

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Members attending:**

John Scott QC Solicitor Advocate (Chair)  
Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland  
Ephraim Borowski, Chair of the National Independent Strategic Advisory Group  
Martyn Evans, Member of the Scottish Police Authority  
Gill Imery, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS)  
DCC Will Kerr, Police Scotland  
John Logue, Deputy Crown Agent Operational Support, COPFS  
Naomi McAuliffe, Programme Director Scotland, Amnesty International  
Professor Susan McVie, University of Edinburgh  
Alastair Pringle, Executive Director, Equality and Human Rights Commission

**Actions from meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April**

- 1) Group members will offer feedback on the Terms of Reference with a view to final agreement week beginning 20th April (ALL).
- 2) Health input to the group to be considered in parallel with TOR.
- 3) Police Scotland will share a copy of the Gold Strategy for Operation Talla (Police Scotland)
- 4) Scottish Police Authority will share Fortnightly Report on Operation Talla, already shared with the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) - this report is still in preparation as of 20th April.

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- 5) Police Scotland will notify the group if there are indications of exceptional patterns emerging which the group should be made aware of outwith this 2 weekly reporting cycle (Police Scotland)
- 6) The Group can request further data to support the work of the IAG as required (ALL)
- 7) Police Scotland will continue work on availability of disaggregated data (Police Scotland)
- 8) Susan McVie will share queries and notes on data available, and prepare a short proposal on data and polling (for the next meeting if possible), with survey work to be supported by the Authority (John McCroskie as lead SPA Director). (S McVie/ J McCroskie)
- 9) Copy of EQHRIA on Covid 19 legislation to be sourced and shared with the group (in progress)

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-scotland-bill-equality-impact-assessment/>

The Policy Memorandum for the Bill (available at the link below) makes some reference to Human Rights Implications (e.g. Para 31)

<https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/coronavirus-scotland-bill>

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2020/103/contents/made>

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It is stated in the Explanatory Notes to these regulations that no impact assessment was prepared

- 10) Link to Police Scotland Public Survey on Covid 19 Response to be shared with the group

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<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2020-2021/> )

11) Agreed to initially meet twice weekly - the first meeting to focus on question setting, with the latter part looking at progress in answering these questions, but with flexibility to call meetings at short notice as needed, or extend gaps between meetings where necessary (SPA to co-ordinate)

12) Group will develop a list of priority work it wishes to consider (ALL to consider).

13) Communications and Engagement

- Membership to be announced publically in next couple of days, with draft press release to be shared.
- TOR once agreed (next week) will also be made publically available.
- If members are responding to individual but related social media queries, it was agreed that this is best done in an individual capacity.

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