

Meeting 25 September 2020 13:00 – 15:00

Members attending:

John Scott QC, Solicitor Advocate (Chair)

Bruce Adamson, CYPCS

Superintendent Ann Bell, Police Scotland

Ephraim Borowski, Chair of the National Independent Strategic Advisory Group

Martyn Evans, SPA Board Member

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

Dr Elizabeth Kelly, NHS Scotland and Associate Carnegie UK Trust

DCC Will Kerr, Police Scotland

Naomi McAuliffe, Programme Director Scotland, Amnesty International

Professor Susan McVie, University of Edinburgh

Diego Quiroz, Scottish Human Rights Commission

Dr Catriona Stewart, SWAN Scotland

Apologies:

Aamer Anwar, Solicitor and Human Rights campaigner

Tressa Burke, CEO Glasgow Disability Alliance

CS David Duncan, Police Scotland

John Logue, Deputy Crown Agent Operational Support, COPFS

Susan Kemp, Scottish Human Rights Commission

ACC Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland

Brian Scott, Glasgow Disability Alliance

Secretariat:

Jennifer Blackwood, SPA

Fiona Miller, SPA

John McCroskie, SPA Director of Communications and Relationships

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1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Note of previous meeting and matters arising

Matters arising were mainly covered in the agenda.

Professor McVie confirmed that Professor Ben Bradford will attend the IAG meeting on the 9th October.

3. Data Update

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The group will meet next Thursday 1st October, in the meantime Professor McVie has been analysing nominal data and will prepare a report for the meeting.

In preparation of the final IAG report to the Board on 25th November Professor McVie intends to prepare a timetable for analysis and presentation of a series of smaller reports, either weekly or fortnightly to the IAG.

Members were asked to consider whether they had any additional data requests. It was clarified that Police Scotland could not provide data on individuals complying with the first 3 E's, as this had not been collected.

Citizenspace

There have been no additional submissions to the Portal. Professor McVie offered to pull together the free form comments submitted in recent months for consideration by the IAG and for inclusion in the final report.

It was agreed that the deadline for submissions through the portal be extended to 31 October. The Chair urged IAG members to share the link to the portal again to encourage further submissions.

Action

Professor McVie to extract free form comments and circulate to members.

SPA secretariat to extend the portal closing date to 31 October.

Members to share portal address with contacts.

4. Scottish Police Authority Board Meeting – 30th September 2020

Prior to the meeting the Chair circulated a draft report to members. He outlined the areas that he had included and those he particularly wished to highlight.

As a result of the current challenges around universities, it was agreed that the Chair would expand the section on Children and Young People with any input thought appropriate from Bruce Adamson, CYPCS. Members discussed the issues that had been at the forefront of the past few days including; what is the legal definition of a household; the impact on the mental health of young people away

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from home and now requiring to isolate and concerns that young people may consider dropping out of education.

Members were asked to submit any further comments on the draft report by Monday morning.

It is intended that the report will be submitted to the SPA on Monday afternoon.

The updated work plan and the human rights discussion paper, Article 11 of the ECHR: right to freedom of peaceful assembly, prepared by Diego Quiroz will be included as appendices to the report.

Overall, the conclusion remained that Police Scotland were working positively with communities across Scotland, using judgement, balance and proportionality.

5. IAG Webinar 5th October

The agenda for the event will be discussed this Monday at the pre meeting with the Chair and the event chair Dr Liz Aston. As agreed the format will be similar to before and will include the following

- Data presentation by Professor McVie
- Glasgow Disability Report presentation by Tressa Burke and Brian Scott
- Article 11 paper presented by Diego Quiroz
- Possible discussion on Children & Young People led by Bruce Adamson and Maria Galli

6. AOB

The Chair highlighted the email sent to members regarding the survey being carried out by Brian Roy of the SPA, about the future development of the SPA website and urged members to view the existing site and respond to the short survey.

Members were requested to consider their organisation being included on the SPA mailing list for future SPA events. A follow up e mail will be sent providing more information.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Friday 2 October 13:00 – 15:00

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