

Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR)

and

The Scottish Police College (SPC)

November 2011

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1. This Memorandum of Understanding addresses the relationship between SIPR and SPC in the context of their joint desire to work together in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration in order to deliver high quality, evidence-based education, training and professional development for the Scottish police service.
2. The overall aim of the Memorandum of Understanding is to facilitate co-operative working between SPC and SIPR. It is expected that this will encourage the enhanced contribution of academic knowledge, experience and expertise, as brought together through SIPR, to education, training and professional delivered by SPC.
3. SIPR will seek, via the active dissemination of evidence and expertise, to
 - contribute to evidence-based education, training and professional development;
 - inform decision-makers on the evidence base on topics of current and future policy interest;
 - contribute to the development and enhancement of education, training and professional development within the Scottish police service via opportunities for partnership with SPC around the delivery of programmes;

Conditions for the partners to the Memorandum of Understanding

For SIPR

4. Researchers whose work is supported or facilitated by SIPR have a responsibility to ensure that such research is carried out in accordance with the ethical codes of conduct of the relevant academic discipline and meet established academic conventions in terms of research rigour and validity;
5. Researchers with responsibility for research staff (including PhD students and PDRAs) whose work is either supported or facilitated by SIPR must ensure that such staff are appropriately managed and supervised;
6. It is the responsibility of researchers to ensure that appropriate research governance arrangements are in place for any research supported or facilitated by SIPR so that issues relating to intellectual property rights, confidentiality, anonymity and related matters are addressed at the outset of any research project;
7. Products of research and KT activities supported or facilitated by SIPR may be used for legitimate academic purposes.

For SPC

- 8. SPC will endeavour to keep SIPR up to date about education, training and professional development matters relevant to SIPR's research activities through SIPR's Executive Committee.
- 9. SPC will where possible provide assistance with obtaining access to data, people and relevant organisations in relation to SIPR's research and KT activities.
- 10. SPC will facilitate the process whereby the results of research are taken back into police service and used to inform education, training and professional development;

Arrangements for managing the Memorandum of Understanding

- 11. Responsibility for the management of this agreement will lie with the senior SPC representative and the Director of SIPR who will review performance on the Memorandum of Understanding and will provide regular reports to SIPR's Executive Committee.
- 12. Should conflicts arise between SPC and SIPR in relation to the activities covered by this Memorandum of Understanding attempts to resolve these will, in the first instance, be the responsibility of the Executive Committee. If this should be unsuccessful, advice will be sought from the Advisory Committee on the resolution of any conflict.

Review

- 13. The terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed on an annual basis thereafter and may be varied with the agreement of SPC and SIPR. All changes require to be endorsed by SIPR's Executive Committee and the SPC
- 14. This Memorandum will run for four years from 1 November 2011

Signed:

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ACC John Geates
Director, Scottish Police College

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Professor Nicholas Fyfe
Director, Scottish Institute for Policing Research

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