

**Meeting 16 October 2020 13:00 – 15:00**

**Members attending:**

John Scott QC, Solicitor Advocate (Chair)

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)

DCC Will Kerr, Police Scotland

Professor Susan McVie, University of Edinburgh

Naomi McAuliffe, Programme Director Scotland, Amnesty International

Diego Quiroz, Scottish Human Rights Commission

Superintendent Tim Ross, Police Scotland

Brian Scott, Glasgow Disability Alliance

**Apologies:**

Bruce Adamson, CYPCS

Aamer Anwar, Solicitor and Human Rights campaigner

Tressa Burke, CEO Glasgow Disability Alliance

Maria Galli, CYPCS

Dr Elizabeth Kelly, NHS Scotland and Associate Carnegie UK Trust

Susan Kemp, Scottish Human Rights Commission

John Logue, Deputy Crown Agent Operational Support, COPFS

ACC Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland

Brian Scott, Glasgow Disability Alliance

Dr Catriona Stewart, SWAN Scotland

John McCroskie, SPA Director of Communications and Relationships

**Secretariat:**

Jennifer Blackwood, SPA

Eleanor Gaw, SPA

Fiona Miller, SPA

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### 1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

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

**Webinar: Policing the Pandemic – Findings from a 6-wave panel study**, organised by the Institute for Global City Policing at UCL, and chaired by Professor Ben Bradford.

Wednesday 4th November 2020, 13:00 - 15:00

Details of the event and the link have been circulated to members

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/policing-the-pandemic-findings-from-a-6-wave-panel-study-registration-124571591985>

### House Parties and Quarantine Referrals.

Information on house parties and quarantine referrals have been made available on the IAG egress site.

### 3. Data

Professor McVie briefed members that she had been invited to speak to the Justice Board.

She indicated that Joe Griffin, Scottish Government Director of Safer Communities, is now leading SG work on public compliance. Members agreed to invite Mr Griffin to a future IAG meeting.

**Action:** Professor McVie/ Secretariat

### Optical Update

Professor McVie introduced and discussed her briefing paper with members.

The work to check and match data across Police Scotland and SCTS data sets continues, and some additional manual checking may be required to understand any discrepancies across the two data sets.

There is no significant difference in the proportion of Covid and Non Covid FPN's which have been paid. A greater proportion of Covid related FPNs have been discharged, however, with most of these being re-registered for payment in some other way.

A very small number of Covid related FPNs have been challenged. Police Scotland will consider and report into Optical on Covid related tickets which have been challenged.

There are no significant differences in numbers of Non Covid FPNs issued during Q1 of 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Members discussed the potential for any additional data to be made available to support better understanding of police engagement during the pandemic under

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the new powers, for example information on arrests, reckless behaviour charges, or quarantine enforcement.

Work is ongoing on nominal data, for future report to the IAG.

### **Citizen Space**

No additional submissions to report

## **4. AOCB**

### **Quarantine and Gatherings**

DCC Will Kerr updated members on Covid 19 policing activity. Police Scotland will publish this data weekly, and the IAG will be notified ahead of time.

In the week up to Sunday 11th October, there were 2 instances of forced entry to premises relating to Covid 19 breaches.

Officers attended 361 reports of breaches of Covid regulations relating to house parties and gatherings, of which 31 related to students. 258 were found to be in breach of regulations.

DCC Kerr indicated that although the Covid19 situation has become more complex, Police Scotland remain consistent with the 4E's approach, and that effective communication and scope for discretion has become increasingly important.

Members discussed a range of issues related to changes in regulations and any additional restrictions.

Regulatory travel restrictions in Wales were noted. Members indicated some concern about the impact of additional road traffic restrictions, noting the experience in Melbourne of disruption and access issue, for example, for emergency services.

There is evidence that an increasing number of people favour additional restrictions and stronger enforcement, which may not align with their own behaviour or the known factors which support adherence and compliance. This issue will be referenced by the Chair in the November report to the SPA Board

The Chair highlighted the importance of the "enforceability" of legislation, in supporting public confidence in the system as a whole.

### **COSLA attendance at the IAG**

This is confirmed for Friday 6 November. An invitation has been issued to Councillor Kerry Parry, COSLA Community Wellbeing Spokesperson and Mike Callaghan, COSLA Policy Manager.

## **5. Date of the next meeting**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 13:00 – 15:00

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