

# **SCOTTISH CRIME & DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**



## **Information Sharing**

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# Why???

- Safer communities
- Reduce the risk of harm





**THE  
INQUIRY  
VICTORIA CLIMBIÉ**  
Chairman: Lord Laming

## Data Protection Act 1998



What is our duty of care to the source and to other parties

Would disclosure prejudice an investigation or criminal justice process?

Is sharing in the public interest?

Are we in compliance with the Data Protection Act

Are we in compliance with the Human Rights Act

## Decision Making

Is it for a policing purpose?

Is it the right thing to do?

## Human Rights Act 1998



# Where does our information come from?

- The police service shares and receives information from agencies and people outside the police
- These fall into two broad categories:
  - those who have a statutory purpose to share or receive information
  - those who do not

**Open Source**

**Closed Source**

**Overt Source**

**Covert Source**





# Scottish Intelligence Database (SID)



An attempted murder was committed in Annan.

Through a SID entry the suspect was linked to an address in Thurso where he was located and arrested.



# Information Sharing

- **What?**

- Intelligence
- Non-personal information stats, trends, hot spots
- Personal data

- **Why?**

- For a Policing Purpose
- Disclosure of the information must be lawful

- **How?**

- ISP
- Formal agreements
- Via PNN and GSX.GOV

# Police Information Requirements

Who are  
they?

NOT

What harm  
do they  
cause?



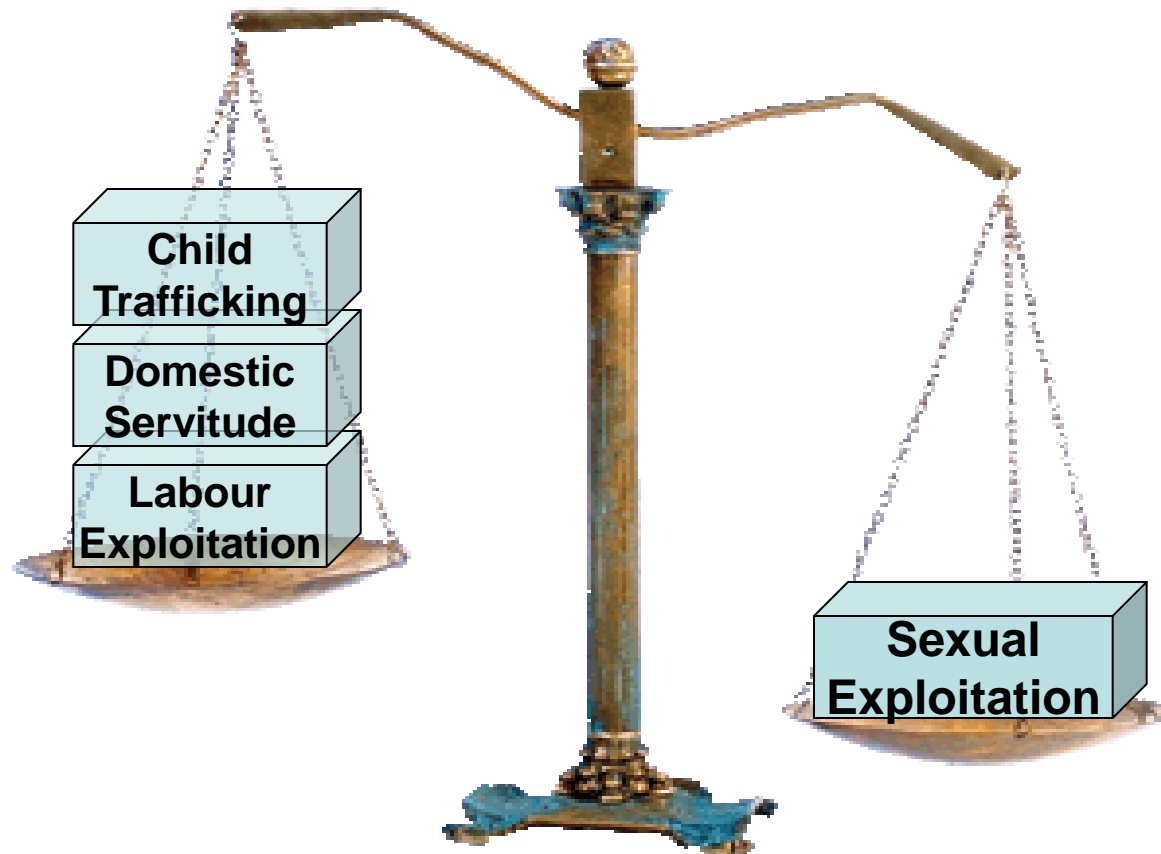
How do  
they  
operate?

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When?

Why?

Where?



**Intelligence is key to prevention of criminal activity rather than responding to crimes after the fact**



**The Known World**



**The Real World**

**We need to bridge the knowledge gap**

- For those agencies whose job it is to protect children and vulnerable people, the harsh reality is that if a sufficiently devious person is determined to seek out opportunities to work their evil, no one can guarantee that they will be stopped.

Our task is to make it as difficult as possible for them to succeed.

– *Sir Michael Bichard*



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**Information Exchange is crucial to Safer  
Communities and Public Protection.**

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