

Scottish Crime Recording Board (SCRB)

▪ Crime Recording Board Remit

The role of the SCRB and overall purpose is –

‘To act as the guardian of, and ultimate decision maker on, issues related to the Scottish Crime Recording Standard’

Beneath this overall role, the remit of the Board includes three high level objectives –

‘To support the production of accurate and objective statistics on crime in Scotland’

‘To ensure crime data is comprehensive, consistent, transparent and trustworthy’

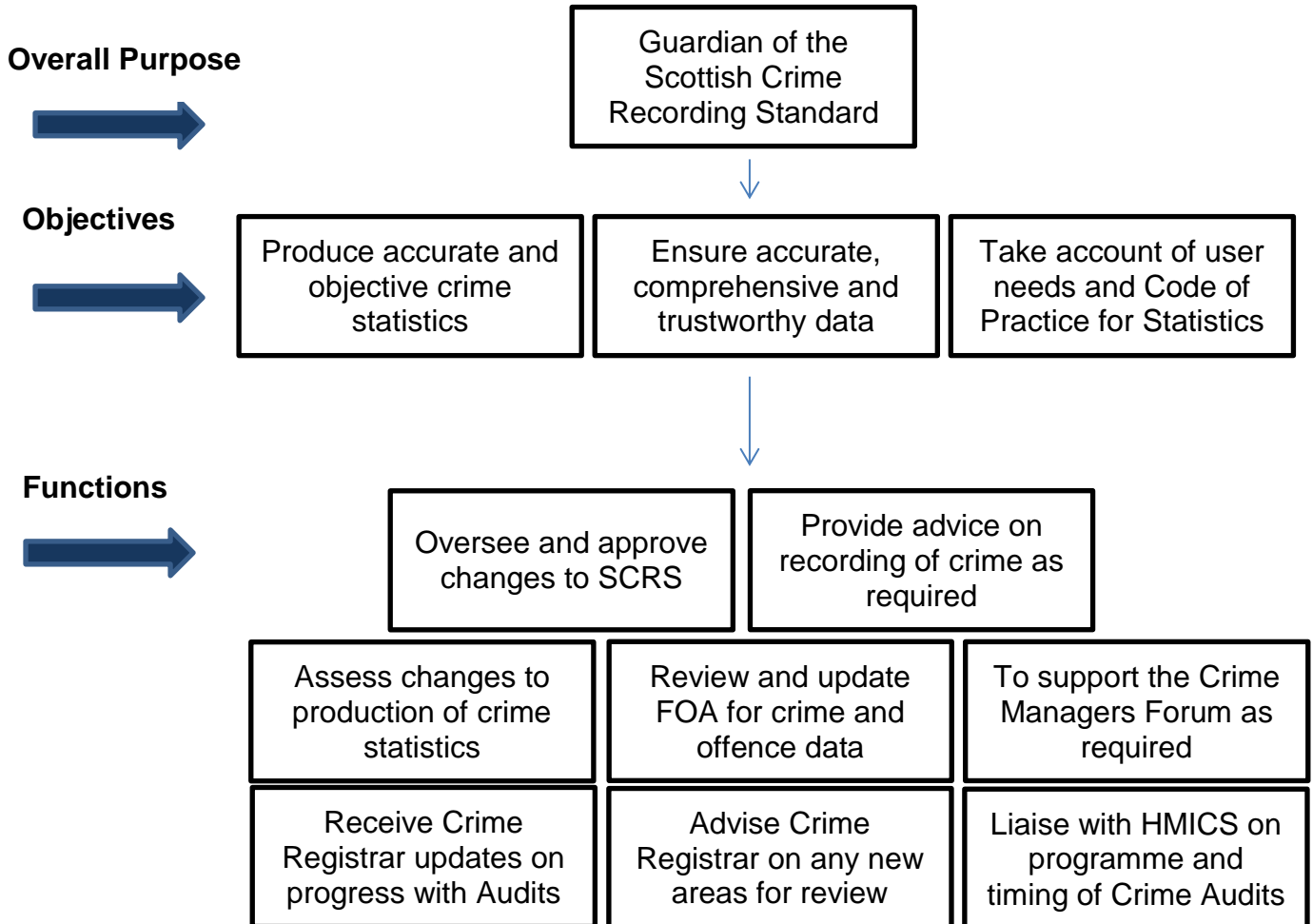
‘To take into account the needs of both users and providers in the production of crime statistics, and to ensure this process is undertaken in a manner consistent with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics’

The Board fulfils its purpose and objectives through a number of functions. These functions will remain under review over time.

1. *To oversee the maintenance and development of the Scottish Crime Recording Standard and Counting Rules (SCRS), and to approve all changes to them. (A supporting Technical Working Group, chaired by the Crime Registrars, takes forward work relating to this function, before submitting any proposed changes to the SCRS back to the Board for approval.)*
2. *To provide advice on specific topics relating to the recording of crime as requested and if required to instigate the creation of bespoke working groups.*
3. *To assess changes to the production of crime statistics against user and provider needs, in the context of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (including affordability, supplier-burden and international obligations).*
4. *To take ownership of the ‘Framework of Assurance¹’ (FOA) for crime and offence data, ensuring it transparently reflects quality assurance procedures, and to use the FOA to oversee and promote continuous improvement in quality assurance processes.*
5. *To support the Crime Managers Forum (Police Scotland’s practitioner group for reviewing SCRS compliance and related matters) and receive updates on their work.*
6. *To receive reports from the National Crime Registrar on Police Scotland’s internal audit programme on police crime and offence data, and progress in meeting recommendations from HMICS and previous internal audits.*
7. *To advise the National Crime Registrar on areas for further review, and to copy this advice to the Scottish Police Authority’s Audit and Risk Committee.*
8. *To liaise with HMICS on the programme and timing of Crime Audits.*

¹ <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/PubRecordedCrime/FoA/PDF>

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Working Principles:
 The following principles will be applied when the Board assesses a change of issue prior to a Decision;

- Cost Effectiveness
- Burden on Data Providers
- Coherence with other Products
- Interdependencies with other Organisations
- Achievability - including time and affordability
- Comprehension to users
- Continuity of time series
- International Developments
- International Impact

Group Membership

- Scottish Government (Chair)
 - Justice Analytical Services
 - Policy Leads on Crime Data
- Police Scotland
 - Divisional Lead for Crime Managers
 - National Crime Registrar
 - Analysis & Performance Unit
- Scottish Police Authority
- Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service
- HMICS
- British Transport Police
- Ministry of Defence Police
- Other External Stakeholders