

Response from Police Scotland into the Impact of the UK's Exit from EU on Law Enforcement and Judicial Cooperation in Scotland

Police Scotland International Bureau serves as the primary contact point for all international police inquiries originating from or directed towards Scotland.

The International Bureau encompasses functions like Policing and Judicial Cooperation, Europol and Interpol liaison, international support/coordination, all overseen by the ACC Organised Crime, CT & Intelligence. Additionally, the Fugitive Active Search Team and Extradition Unit, also fall under the International Bureau's purview.

The International Bureau provides crucial assistance and advice to officers in Scotland regarding international aspects of their investigations, working closely with partners like JICC, UKICB, COPFS, and foreign law enforcement agencies.

The International Bureau is responsible for:

- Policing and Judicial Cooperation:

Offering guidance and support to officers on international aspects of their investigations.

- Strategic Support:

Providing strategic direction and support for international cooperation efforts.

- Europol and Interpol Liaison:

Facilitating communication and collaboration with Europol and Interpol.

- International Support/Coordination:

Coordinating international support and intelligence sharing, aligned with SCD Intelligence Support.

- Fugitive Active Search Team & Extradition Unit:

Managing the search for fugitives abroad and handling extradition processes.

Police Scotland was an early adopter of the Interpol Law Enforcement Alert Platform (ILEAP), with a roll-out completed between April 4, 2023, and February 5, 2024. A dedicated training package was developed by the SCD International Bureau and a compulsory Moodle package training course had to be completed by all officers before their devices were activated.

The Moodle package covered topics like International Arrest Warrants, Interpol notices, and stolen/lost travel documents. This training also highlighted the specialist assistance and contact details for International Tactical Advisors within the bureau.

Approximately 7,500 frontline officers and staff have completed this specific training program to date, and the emphasis remains on ensuring all officers participate in this training. The training aims to improve all officers and staff awareness of their powers

and increase officer knowledge surrounding specialist advice and support available to them for transnational criminal investigations.

SCD International Bureau continue to deliver training inputs to various courses at Scottish Police College to ensure that all officers are aware of the specialist assistance and advice available to them.

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