**ESRC Building Safer Communities Project in collaboration with SCSN and SCCJR**

**Edinburgh Safer Neighbourhood Teams**
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Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) were established in Edinburgh in early 2010. SNTs are made up of all comprising all community orientated police officers. An 8-stage Community Engagement Model has been put in place to provide a framework for community-based policing activities. This has led to the successful implementation of several bespoke interventions such as Operation Density which targets antisocial behaviour amongst young people.

This report represents the findings of a small scale qualitative study into the establishment of Safer Neighbourhood Teams within the south and east Neighbourhood Partnership areas of Edinburgh. In addition it examines the impact of the eight-stage community engagement model on community policing and safety. The findings represent a diversity of views from a variety of perspectives, including police officers, council staff, members of the public and elected representatives.
[**More information...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20171118193741/http%3A/safercommunitiesscotland.org/Documents/PN11%20-%20Edinburgh%20Safer%20Neighbourhood%20Teams.pdf)

**Human Trafficking: Making the Links**
Karen McMillan, *Perth & Kinross Women's Aid* & Professor Nick Fyfe, *University of Dundee*

The report provides an introduction to the issue of human trafficking for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation. The report is aimed at all individuals both professional and community based who wish to develop an understanding of human trafficking for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation. The report highlights the links between human trafficking and prostitution and places human trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation within the context of violence against women and as an abuse of human rights. It also aims to highlight and link the demand for commercial exploitation as the major contributing factor. The report has been developed as an on-line resource providing links to relevant information sources and websites.

**Safer Streets Domestic Abuse Initiative**
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The Safer Streets Domestic Abuse initiative contacted the majority of women within 24hrs. This made a difference to the safety of women and children by providing them with support and advice soon after a time of crisis. Referrals to partner organisations were made to meet the various needs of the women at this time. This enabled them to be aware of choices and support available to them and empowering several women to take control of the situation. In many cases, repeat victimisation was prevented.

The report critically reviews the Safer Streets Domestic Abuse initiative which has taken place in West Lothian and to use the outcomes of a review of some academic literature, to look closely at the initiatives' own monitoring. To carry out qualitative interviews with key players of the initiative to explore implementation issues therefore providing the basis for a constructive critique of the initiative with a view to making some recommendations that could be considered when planning future initiatives.
[**More information...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20171118193741/http%3A/safercommunitiesscotland.org/Documents/PN12%20-%20Safer%20Streets%20-%20Domestic%20Abuse%20PilotOperation%20Fade.pdf)

**Glasgow Night Radio Network**
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The Night Radio Network was implemented in 2005 to provide a communication channel between door stewards within Glasgow's city centre and the police. This communication platform allowed for the quick dissemination of information ensuring rapid response to potential troublespots, before violence has escalated. The project involves representatives from Glasgow City Council, Strathclyde Police, NHS Board, Transport Providers and the city centre's Licensed Trade. The project possibly contributed to a significant reduction in violent incidents in Glasgow's city centre in 2009/2010 and has subsequently been mainstreamed.

The report documents the development, and future implementation, of Glasgow's night radio network linking the licensed trade (private sector) and agencies involved in the management of the night time economy (public sector). The report illustrates clear links between the consumption of alcohol and increased levels of violence, arguing that the majority of violent incidents within the night time economy are not premeditated but equally are not truly spontaneous, developing through various increasing levels before actual violence occurs. Moreover, the report suggests that there is a strong business case for using resources already involved with the night time economy working for the private sector in support of public agencies to provide potential early interventions which can make significant social and financial impacts on the effects of violence to society
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**Operation Alaric**
Kevin Chase, *Central Scotland Polic*e & Dr Jon Bannister, *University of Glasgow*

Operation Alaric was created to consider measures to specifically tackle housebreaking offences in the Stirling area. The main focus for the operation centres on the delivery of crime prevention surveys and the take-up rate of the recommendations by the crime prevention officer. The project is led by the Interventions Unit at Stirling.

The report provides a literature review that investigates alternative means of reducing theft by housebreaking. The report considers which solution would be the most appropriate to prevent and reduce the crime in the Stirling area.

**Community Safety Tasking**
Frank Gibson, *Fife Council* & Professor Nick Fyfe, *University of Dundee*

This study examines the experience of practitioners engaging in the new tasking methodology, which supports the Fife Area Community Safety Coordinating Groups (ACSCG's). These groups were established to take forward the community safety business of the seven area committees which are local groups devolved from central Fife wide governance. They are based upon recognised groupings of new ward geographies, reinforcing the Council's commitment to localised decision-making in addressing the differing needs of Fifes' communities.

The report analyses interviews conducted with practitioners directly engaged with the ACSCG's for Kirkcaldy, Levenmouth and Cowdenbeath. These interviews were designed to look at the experience of these practitioners in the, often problematic, areas of information sharing, power issues, effective service representation and accountability.
[**More information...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20171118193741/http%3A/safercommunitiesscotland.org/Documents/PN14%20-%20Tasking%20Model.pdf)