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Date Sent : 24/10/2014 17:51:30  
Subject : [RE: Framework or Assurance \(outline structure\) and overview of Crime Stats User Event](#)

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It was nice to talk to you this afternoon. Please find attached the latest draft of the user guide. As we discussed, there are elements of the user guide that we are intending to review in light of the Assurance Framework and the HMICS Audit. Hopefully though, you will see that this makes a contribution to requirements 2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17.

Have a good weekend.

Yours,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 October 2014 14:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Edge N (Nicola); Richard Laux; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Framework or Assurance (outline structure) and overview of Crime Stats User Event

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending through the outline of your proposed framework for assurance, and for the information about the Crime Statistics User Event Scottish Government held on Monday.

Your proposed approach appears to cover the range of key issues that we'd expect Scottish Government to consider and publish information about. When populating the information in the relevant documentation, we would encourage you to include sufficient detail to support the statements made as evidence of the different assurance mechanisms Scottish Government has in place for police recorded crime. We would also encourage you to consider the relevant aspects of the Code of Practice.

It is positive to see that you have reviewed the material presented in the Exposure Draft report. When thinking about your statistics, it should be noted that the Exposure Draft presents the regulatory standards to which the Authority will be working and we would expect producers to consider each set of statistics alongside the Quality Assurance matrix. As part of developing the framework for assurance, you may also want to monitor relevant developments and approaches in England and Wales, and in Northern Ireland.

In response to your question about the presentation of the framework, the decision about how you choose to present the final version is yours, but a manageable document seems sensible for users.

We look forward to receiving a draft of the full document in due course.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]

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[Nicola.Edge](#), Richard Laux/[REDACTED]

Date: 03/10/2014 16:27

Subject: Framework or Assurance (outline structure) and overview of Crime Stats User Event

[REDACTED],

Please find attached some initial information which I hope you find useful. It would be particularly helpful to get your views on the purpose and format for the Framework of Assurance. I have posed some questions below, which it would be great to have your take on.

**Framework of assurance:**

- Please find attached a draft “Framework of Assurance”. This is not yet completed with the information that it will contain, but does clearly state the purpose and continued use for this document. We would be interested to hear your views on this?
- As we discussed this week, we are holding a workshop with our main producer partners (Police Scotland, SPA, HMICS) to facilitate the effective completion of the rest of this information. We believe that this will help this document to become a shared documents that will facilitate continuous improvement activity.
- We have not decided that the table format will be the final presentation method, however we are using this at present to ensure that each section contains the required information. Indeed, in discussion with the National Statistician’s office, it was thought that we should aim for a manageable 4-5 page narrative document for publication (i.e. summarise the information that is contained in the table into a 4-5 page published document). It would be useful to gain your views if this is what we should aim towards for the published version?

**Crime Statistics User Event.**

- This is happening on Monday – 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- Attached is an agenda for the day. As can be seen, this event is targeted at user engagement not only in the short term (i.e. discussing the changes that happened since police reform, bringing together our partner organisations - Police Scotland, SPA and HMICS - to give users an overview of the new landscape and new publications, and discussing findings for recorded crime and the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey), but also in the longer term (asking users how they would like to be communicated with, what they find most useful, and what is most helpful in the presentation of the SCJS and recorded crime data). This is therefore the first step in on-going user engagement.

Yours,

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Head of Safer Communities Analysis  
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**Sent:** 02 October 2014 17:46

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**Subject:** Timeline

[REDACTED]

Good to talk to you yesterday. Please find attached the timeline that we chatted about. I have tried to give you a sense of what to expect when. We have taken the assumption of giving a week to receive comments back from you. I would be happy to chat to you about this assumption, as some of the documents will be chunkier than others. I am also hoping that you will not have to re-read full documents all the time (i.e. that we can highlight new or amended sections) to make this easier.

Would you like to give me a buzz tomorrow, so I can check this covers the information that you are looking for.

Thanks,

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