

KEY SCOTTISH STOP AND SEARCH ACADEMIC RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Publications by Dr O'Neill and Dr Aston related to the SIPR Fife Pilot Evaluation

O'Neill, M. Aston, L. and Krause, A. (2015) *The Fife Division (Police Scotland) Stop and Search Pilot Evaluation Findings and Recommendations*. Scottish Institute for Policing Research.
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This report summarises the findings and recommendations from this SIPR evaluation of the Fife Division pilot approach to stop and search. Elements of good practice were identified along with recommendations for improvement, and all 19 of these were action by Police Scotland.

Aston, E., Murray, K., & O'Neill, M. (2019). 'Achieving cultural change through organizational justice: the case of stop and search in Scotland.' *Criminology and Criminal Justice*.
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Abstract: In recent years, the scale, impact and legality of stop and search in Scotland has been subject to intense critical scrutiny, leading to major legal and policy reform in 2016. Based on these events, including an early unsuccessful attempt by Police Scotland to reform the tactic (the 'Fife Pilot'), this article presents original theoretical and empirical insights into organizational change in policing. Building on the theoretical perspectives of Chan and Bradford and Quinton on organizational culture and justice respectively, the article sets out a dynamic model of organizational justice in policing. While Scotland has seen significant legislative reform apropos stop and search, we conclude that real change in police practice and culture will require effective leadership and a strong commitment to organizational justice. We also suggest how insights from the analysis might be applied to other jurisdictions and policing fields, with a view to securing more citizen-focused, democratic policing.

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O'Neill, M. and Aston, E. (2016) 'Improving the Practice of Stop and Search in Scotland' in *Translational Criminology*, Fall Issue 2016 <http://cebcp.org/wp-content/TCmagazine/TC11-Fall2016.pdf>

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Murray, K. (2015) *Stop and search in Scotland: a post-reform overview: scrutiny and accountability*. Glasgow: Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research. <https://www.sccjr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Stop-and-search-in-Scotland.-A-post-reform-overview-22ndJune2015.pdf>

Murray, K. & Lennon, G. (2016) Under-regulated and unaccountable?: Explaining variation in stop and search rates in Scotland, England and Wales, *Policing and Society* 28:2, 157-174. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10439463.2016.1163359?scroll=top&needAccess=true>

Murray K. and Harkin D (2017) Policing in Cool and Hot Climates: Legitimacy, Power and the Rise and Fall of Mass Stop and Search in Scotland. *British Journal of Criminology* 57(4): 885-905. <https://academic.oup.com/bjc/article/57/4/885/2623982/Policing-in-Cool-and-Hot-Climates-Legitimacy-Power>

Murray, K., McVie, S., Farren, D., Herlitz, L., Hough, M. & Norris, P. (2020) Procedural justice, compliance with the law and police stop-and-search: a study of young people in England and Scotland, *Policing and Society*, DOI: [10.1080/10439463.2020.1711756](https://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2020.1711756), <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10439463.2020.1711756?journalCode=gpas20>