

## Justice Committee

### Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16

#### Written submission from the Scottish Consortium on Crime and Criminal Justice

1. The Scottish Consortium on Crime and Criminal Justice (SCCCJ) would like to highlight the statements in the Justice Strategy, which point to greater concentration on prevention and early intervention, in particular to show a financial commitment to diversionary schemes and processes which reduce the likelihood of individuals getting criminal records or progressing to the courts.

2. Information about SCCCJ - The Scottish Consortium on Crime and Criminal Justice was formed in 1998 to take advantage of the opportunity for enhanced public debate about crime and criminal justice provided by the creation of the Scottish Parliament and Executive. Its aim is to reduce the incidence and alleviate the impact of crime in our society as far as is reasonably possible by whatever morally acceptable means can be shown to be most effective. The Consortium brings together leading organisations concerned with crime and criminal justice in Scotland, including the [Howard League for Penal Reform in Scotland](#), [APEX Scotland](#), [Sacro](#) (Safeguarding Communities – Reducing Offending), and [Victim Support Scotland](#). Its Convenor is Professor Alec Spencer and its Honorary President is Baroness Vivien Stern, Senior Research Fellow at the International Centre for Prison Studies and Visiting Professor at Essex University. SCCCJ has several individual members from the academic, legal and voluntary sector. Representatives from [Includem](#) and [Families Outside](#) are also part of the Consortium.

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