

The Scottish Institute for Policing Research

The Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR) is a strategic collaboration between 14 of Scotland's universities and the Scottish police service supported by investment from Police Scotland, the Scottish Police Authority, and the participating universities. Our key aims are:

- To undertake high quality, independent, and relevant research;
- To support knowledge exchange between researchers and practitioners and improve the research evidence base for policing policy and practice;
- To expand and develop the research capacity in Scotland's universities and the police service;
- To promote the development of national and international links with researcher, practitioner and policy communities.

We are an interdisciplinary Institute which brings together researchers from the social sciences, natural sciences and humanities around four broad thematic areas: Police-Community Relations; Evidence & Investigation; Education & Leadership; and Public Protection;

We promote a collaborative approach to research that involves academics and practitioners working together in the creation, sharing and application of knowledge about policing.

Our activities are coordinated by an Executive Committee comprising academic researchers and chief police officers, and we are accountable to a Board of Governance which includes the Principals of the participating universities and Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland.

We work closely with Police Scotland, the Scottish Police Authority, the Scottish Government, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and the Scottish Parliament to ensure our research informs the development of policing policy in Scotland.

We engage in joint projects with colleagues in the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, and are a founding member of the European Police Institutes Collaboration (EPIC) and currently chair the Policing Working Group of the European Society of Criminology.

For further information see www.sipr.ac.uk

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Opportunities SIPR offers researchers and practitioners

- **Infra-structure** for engagement;
- **Investment** in research and knowledge exchange;
- **Innovation** in connecting evidence and practice
- **Interdisciplinary** community of researchers
- **International** networks of researchers and practitioners;
 - (Pathways to) **Impact** ...

How you can get involved?

- Sign up to our **mailing list**
- Make sure you are featured on the 'People' section of our **website**:
 - align with a **Network**
 - tell us about your **expertise**



- Attend events e.g. SIPR Annual Conference
- Encourage engagement by PG students
- Apply for small SIPR grants and tenders
 - SIPR support for PhD applications
 - SIPR support for KE events
- SIPR Engagement in European Policing Research Programme
- Scottish Justice Fellows Programme (with SG and SCCJR)
 - Mentor a Practitioner Fellow

Dissemination

- Share your findings in a SIPR Briefing Paper / Research Report / Annual Report article
- Share items on the SIPR Noticeboard (events, jobs, call for research participants, publications)