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Cc: [REDACTED]  
Date: 24/02/2014 15:51  
Subject: RE: Recorded crime in Scotland - re-assessment

Ed

This sounds like a practical way forward.

Justice analytical colleagues and I are still getting strong concerns from our senior managers about the potential disruption the reassessment exercise might have on the production of robust recorded crime figures over the second half of this year. It would be useful to have a few lines we can use to go back to our managers about the purpose of running the reassessment during 2014.

Look forward to seeing you at 12:30 on Wednesday in [REDACTED]. I'll take the opportunity of you being here to introduce you to a couple of senior statistical colleagues, who are keen to meet you.

Roger

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**Sent:** 21 February 2014 11:43  
**To:** Halliday R (Roger)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Recorded crime in Scotland - re-assessment

Roger

I'm afraid that, as I suspected, the key people on my side aren't available on Wednesday. Can we go ahead with a one-on-one involving just you and I next Weds at 12.30?

We should then arrange a meeting involving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for a couple of days later eg Friday of the same week. As long as you and I have covered the high level principles, I think that it's fine for the subsequent meeting to go ahead without me.

Is that OK with you?

Ed

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Ed

What you suggest seems sensible to me. Let me know about availabilities and we can work from that.

Roger

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Roger

Thanks. I've put 12.30 in the diary tentatively. However, I think it's possible that the key members of the assessment team won't be available next Wednesday. It may be better, therefore, for you and I to have a quick catch up on the issue on Weds, but for a more formal exchange involving [REDACTED] and my team to take place on another day. I'll confirm availabilities tomorrow; but if my team ARE unavailable next Wednesday, would this alternative work for you?

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### Recorded crime in Scotland - re-assessment

Good to talk about this earlier. Following the meeting, my colleague, [REDACTED], will send on some details of the audit of the recording of crime by the police in Scotland that was published last December. When we publish the crime and justice survey results on 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will also share the comparisons between recorded crime and what the public say. This is contained in the statistical bulletin. It was helpful to hear that the combination of these things is reassuring and that there will be a little flexibility around the reassessment timetable. This should give us the space to work through the data processing issues with Police Scotland and ensure our recorded crime statistics are published as preannounced in June.

We also agreed to have a further conversation on this next Wednesday. The best time for [REDACTED] and I is at 12:30-1:30. I'd be very happy to host this meeting in [REDACTED]. Let me know if this time becomes difficult, otherwise look forward to seeing you again then. [REDACTED] – can you book a room for us to meet.

Roger

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