

Recorded Crime in Scotland - User Consultation 2014

Welcome to the Scottish Government Recorded Crime in Scotland User Consultation 2014.

The questions on the following pages ask you for your views on the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'.

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 changed the policing landscape in Scotland, replacing the previous eight police forces, the Scottish Police Services Authority and the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency from 1 April 2013. The Police Service of Scotland is now responsible for operational policing in Scotland and will be held to account by the Scottish Police Authority. The 'Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2013-14' bulletin is scheduled to be published in June 2014 and will be the first bulletin published following the establishment of the Police Service of Scotland.

Your responses to this consultation will be used to inform our decision making on changes being made to the 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletin as a result of police reform.

The consultation should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Do not click the "back" button on your browser whilst completing the questionnaire as your answers will not be saved. Please ensure that you have enough time available to complete the consultation in one go before starting.

The deadline for responses is Friday 9 May 2014.

If you have any questions in relation to this consultation please contact us at



Many thanks for your feedback.

Safer Communities Analytical Unit

Justice Analytical Services



Section 1 - About your response

This section asks you for some details to help us interpret your response.

1) * 1.1 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of your organisation?

- As an individual
- On behalf of my organisation (please provide organisation name)



2) * 1.2 Please select the sector which most accurately describes your work:

- Police Service of Scotland
- Other Police Service
- Central Government
- Local Government
- Other public sector
- Justice sector
- Finance sector
- Housing sector
- Education/Further Education
- Health sector
- Other (please provide details)

As recommended by the UK Statistics Authority, a summary of the results of this consultation will be made publically available. Some of the questions in this consultation include boxes where you can provide additional comments.

3) * 1.3 Do we have your consent to include your text responses in a public doument?

- Yes (attributed to myself or my organisation)
- Yes (anonymously)
- No

4) * 1.4 Would you be happy for the Scottish Government to contact you if we need to clarify any of your responses?

- Yes
- No



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The following criteria must be fulfilled for this question to be shown:

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 - If 1.4 Would you be happy for the Scottish Government to contact you if we need to clarify any of your responses? *equals* Yes)

5) Name (optional):

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6) E-mail address (optional):

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 - If 1.4 Would you be happy for the Scottish Government to contact you if we need to clarify any of your responses? *equals* Yes)

7) Telephone number (optional):



Section 2 - Overview of Recorded Crime in Scotland

This section asks you about your current usage of 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'. This bulletin presents statistics on crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the police in Scotland, disaggregated by crime/offence group.

8) * 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'?

- Yes
- No, but I may use it in the future
- No



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The following criteria must be fulfilled for this question to be shown:

- (If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes)

The bulletin is provided online in HTML and PDF format.

9) * 2.2 How do you normally view the publication (please select all that apply)?

- Online HTML
- Online PDF
- Printed version of HTML
- Printed version of PDF

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The following criteria must be fulfilled for this question to be shown:

- (If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin)

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The following criteria must be fulfilled for this question to be shown:

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 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes)

12) * 2.5 What do you currently use the information from the 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletin for (please select all that apply)?

- Reporting about Scotland
- Reporting about Local Authorities
- Benchmarking/performance management
- To provide data on national indicators
- To provide data on single outcome agreements
- To assist in policy development and evaluation
- For general awareness of issues/trends
- To assist with research/analysis
- Other (please provide details)



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 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* No, but I may use it in the future
 - or
 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes)

Section 3 – Upcoming changes to 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'

Following the move to the single Police Service of Scotland in April 2013, it will no longer be meaningful

to present recorded crime data split between the eight legacy Scottish police force areas. This means we need to make changes to the content and format of the information presented in future 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins.

13) We will use your responses to this section to inform our decision making on these changes. 

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 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* No, but I may use it in the future
 - or
 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes
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Changes to bulletin format

'Recorded Crime in Scotland' is currently published in two main formats:

i) an HTML/PDF document, containing written commentary on the main findings and tables, also in HTML/PDF format

and

ii) An Excel file containing tables from the bulletin.

We are aware that many users choose to access the tables directly from Excel, possibly because they find it easier to manipulate the information in this format.

As a result, we are proposing that in future 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins we will:

i) still include the standard bulletin tables in the HTML/PDF version of the bulletin

and

ii) publish an Excel file containing the standard bulletin tables that allows users to alter the geographic breakdown of Scotland tables to individual Local Authorities.

14) * 3.1 Do you have any concerns that these changes would prevent the bulletin from meeting your needs?

- No
- Yes (if yes, you will be asked to provide details on the following page)



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 - If 3.1 Do you have any concerns that these changes would prevent the bulletin from meeting your needs? *equals* Yes (if yes, you will be asked to provide details on the following page)
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You stated that the changes described may prevent the bulletin from meeting your needs.

15) * Please provide specific details, including level of impact, in the box below.



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 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* No, but I may use it in the future
 - or
 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes
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To inform our decision making on the content of future 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins, we would like to understand how you prioritise the information currently provided.

16) * 3.2 Please select the THREE topic areas which are of MOST value to you from the list below:

- Main Points
- General Overview
- Scotland Level Commentary
- Police Force Level Commentary
- Local Authority Level Commentary
- Scottish Crime and Justice Survey Overview
- Data Charts
- Statistical Tables
- Classification of Crimes and Offences



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 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes
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Changes to data presentation

Following police reform, recorded crime data will no longer be provided at police force level. We appreciate that users may still wish to see a sub-national breakdown of recorded crime data.

17) * 3.3 What geographic level(s) would you find the key recorded crime information useful at (please select all that apply)?

- Scotland
- Local Authority
- Other (please specify)



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 - If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes
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18) * 3.4 Is there any information that you would like to see INCLUDED in future 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins that is not already included?

- No
- Yes (if yes, you will be asked to provide details on the following page)



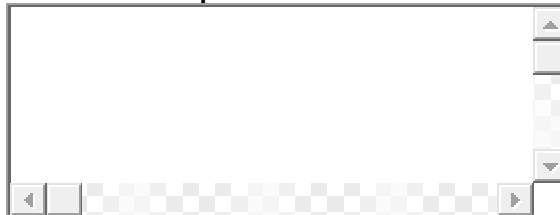
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 - If 3.4 Is there any information that you would like to see INCLUDED in future 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins that is not already included? *equals* Yes (if yes, you will be asked to provide details on the following page)
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You stated that you would like to see additional information included in 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins.

19) * Please provide specific details in the box below, including benefits, how this information will be used and the level of impact.



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- or
- If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* No, but I may use it in the future

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20) * 3.5 Is there any information that you would like to see EXCLUDED in future 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins?



No



Yes (if yes, you will be asked to provide details on the following page)



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- If 3.5 Is there any information that you would like to see EXCLUDED in future 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletins? *equals* Yes (if yes, you will be asked to provide details on the following page)

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You stated that you would like to see certain information excluded from the 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletin in future.

21) * Please provide specific details, including reasons, in the box below.



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- If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* No, but I may use it in the future
- or
- If 2.1 Do you currently use the statistical bulletin 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'? *equals* Yes

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Section 4: Further Comments about 'Recorded Crime in Scotland'

Please use the space below to provide any additional comments you may have about the 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' bulletin that have not been covered so far.

22) 4.1 For example, you may wish to comment on the content, frequency or timeliness of the bulletin:



Section 5 – Consultation results and communication preferences

A summary of the results and outcomes of this consultation will be made publically available. If you would like to receive an email notification once this information is published, you can do so by signing up to [ScotStat](#) and selecting Recorded Crime under your areas of interest. This will also allow you to receive email alerts when 'Recorded Crime is Scotland' bulletins are published.

You can register for, and find out more information about ScotStat using the link below:

<http://register.scotstat.org/Subscribe/Step1>

If you are already subscribed to Recorded Crime information on ScotStat then you will automatically receive an email notification when the results of this consultation are published.

23) 5.1 If you would prefer not to register with ScotStat, but would like to be notified about the results of this consultation directly by email, please enter your email address below:



24) 5.2 If you have any other preferences on how the outcome of this consultation are communicated to you, please enter these in the box below.



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