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FOREWORD



The aim of this, the first public version of the Scottish Strategic Assessment (SSA), is to set out the Very High Risk crime and disorder issues which the Scottish Police Service has identified as impacting on the communities of Scotland and outline the strategies for tackling these issues.

The Scottish Police Service, under the auspices of ACPOS, develops a Scottish Strategic Assessment annually, and this document sets the strategy for the police service for the year ahead. The document draws on information provided by all Scottish forces and law enforcement agencies, as well as information from key partners including the Scottish Government, Local Authorities and the public.

This information is used to risk assess the crime and disorder threats impacting on communities in Scotland and provide a prioritisation matrix through which force and agencies can allocate resources. Through this process the Scottish Police Service aims to ensure that finite resources are used in the most effective and efficient way possible to police and protect the communities of Scotland in line with the Scottish Government's vision of a Safer and Stronger Scotland.

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THE CHALLENGE

The current Very High Risk crime and disorder issues identified by the Scottish Strategic Assessment 2009/10 are;

- Public Protection (including Domestic Abuse, Child Abuse and Sex Offenders)
- Terrorism
- Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) (including youth disorder, gangs, alcohol related disorder and vandalism)
- Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) (including drug trafficking, human trafficking, fraud, intellectual property crime, money laundering, firearms and associated violence)
- Drugs
- Violence

In addition to these very high priorities, the SSA recognises the impact of other types of crime and disorder namely, Acquisitive Crimes including housebreaking, identity theft and vehicle crime, Road Safety, Hate Crime, Bogus Caller Crime and Wildlife Crime.

These are not included in this short document, however, they remain important areas of business for the Scottish Police Service and continue to receive the appropriate police response.

THE RESPONSE

The Scottish Police Service acknowledges the detrimental impact that all types of crime and disorder and particularly those high risk areas identified, have on communities.

The Scottish Police Service is committed to tackling these through effective enforcement against those who perpetrate criminal acts, pro-active intelligence gathering and meaningful prevention and intervention strategies in conjunction with partner agencies.

Strategies developed to tackle each of the very high priority areas are outlined below.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

The Scottish Police Service is committed to helping those individuals who are victims of physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect through;



- Tackling the causes of Domestic Abuse and encouraging reporting
- Improving reporting levels and investigations of rape and sexual assault
- Continuing to robustly police dangerous offenders resident within the community



TERRORISM

The Scottish Police Service continues to work to protect individuals and communities in Scotland from the threat of terrorism through;

- Arresting and disrupting terrorist and extremist groups
- Delivering a coordinated response in preventing violent extremism
- Providing counter terrorist security advice to key business partners

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Scottish Police Service recognises the detrimental impact that ASB, particularly youth disorder, alcohol related disorder and vandalism has on communities.

It is committed to tackling levels of this type of crime and disorder through;



- Tackling prolific offenders
- Engaging with communities to enhance quality of life in local communities
- Developing long term solutions to address root causes of this type of crime and disorder

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME GROUPS

The Scottish Police Service is committed to tackling

the impact that SOCG's have in communities as a result of their involvement in drug trafficking, human trafficking, fraud, intellectual property crime, money laundering, violence and firearms through;

- Targeting serious organised crime groups from local to national level
- Working with partners to change public perceptions of SOCGs
- Robustly enforcing legislation to confiscate criminal assets



DRUGS

The Scottish Police Service is committed to tackling the detrimental impact that problem drug use has on individuals and communities within Scotland and the consequences for levels of acquisitive crime, violence and child protection issues through;

- Targeting street level drug dealers and confiscating the proceeds of crime
- Maximising the use of treatment referral schemes
- Increasing intelligence relating to new and emerging drugs trends



VIOLENCE

The Scottish Police Service is committed to addressing the physical and psychological harm associated with high levels of violence in some Scottish communities through;

- Robustly targeting those involved in violent activities
- Enhanced use of stop and search of those suspected of knife carrying
- Pro-active analysis of licensed premises linked to violence



OUTCOMES FOR 2009/10

The Scottish Police Service is committed to making Scotland a safer place to live, visit and work through effective implementation of the prevention, intelligence and enforcement activities identified within the Scottish Strategic Assessment.

Strategies identified within the document are intended to deliver success in the key areas through;

- Increasing detection rates for rape and sexual crimes
- Reducing the risk to communities from dangerous offenders
- Disrupting terrorist networks
- Reducing antisocial behaviour in communities
- Tackling the problems of youth offending
- Targeting those involved in the supply of drugs
- Increasing money and asset recoveries from those involved in criminality
- Impacting on levels of violence within communities
- Discouraging knife carrying

The Scottish public has a vital role to play in assisting the Scottish Police Service in meeting these challenges. Information and intelligence provided by the public are vital in continuing to enhance the understanding of the real threats impacting on communities and ensuring that the police target those posing the most significant risk.

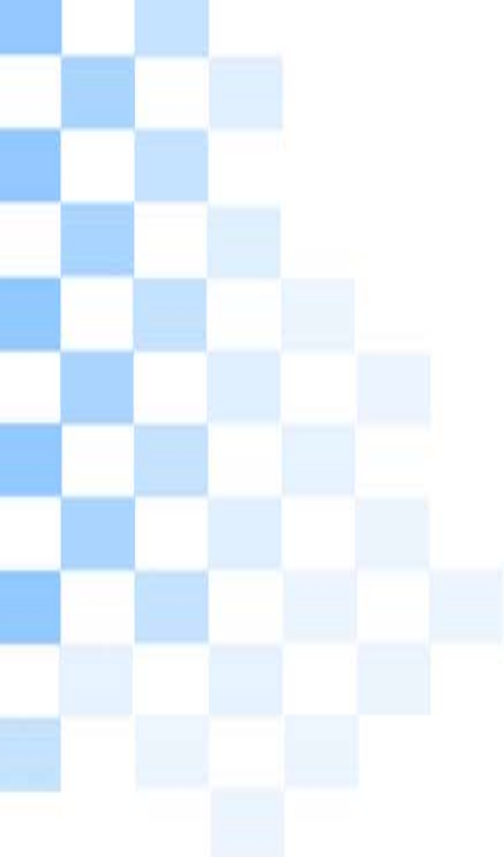
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