

# Crime Investigation

Policy

Owning Department: Specialist Crime Division

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The Police Service of Scotland, (hereafter referred to as Police Scotland) recognises that all levels of criminality, whether caused by individuals or criminal networks, have a disruptive, damaging and detrimental impact on the communities we serve.

Police Scotland is committed to conducting thorough and professional investigations into allegations of crime through all viable lines of enquiry with timescales varying depending on investigative complexities.

Our focus is on keeping people safe and we will best direct our resources to protect the welfare of the most vulnerable in society, addressing the issues that cause the most harm, including serious violence and abuse, sexual crime, terrorism and serious organised crime.

Police Scotland will continue to develop partnerships with online providers, industry experts and academia to enhance our ability to tackle a broad range of cyber related crimes, in what has rapidly become a digital world.

Specialist Crime Division (SCD) provides national specialist resources and capacity to strengthen and support local policing delivery through the following business areas:

* Major Crime
* Public Protection
* Intelligence
* Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism
* Specialist Crime Support
* Local Crime
* Policing in a Digital World

Each SCD business area is led by a Detective Chief Superintendent (DCS), who report to their respective Assistant Chief Constables (ACC). Within all local divisions there are Detective Superintendents (DSUs) who are the SCD liaison and report to the DCS for Local Crime.

SCD will work in partnership with local policing divisions, national and international law enforcement, statutory and third sector agencies to reduce harm to communities, reduce the number of victims and ultimately to bring offenders to justice.

## Compliance record

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| 2.00 | Cyclical review conducted. Content reviewed and fully revised. | 11/12/2023 |

## Feedback

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