

Scottish Crime Recording Board Meeting
Conference Room D, St Andrews House, Edinburgh, 19th July 2016

Attendees:

Euan Dick (Chair)	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
David Smith	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Mark Bell	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Fergus Byrne	Police Scotland: National Crime Registrar
Colin Bain	Police Scotland: Crime Registrar
Lorraine Ramsay	Police Scotland: Crime Registrar
Laura Paton	HMICS
Stevie Mackay	HMICS
Derek Knox	British Transport Police
Steve Oglesby	Ministry of Defence Police
Fiona Roberts	COPFS

Apologies:

Keith Paterson	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Lesley Bain	Police Scotland: Analysis & Performance
Jackie McKelvie	Scottish Police Authority
Sean Scott	Police Scotland: Detective Chief Superintendent

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Actions from previous meeting
4. Changes proposed to the SCRS (Technical Group)
5. Classification of Human Trafficking Legislation
6. Classification of Psychoactive Substances Act 2016
7. New Crime Codes Process Map
8. Protocol for recording online Hate Incidents
9. Crime Grouping Review: Assault Research results and next steps
10. Subsuming of Handling Offensive Weapons offences
11. Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm feedback (Group 2 Review)
12. Update on developments with Recorded Police Warnings
13. Feedback from National Crime Registrar on PS Audits and actions
14. HMICS Update: Progress with the 2016 Crime Audit
15. Official Statistics: Developments since the last meeting & UKSA
16. Any Other Business
17. Date of next meeting: November/December 2016

Actions Arising from the Meeting:

Action (Meeting/Number)	Description
5/01	<p><u>Changes proposed to the SCRS:</u> Crime Registrars to amend the SCRS counting rules for instances of using a light to dazzle aircraft pilots from 'one crime for each incident' to 'one crime for each aircraft' - and to apply this change retrospectively to data from the 1st April 2016.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete.</p>
5/02	<p><u>Aviation Offences and Culpable & Reckless Conduct:</u> Technical Group to review recording practice for airline related incidents within <i>Group 6 Miscellaneous Offences</i> – to determine whether any of these should be moved to a different crime group. The group to also consider whether the 'one crime for each driver' principle should be extended from aircraft to trains and (or) road vehicles as part of a review of current guidance for culpable and reckless conduct. Any resulting proposals to be submitted to the next Crime Board.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. A proposal to transfer some aviation related offences from <i>Group 6 Miscellaneous Offences</i> to a new Crime Code within <i>Group 4 Fire-raising, vandalism etc.</i> was agreed at the November Board meeting. The Board also agreed to amend the counting rule for culpable and reckless conduct from 'one crime for each incident' to 'one crime for each incident or per individual bus, train etc.' Both changes will be enacted from the 1st April 2017.</p>
5/03	<p><u>Changes proposed to the SCRS:</u> Crime Registrars to amend the SCRS to ensure incidents where items are found attached to ATMs are recorded as attempted theft (i.e. fraud), rather than false monetary instrument offences.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete.</p>
5/04	<p><u>Code Changes: Human Trafficking Legislation:</u> Crime Registrars to amend the SCRS to reflect new crime codes approved by the Crime Board for crimes against the recently enacted Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill. Justice ASD to notify statistical users of these new codes in the 2015/16 Official Statistics bulletin.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Both actions completed by Crime Registrars and Justice ASD.</p>
5/05	<p><u>Code Changes: Psychoactive Substances:</u> Justice ASD to provide Crime Registrars with 2 new crime codes to capture activity against the UK-wide Psychoactive Substances Bill</p>

	<p>and to notify statistical users of these new codes in the 2015/16 Official Statistics bulletin.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Both actions completed by Justice ASD.</p>
5/06	<p><u>New Crime Codes Process Map:</u> COPFS and Crime Registrars to provide Justice ASD with feedback on the questions raised within its draft copy of the Process Map for creating new Crime Codes.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. Feedback was incorporated in to an updated version of the Process Map, which was considered at the November Board meeting.</p>
5/07	<p><u>Crime Grouping Review: Assault Research and Next Steps</u> Justice ASD to publish the results of the common assault research in September, as part of the 2015/16 Official Statistics on police recorded crime, and to ensure this new work is highlighted to the user community.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. The common assault research results were published within 'An Additional Analysis of Common Assault Offences' topical chapter, as part of the overall 2015/16 National Statistics on police recorded crime (pages 54 to 57 of attached PDF). http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/09/2960/downloads#res506122</p>
5/08	<p><u>Handling Offensive Weapons:</u> Justice ASD to re-visit the common assault research to assess the proportion of cases that may include the likely subsuming of an offensive weapon and to consider the findings with the Crime Registrars as part of ongoing consideration of how offensive weapon incidents are recorded.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. Justice ASD and Crime Registrars confirmed that none of the common assault records sampled were likely to include the subsuming of a handling offensive weapon crime. Recording practice for offensive weapons was then discussed further at the November Board meeting.</p>
5/09	<p><u>Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm Scotland Bill</u> COPFS to advise Crime Registrars on recording practice for any ABSH cases that may include an element of extortion (likely to be carried out closer to the introduction date of the legislation)</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. The November Board meeting agreed to the principle that any ABSH cases that included an element of extortion for money or valuables will be classified as a <i>Group 1 Non-sexual violent crime</i>. Full proposals for the recording of disclosing intimate images or threatening to disclose intimate images will be presented</p>

	and agreed at the Feb/Mar 2017 Crime Board meeting.
5/10	<p><u>Recorded Police Warnings:</u> Justice ASD to consider (with input from Crime Registrars) the activity to date for Recorded Police Warnings and how commentary in the upcoming 2015/16 Official Statistics should reflect this for users.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. Activity to date for Recorded Police Warnings has been kept under review and as anticipated shows no impact so far on crime and offence clear-up rate statistics. Further information was provided in the 2015/16 National Statistics publication. http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/09/2960/332790</p>
5/11	<p><u>Recording incidents of Drunk and Incapable</u> Justice ASD and Crime Registrars to prepare a paper for the next Crime Board meeting on the Crown Office's advice to take a health and welfare approach to incidents of drunk and incapable behaviour. This paper will include consideration of any impact on <i>Group 6 Miscellaneous Offences</i> and how this can be reflected in the 2016/17 Official Statistics.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. The Crown Office's advice on taking a health and welfare approach to incidents of drunk and incapable behaviour was discussed at the November Board meeting, and the likely impact on the recording of these offences was noted for the purposes of producing the next recorded crime bulletin.</p>