life	Not Applicable	
Article 9 Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion	Not Applicable	
Article 10 Freedom of Expression	Not Applicable	
Article 11 Freedom of Assembly and Association	Not Applicable	
Article 14 Prohibition of Discrimination	Not Applicable	

Protocol 1, Article 1 Protection of Property	Not Applicable					
6. Decision – Decid	de how you will proce	eed in light of what your ana	alysis shows (Place	'X' in appropriate box)		
		ination and / or unlawful int ve grounds. Stop and cons		an rights have been identified, which approach.		
		rimination and / or interfere een justified on legal / objec		hts that cannot be avoided or		
6.3 Proceed with a relation to our e	djustments to remove equality duty and / or	e or mitigate any identified human rights respectively.	potential for discrim	nination and / or interference in		
	ut adjustments as no th human rights has	potential for unlawful discr been identified.	imination / adverse	impact on equality duty or		
	Review of Policy / Prano will be responsible		to monitor for impa	ct post implementation and review police	cy / if	
any changes are mad	The CPP will be reviewed annually with progress reported to the senior management team. Updates to the EQHRIA and CRIA will be made if any changes are made to CPP as part of this process. Nationally, progress will be reported every three years via the Scottish Government Corporate Parenting Survey.					
8. Mitigation Action	n Plan – State how ar	ny adverse / disproportionat	te impact identified l	has been or will be mitigated.		
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