

**Meeting 30 July 2021 13:00**

**Members attending:**

John Scott QC, Solicitor Advocate (Chair)  
Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland  
Maria Galli, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland  
Chief Superintendent Linda Jones, Police Scotland  
Diego Quiroz, Scottish Human Rights Commission

**Apologies:**

Aamer Anwar, Solicitor and Human Rights campaigner  
Ephraim Borowski, Chair of the National Independent Strategic Advisory Group  
Tressa Burke, CEO Glasgow Disability Alliance  
Gill Imery, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS)  
Dr Elizabeth Kelly, Associate Carnegie UK Trust  
Deputy Chief Constable 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  
ACC Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland  
Brian Scott, Glasgow Disability Alliance  
Barry Sillers, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Performance, SPA

**Also in Attendance:**

**Secretariat:**

Jennifer Blackwood, SPA  
Deborah Christie, SPA  
Eleanor Gaw, SPA

**1. Welcome and introductions**

The Chair welcomed attendees. Apologies were noted as above.

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### **2. Note of the previous meeting and matters arising**

The group noted the minute of the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

**3. CYPCS report.** The impact of emergency police powers on the human rights of children and young people in Scotland during the Covid-19 pandemic. Follow up discussion from IAG meeting 23 July 2021. Maria Galli, CYPCS

Maria Galli advised that, to date, no additional feedback on her report had been received from members of the IAG. Recognising that people are on holiday just now, the opportunity still exists for feedback to be submitted to Maria before the draft is finalised.

CS Jones updated the group that significant effort had been put in to disaggregating the data as much as possible. It was considered that this had now been exhausted, and the data had been broken down as far as was possible without manual counting.

Maria Galli explained that, as sufficient qualitative data had not been available, there was a further piece of work required beyond this IAG, exploring the issues around children in custody who had been charged with Coronavirus related offences, and to understand what would be best practice. She also raised a more general concern about data not linking with the IVPD, and had some remaining concerns to follow up, as to whether any wrongly issued FPNs may still be linked to young people's records.

CYPCS agreed that the report could be published to coincide with the publication of the SPA Board papers.

The Group agreed that the CVI system was a valuable tool with significant value and had demonstrably added to the oversight work of the IAG. The chair indicated that Police Scotland should be commended for setting this system up. The report to the SPA Board is likely to recommend that, should similar circumstances arise, a similar process and data system should be implemented.

**Action:** Secretariat will re-circulate the CYPCS report this week to members, to provide an opportunity for additional feedback.

### **4. Weekly data report, update from OptICAL discussions, and impact of changing regulations** – CS Linda Jones

The Group heard that the weekly report was available on the Egress system. Interventions, FPNs, house gatherings, forced entries and online reporting are all down, in line with expectations, and it was confirmed there had been no major incidents of note.

The Chair explained that it had been useful for the group to continue to consider the OptICAL and CVI updates on an ongoing basis, including recent weeks as interventions have reduced. The low numbers support the view that the work of OptICAL and the IAG are reaching a natural conclusion.

### **6. Preparations for the report to the Authority, 25 August 2021**

The Chair updated members that the report would have 3 appendices; the SCTS Data report, the FPN Data Report and the CYPCS Report. It is expected that the

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report will pull together a number of themes which have already been discussed in public. It will seek to highlight the benefits of this way of working for police and the public, and that the report will reflect on the value of the IAG, the value of OpTICAL and the value of the CVI data.

The intention is to progress as much as possible at the IAG meeting on 17 August, with a view to the final report being ready to share with the Authority after the IAG meeting on 20 August.

### **7. AOCB**

Bruce Adamson updated members that a decision from the UK Supreme Court on UNHRC Bill was not expected until after the summer period.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 17 August 2021, 10:00 – 12:00

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