**Guidance for Survey Data**

The dataset comprises of responses to an online survey that went out to local authority and Police Scotland representatives in late 2022/early 2023. The survey data came from a self-selecting, non-random sample of local authorities and Police Scotland divisions.

18 responses were received from local authority respondents. These covered 17 out of 32 local authority areas in Scotland. Two responses were received from two different respondents based in one local authority area (Local authority area 2); one respondent provided responses on behalf of two local authority areas (Local authority areas 16 & 17).

28 responses were received across nine police divisions; four of 13 Police Scotland divisions are not represented in the survey data. A high number of responses received from one police division (Division 3); this is reflected in the dataset.

Responses are arranged local authority area or police division code. Not all respondents chose to answer every section. When a respondent has not completed any questions in a section of the survey, they are not included in that part of the dataset.

Local authority and Police Scotland respondents were not asked identical questions. The questions posed in the two survey streams are included in the dataset, along with details of answer formats where relevant. Blank spaces indicate no information entered by respondents.

Local authority areas, police divisions, and job titles have been coded for anonymity. Certain words or phrases have also been coded for anonymity; these are indicated with [square brackets]. Information in some longer form written answers has been omitted for anonymity and this is indicated with ellipsis.

The final section of the survey included space for long-form responses to 4 questions. These responses have been separated from the coded areas/divisions and job titles and included in randomised order in a separate document. This is a measure designed to further safeguard the anonymity of respondents, as some respondents provided more detail about their role and their opinions in this section.