

Partnerships and where we go from here:
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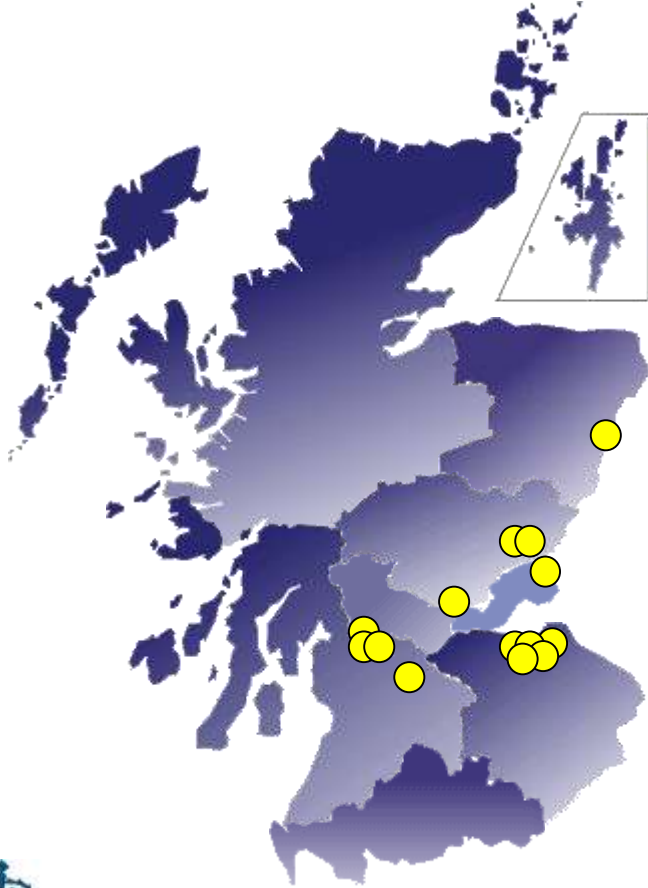
- Context
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- Partnerships
- What works in linking research, policy & practice?
 - opportunities & benefits
- Challenges, opportunities & next steps



Context



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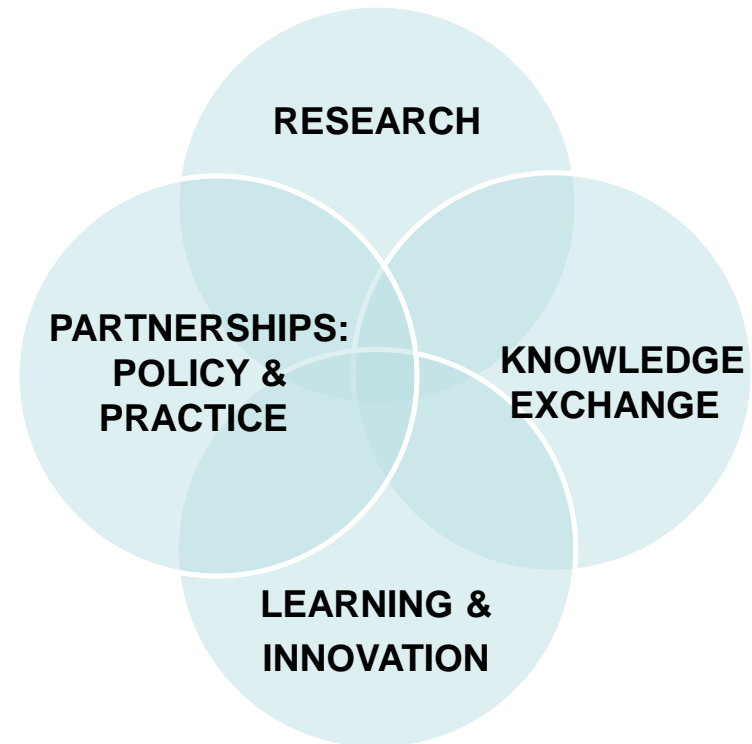
Keeping people safe

SCOTTISH POLICE
AUTHORITY

Supporting independent, multi-disciplinary policing research to enable evidence informed policy & practice

Aims to:

1. Facilitate excellent, independent research of relevance to policing;
2. Engage in a range of knowledge exchange activities to strengthen the evidence base on which policy and practice are improved & developed;
3. Nurture a culture of learning & innovation;
4. Promote the development of national & international links with researcher, practitioner and policing communities.



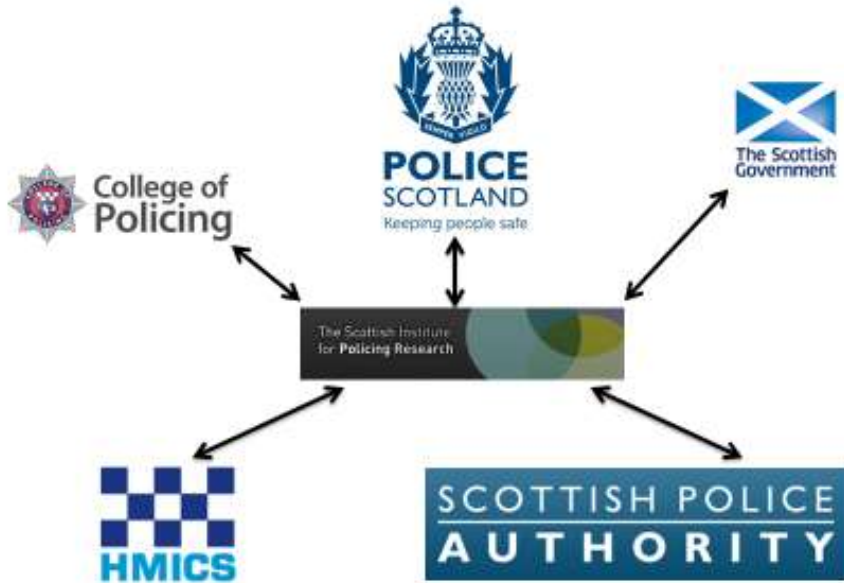
Key areas SIPR is involved in

- Networks: 'Police-community Relations', 'Evidence & Investigation', 'Education & Leadership' 'Public Protection'
- E.g. PCR Local Approaches to Policing grants 2018-2019: Adverse Childhood Experiences; Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse; Drug Related Deaths; Special Constabulary.
- SIPR's Draft Strategic Research Priorities:
 - 1) *Policing, health, safety and well-being;*
 - 2) Technology and digital policing;
 - 3) Organisational capability.



PARTNERSHIPS

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What works in linking research, policy & practice?

- Dissemination – communicating findings in ‘user-friendly’ ways.
- Social influence – using influential others to persuade and champion use of research.
- Facilitation – actively helping to use research, create conditions to support its use.
- Incentives and reinforcement
- *Interactive approaches* that strengthen links between research, policy & practice communities as most effective way to improve the use of research by public services (Nutley, Walter, Davies 2007)
 - ✓ encourages a two way flow of information
 - ✓ practitioners gain better knowledge of the latest research & helps academics to understand their needs



Opportunities /benefits SI PR offers researchers and practitioners:

- **Infra-structure** for engagement;
- **Investment** in research and knowledge exchange;
- **Innovation** in connecting evidence and practice
- **Interdisciplinary** community of researchers
- **International** networks of researchers and practitioners;
- **(Pathways to) Impact** ...

Mailing list, 'People' section on website, KE events, research dissemination, tenders & research support, make links...

Challenges & opportunities

- Capacity, funding & sustainability?
- Strategic partnerships & shared learning
 - Common goals
 - Sustained routine interactions
 - Seed corn funding & events
 - Pathways to impact
 - International links

Next steps?

- How might research be of use?
- Engage policy makers/practitioners & academics across disciplines?
- *Informed* public debate - challenge public /media /political opinion?
- *Engage communities*



THANK YOU!
Any Questions?

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