

17 November 2016

**LETTER SENT BY EMAIL**

**To: Conveners and Chairs, Local Authority Scrutiny Committees for Policing**

The Annual Review of Policing 2016/17 will capture the fourth year of the new policing arrangements in Scotland, and will be laid before the Scottish Parliament in mid-2017. I am keen to ensure that the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) captures the views and experiences of scrutiny committees on activity between April 2016 and early 2017, to inform this review.

You will note that the SPA is seeking your input at an earlier stage than usual. This is to avoid any potential impact on council business during next year's local election period. It will also ensure that the Annual Review is informed by the views and knowledge of committee members with substantial experience and involvement in the scrutiny of policing during 2016/17, and in many cases throughout the implementation of reform.

At this point, it also seems appropriate for the SPA to pull together a current overview of the range of local scrutiny arrangements across Scotland. For this reason, some additional factual questions are included to facilitate this overview, and the information gathered will be shared with local scrutiny committees across Scotland.

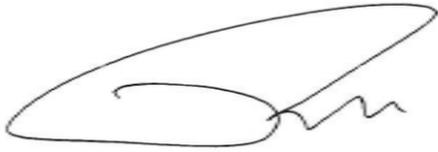
A brief questionnaire is attached to assist us in gathering your views. Responses are sought by **Wednesday, 15 February 2017**.

Informal enquiries about this process can be directed to Eleanor Gaw, SPA Community Accountability Lead, on 0141 534 8917 [eleanor.gaw@spa.pnn.police.uk](mailto:eleanor.gaw@spa.pnn.police.uk) or to any member of the Community Accountability Team, at [SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk) .

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Thank you for your assistance in helping to shape the Annual Review of Policing 2016/17, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our Partners in Scrutiny meeting on Friday, 17 February 2017, at the Hilton Edinburgh Carlton Hotel, 11 am – 3 pm.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Foley', with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

John Foley  
Chief Executive Officer