

## **Scottish Crime Recording Board Meeting**

**Torricon Room, SCHA B'ding, Hannover Street, Edinburgh, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

### Attendees:

Euan Dick (Chair)	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
David Smith	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Keith Paterson	Scottish Government: Justice ASD
Fergus Byrne	Police Scotland: National Crime Registrar
Sean Scott	Police Scotland: Detective Chief Superintendent
Lorraine Ramsay	Police Scotland: Crime Registrar
Laura Paton	HMICS
Jackie McKelvie	Scottish Police Authority
Derek Knox	British Transport Police
Lorna Davies	British Transport Police
Steve Oglesby	Ministry of Defence Police
Fiona Roberts	COPFS

### Apologies:

Lesley Bain	Police Scotland: Analysis & Performance
Julie Mann	British Transport Police
Alisdair Burnie	British Transport Police

### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Actions from previous meeting
4. Function split between Crime Board and Technical Group
5. Review of Crime Groupings: Sub Group Feedback and Next Steps
6. Definitions used for Serious Assault and Common Assault
7. Consideration of Police Recorded Crime Warnings
8. Code Changes: Handling Obscene Material (59001)
9. Feedback from National Crime Registrar on PS Audits and Actions
10. Next HMICS Audit of Recorded Crime
11. Developments since the last meeting (including 2014/15 Publication)
12. Discussion: Revisions practice for Official Statistics
13. Any Other Business
14. Date of Next Meeting (29<sup>th</sup> February 2016)

Actions Arising from the Meeting:

Action (Meeting/Number)	Description
3/01	<p><u>Function Split between Crime Board and Technical Group:</u> Crime Board's Remit to be amended to reflect the agreed role and remit for the Technical Working Group.</p> <p><b>Justice ASD</b> to amend Crime Board remit and circulate to <b>all members</b> for final feedback and approval before publishing. <u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. Amended remit shared with members for final comment before publication on the Scottish Crime Recording Board webpages (which took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016). <a href="http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/PubRecordedCrime/SCRB/SCRBrole">http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/PubRecordedCrime/SCRB/SCRBrole</a></p>
3/02	<p><u>Review of Crime Groupings – Sub Group Feedback, Next Steps:</u> The Crime Grouping sub group to take forward the scoping of research into the nature of <u>common assault</u>, before bringing an update back to February 2016 Board, which will in turn consider the latest developments, alongside other considerations for the classification of Group 6 Offences.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action ongoing, with an update on progress with the common assault project provided to members at the 1<sup>st</sup> March meeting.</p>
3/03	<p><u>Review of Crime Groupings – Sub Group Feedback, Next Steps:</u> The next Crime Board to consider the recording status of Serious Organised Crime (currently in Group 1 Violent Crime).</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. The 1<sup>st</sup> March meeting agreed to transfer Serious Organised Crime from Group 1 Violent Crime to Group 5 Other Crime, as of the 2016-17 recording year (and to backdate this move when the 2016-17 Official Statistics are published).</p>
3/04	<p><u>Consideration of Police Recorded Crime Warnings:</u> The next Crime Board to consider any further developments with the Pilot Exercise for Motor Vehicle Speeding Offences.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action ongoing, with an update on developments with Recorded Crime warnings provided to members at the 1<sup>st</sup> March meeting.</p>
3/05	<p><u>Code Changes: Handling Obscene Material (59001) :</u> Policy views to be sought on moving sexual communications within code 59001 from Group 6 Miscellaneous Offences to Group 2 Sexual Crime, and what impact the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill may have on future coding of sexual crime. This is to be discussed further, along with impact on Group 2 time series continuity, at the next Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Action Complete. The 1<sup>st</sup> March meeting agreed to split 59001 into 2 codes (one for sexual communications and one to capture the remaining offences) as a prelude to a possible transfer of</p>

	<p>59001 sexual communications to Group 2. This would follow agreement on how to code the new specific offence of the non-consensual sharing of private, intimate images (as proposed by the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill) and a general review of current recording practice across Group 2.</p>
3/06	<p><u>Next HMICS Audit of Recorded Crime:</u>  As before, Members to send any views on the timing and scope of the 2016 audit of Recorded Crime to <b>HMICS</b>  <u>Outcome:</u>  Action ongoing, with a further update on the 2016 Audit provided by HMICS at the 1<sup>st</sup> March Crime Board meeting.</p>
3/07	<p><u>Discussion: Revisions practice for Official Statistics</u>  The next Official Statistics on Recorded Crime to inform users that the current practice of basing these statistics on datasets which are downloaded immediately following the financial year to which they relate will continue (following the Crime Board's consideration of the existing method and options for change).  <u>Outcome:</u>  Action will be complete with production of the 2015/16 Statistics in September 2016.</p>
3/08	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u>  The Agenda for the next Crime Board to include a consideration of how crimes of handling offensive weapons are recorded.  <u>Outcome:</u>  Action Complete. The issue of how crimes of handling offensive weapons are recorded was added to the next Board's agenda.</p>