

Meeting 17 August 2021 10:00

Members attending:

John Scott QC, Solicitor Advocate (Chair)
Ephraim Borowski, Chair of the National Independent Strategic Advisory Group
Maria Galli, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland
Gill Imery, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS)
Dr Elizabeth Kelly, Associate Carnegie UK Trust
Naomi McAuliffe, Programme Director Scotland, Amnesty International
Professor Susan McVie, University of Edinburgh
ACC Gary Ritchie, Police Scotland

Apologies:

Aamer Anwar, Solicitor and Human Rights campaigner
Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland
Chief Superintendent Linda Jones, Police Scotland
Diego Quiroz, Scottish Human Rights Commission
Tressa Burke, CEO Glasgow Disability Alliance
Deputy Chief Constable Will Kerr, Police Scotland
John Logue, Deputy Crown Agent Operational Support, COPFS
Brian Scott, Glasgow Disability Alliance
Barry Sillers, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Performance, SPA

Also in Attendance:

Secretariat:

Jennifer Blackwood, SPA
Eleanor Gaw, SPA

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 30th July 2021.

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3. Preparations for the report to the Authority, 25 August 2021

The Chair briefed members that, following his discussions with the Chief Constable, DCC Kerr, and the SPA Chair and Chief Executive, there is agreement that the work of the group is coming to a close. This will be reflected in the Chief Constable's and SPA Chair's reports to the board on 25 August, as well as the IAG Chair's report.

The Chair is preparing his report for the 25 August Authority meeting, and will share a draft ahead of the IAG on Friday 20 August for members' feedback and input.

Following discussion, IAG members agreed that the appendices to the 25 August report will be:

- CYPCS report. Maria Galli confirmed this is now finalised and will be on the CYPCS website today.
- FPN report March to December 2020, Professor McVie
- HMICS Report for the Independent Advisory Group on Interviews with Police Scotland Officers and Staff – Phase 2
- The data report on charges reported to the Crown Office under Coronavirus Legislation may also be included. Susan will check if this requires much further work by way of updating before being submitted; if need be it can be submitted to the board at a later date.

An additional FPN Report, based on data from January to May 2021, will be submitted to the Authority meeting in November. The SCTS report will go to the Authority either in September, or jointly with this additional FPN report in November.

ACC Ritchie indicated that OptICAL will meet ahead of the September board, and if required can meet in October, as the next FPN report is finalised.

4. Data update/impact of changing regulations

Susan McVie provided an update on the FPN report March to December 2020. She is currently preparing an Executive Summary. Members are asked to provide any additional feedback over the course of this week.

CYPCS indicated that they are in discussion with Police Scotland, to address some of the concerns raised in their most recent report, for example around children and young people in custody.

It was noted that the next publicly available SCTS Covid data is expected at the end of August.

The intention is to finalise all papers for the board at the IAG meeting on Friday 20 August.

7. AOCB

None noted.

Date of next meeting: Friday 20 August 2021, 13.00 -15:00

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