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About Us

The Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR) is a consortium of twelve universities* which undertakes independent, high quality research of relevance to policing in Scotland and aims to strengthen the evidence base on which policing policy and practice are developed. Supported by investment from the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council, SIPR’s activities are centred on three Networks:

- **Police-Community Relations**: focused on the relationships between the police and different socio-economic and geographical communities
- **Evidence & Investigation**: focused on the role of the police in the recovery, interpretation and effective use of intelligence and evidence in the investigation of crime
- **Police Organization**: focused the internal dynamics of police organizations, including issues of management, policy and leadership

Organization and Aims

The three Networks are each headed by an Associate Director and assisted by a Network Steering Group comprising academic and senior Scottish police service representatives. The wider activities of SIPR are the responsibility of an Executive Committee which includes SIPR’s Director, Associate Directors and representatives of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland and the Scottish Police Services Authority.

The key aims of SIPR are:

- To undertake high quality, independent research of relevance to policing in Scotland
- To engage in a range of knowledge exchange activities in order to strengthen the evidence base on which policing policy and practice are developed
- To provide a single focus for policing research in Scotland in order to foster the development of national and international links with other researchers, policy makers and practitioners
- To enhance policing research capacity in Scotland by developing the research infrastructure and enhancing research skills

Activities and opportunities

SIPR supports a range of research and knowledge exchange activities, including:
- A website providing a database of researchers and information about research opportunities and resources (www.sipr.ac.uk)
- An annual lecture and conference
- A research seminar series aimed at practitioners and academics
- Continuing Professional Development courses

There are a number of different ways in which SIPR can help those wanting to do research on policing in Scotland:

- It provides information on recent and on-going research on policing in Scotland and help with identifying researchers with expertise in particular topic areas
- It helps facilitate access to relevant police personnel and police data
- It provides resources for a range of research opportunities including Practitioner Fellowships aimed at police staff and others working in the policing field who wish to spend time at a university undertaking a piece of supervised research
- By being the national focus for policing research in Scotland, SIPR can help develop collaborative research networks nationally and internationally

Examples of SIPR-supported research

**Police-Community Relations**

- What are the impacts and implications of collective radicalization for police-community encounters?
- What are the challenges for policing the night-time economy in Scotland?

**Evidence and Investigation**

- How can best evidence be obtained from young eyewitnesses and other vulnerable and intimidated witnesses?
- How can investigation and forensic science be best integrated in tackling volume crime?
- What are the challenges for the police of working with people with a learning disability in the construction of facial composites?

**Police Organization**

- What are the key factors affecting resilience and well-being in police forces?