

Meeting 16 July 2021 13:00

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

Superintendent Colin Convery, Police Scotland (attending on behalf of DCC Kerr and ACC Ritchie)

John Logue, Deputy Crown Agent Operational Support, COPFS

Naomi McAuliffe, Programme Director Scotland, Amnesty International

Professor Susan McVie, University of Edinburgh

Diego Quiroz, Scottish Human Rights Commission

Apologies:

Aamer Anwar, Solicitor and Human Rights campaigner

Tressa Burke, CEO Glasgow Disability Alliance

Maria Galli, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland

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

Chief Superintendent Linda Jones

Dr Elizabeth Kelly, Associate Carnegie UK Trust

Deputy Chief Constable Will Kerr, Police Scotland

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

Eleanor Gaw, SPA

Karen Vallance, SPA

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1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed attendees. Apologies were noted as above.

2. Note of the previous meeting and matters arising

The group noted the minute of the meeting held on the 9th July 2021.

The group heard that there is no indication as yet of when the judgment from the Supreme Court on the UNCRC Bill can be expected, and discussed the impact on children and young people of the current easing of restrictions, and those restrictions still in place. A link to a webinar 21 July was shared - [What Future for Children's Rights before the Supreme Court? | Doughty Street Chambers](#) .

The chair and members thanked Maria Galli for the presentation, circulated following the previous meeting. More context was requested around the figures relating to children prosecuted in adult courts.

Action: CYPSC to clarify the interpretation of the data relating to children prosecuted in adult courts.

3. Weekly data report and update from OpTICAL discussions

The group noted the DRAFT SCTS FPN data report had been discussed at the latest OpTICAL group meeting. This will be circulated to members for feedback, and discussed at the IAG 23 July.

The group noted OpTICAL group meetings are scheduled for the next two weeks.

4. Impact of changing regulations and easing of lockdown

The group discussed the weekly data update shared via egress, noting that interventions and quarantine referrals had reduced, and fixed penalty notices had increased. The group heard that the decrease in quarantine referrals may be attributed to the removal of some countries from the red list, however clarity is to be sought from Public Health Scotland.

Supt. Convery provided information on the 71 interventions previously reported, advising that these were related to two visits to the same licensed premises in the Shetlands.

The group noted there had been a significant reduction in policing personnel, due to isolation, but the situation appeared to be improving. The scope for absence rates to increase in relation to self-isolation was noted and is being closely monitored

The 32nd edition of regulations has been published and shared with members, with changes relating to easing of restrictions and the move to level 0 throughout Scotland.

The group discussed the different requirements on face masks throughout the UK, noting it was not clear how long the requirement would remain in Scotland, but that it is being kept under review.

5. AOCB

Date of next meeting

Friday 23 June 2021 – 13:00 – 15:00

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