

## ANNUAL REPORT 2008

### Introduction by the Convener

Last years annual report detailed the Association's business to 31 March 2007. The Association has now decided that each annual report should reflect a full calendar year and therefore this annual report covers the period 1 April 2007 to 31 December 2008.

This report reflects a busy period, during which much of the time of the Executive Committee has been devoted to implementing the recommendations contained in the Justice Minister's Review of Visiting Committees in tandem with organising our yearly calendar of core activities.

Whilst this report details the Association's year, the annual reports of each Visiting Committee and Legalised Police Cell outlines the work of each committee within its own establishment. These reports are readily available and are posted on our website. They are worthy reading as it is within the walls of the prison estate that our real work is done in monitoring the conditions and treatment of those held in custody.

Whilst attending the annual conference of the Independent Monitoring Boards of English and Welsh prisons I listened to the address by the Prisons Minister Angela Eagle MP. She said:- "IMB's are absolutely vital to the monitoring of prisons and are important to ensure that prisoners were treated fairly and with respect - IMB's symbolised the independence from the Prison Service and from the Government".

The same applies here in Scotland to each Visiting Committee. For Visiting Committees, independence is not an optional extra, it is fundamental to our role in monitoring and processing prisoner applications. Our members, who are volunteers and the independent eyes and ears of the Justice Minister and the public, visit Scotland's prisons each week of the year and see that, for most, prison does not work.

Overcrowding, short sentences, the lack of suitable regimes designed to reduce re-offending and the clamour for public retribution creates obstacles to ending the ever revolving door of recidivism. The contribution to penal reform which characterised Sir Alexander Paterson (1884-1947) was his belief that prison should focus on education and training rather than punishment. "Men are sent to prison AS a punishment, not FOR punishment" was one of his oft quoted sayings.

The need for penal reform is with us still and the urgency to focus on education and training rather than a prison sentence which merely satisfies public opinion. Visiting Committees will continue to play a unique and valuable role and I pay warm tribute to my colleagues throughout Scotland and to the Association's office bearers, whose sterling work and dedication to their task, I am happy here to record.

I commend this report and our work to you all.

**Neil I. C. Powrie - Convener**

Neil IC Powrie



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## Implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. (OPCAT)

On 26 November 2007 a seminar took place at the University of Bristol which was organised by the research group of the Law School of the University of Bristol with the financial support of the Ministry of Justice.

The OPCAT was adopted on 18 December 2002 at the 57th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution A/RES/57/199

The States party to the Protocol reaffirmed that torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment are prohibited and constitute serious violations of human rights.

The States concluded that further measures were necessary to achieve the purposes of the Convention and to strengthen the protection of persons deprived of their liberty.

The objective of the Protocol is to establish a system of regular visits undertaken by Independent International Bodies to places where people are deprived of their liberty in order to prevent torture and other cruel and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The seminar discussed the issues surrounding the process of the National Preventative Mechanism(NPM) designated in the UK and specifically addressed such topics as consistency between the various elements of the NPM and the relationship between the various bodies involved.

Discussions also took place regarding the powers of the bodies constituting the NPM and the terms of Independence ; powers; reporting obligations; funding as well as seeking clarification on the requirement to change any existing legislation.

The seminar was opened by Prof Malcolm Evans OBE of the University of Bristol and the opening presentation was given by Prof Rachel Murray of the University of Bristol.

Other speakers included:

- Ian Smith OBE                      Chief Executive of the Independent Custody Visitors Assoc.
- Brian Pirie                            Prisoner Ombudsman for Northern Ireland;
- Gemma Pearce                      Mental Health Act Commission;
- Ronnie Hill                            Care Commission;
- Eileen Bye                            HMIP Immigration Removal Centres;
- John Kissane                        Ministry of Justice;
- Anne Owers                         Chief Inspector of Prisons England and Wales;
- Dr Andrew McLellan              Chief Inspector of Prisons in Scotland;
- Dr Nazia Latif                        Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission;
- Matthew Pringle                    Association for the Prevention of Torture;
- Paul Mageean                        Criminal Justice Inspection in Northern Ireland;
- Sue Simkin                            IMB National Council;
- Dr John Lyons                        Welfare Commission for Scotland.

## Travel Project

On 22 June 2007 the Convener attended the Launch of the Travel Project Report which was held in Standard Life House in Edinburgh.

The conference launch which was hosted by “Families Outside” was attended by 60 delegates from many organisations. “Families Outside” is the only national Scottish independent organisation working on behalf of families affected by imprisonment.

In 2003 the organisation undertook research into problems faced by families travelling to prisons in Scotland. Since then, progress has been made in some areas but a great deal remains to be achieved.

The launch was introduced by the Lady Cullen of Whitekirk, MBE and was addressed by following speakers.

- Gillian Stewart,                      Vice Chairman of Families Outside.
- Malcolm Higgenbotham            Business Analyst Standard Life (Presentation of Report)
- Sue Brookes                            Head of Offender Strategy and Partnership Development. (The SPS Perspective)
- Anne Pinkman                        Chief Executive Officer Fife & Forth Valley CJA. (A CJA Perspective)

The Launch concluded with a Question and Answer session which included the Director of Families Outside Angela Morgan.

## AVC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007

The Annual Conference was held in the Apex Hotel Dundee on Friday 5 October 2007 with a supplementary informal meeting held on the morning of Saturday 6 October.

A total of 77 Delegates attended the Conference with 56 attending the Official Dinner. The Theme of the Conference was "Breaking the Chain" where we explored the journey which many offenders travel from early childhood through to imprisonment. We were able to hear talks from:-

**The First Link** - Childline by Elaine Chalmers

**Hearing a Child** - The Childrens Panel by Christine MacKechnie

**Children and Young People in Detention** - by Professor Kathryn Marshall

**Breaking Chains and Building Links** by John Harte Kibble Education and Care Centre

**Restorative Justice in Action** by Alan Hamilton, YO1 Cornton Vale

**Imprisonment the Last Link** by Bill McKinlay, HMP Barlinnie

**Importance of Independent Monitoring** by Baroness Vivien Stern CBE

This was a varied route through the system of justice and it was of particular concern to this writer when the Childline representative highlighted the number of telephone calls they receive but added "but babies cannot phone". This was a different type of Conference which was designed to give an overview of how young people start out life and eventually arrive in Prison and was most thought provoking.

It was very encouraging to hear from Baroness Stern how Independent Bodies such as our Association must continue with their work and she pledged to support us and highlighted that we must remember that everyone including babies have Human Rights.

Following upon an open debate on issues the Annual Dinner was held with a reception hosted by Dundee City Council arranged by our Convener.

On Saturday morning there was an opportunity for Members to raise issues with the Executive and again this proved to be very worthwhile. I wish to thank all those who assisted in making the Conference the undoubted success it was and in particular our speakers and colleagues from Northern Ireland and England and Wales IMB for their continued support of our Conference.

**Jim Scott - Conference Convener**

## AVC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

The Annual Conference for 2008 involved a change of venue from Dundee to Stirling Management Centre being held over 3 and 4 October 2008.

The Theme of the Conference was "What Happens Next and Who Carries the Baton", the reference to the Baton being the recent Olympic Games. The change of venue appeared to meet with the approval of all who attended and a record 89 delegates attended with 58 attending the official dinner.

The theme of the conference addressed the needs of prisoners due to be liberated with the speakers most ably talking to their areas of expertise. We heard presentations covering all aspects of pre liberation such as:-

**Human Rights** by Jim O'Neill.

**A Governors Perspective** by Derek McGill

**HMCIP View** by Dr Andrew McLellan

**Integration and Leaving Prison** by Ruth Parker

**Bridging the Gap** by the Wise Group

**Big Bag of Worries** a play by Langside College Drama Faculty

**Breaking the Tape** by the Wise Group

**IMB** an address by Norman Mclean

The Conference was addressed by the Wise Group which brought along five life coaches being former prisoners now usefully employed and earning their own living. Their stories were very humbling and talked about their experiences in breaking free from drugs and alcohol. It was wonderful to see how they had progressed and were now moving forward with their lives.

The Play by Langside Students was also very moving and highlighted the concerns of being liberated and how many female prisoners have, to most people, very worrying issues such as "how do you cook a meal", "where will I live" and "how do I get a bus".

Our thanks go to all of our speakers, many who had travelled some distance and particularly the sincerity shown in their talks.

Few other Conferences have been attended outwith the Association which is indeed regrettable since they are a valuable source of cross-information. I wish to thank all those who assisted in making the Conference the success it appears to have been and particularly those colleagues from IMB England, Wales and Northern Ireland who attended and contributed in our networking.

**Jim Scott - Conference Convener**

## The Association of Members of Independent Monitoring Boards for Northern Ireland

The Association of Members of Independent Monitoring Boards for Northern Ireland held its Annual Conference 27 & 28 April 2007

Three members of the Executive Committee were invited to attend the Conference, the theme of which was “ Monitoring Through Care”

The Conference was addressed by the following:-

**Mary Gilfillan** from Polmont Young Offenders Institution, Scottish Prison Service whose presentation centred round Health Care Provision.

**Paul Devlin**, Probation Board Northern Ireland, “Re-Integration Back into the Community”

**Robin Mansfield**, Director General, Northern Ireland Prison Service, “The Future of Prisons in Northern Ireland and Blueprint”

**The Baroness Stern CBE**, International Centre for Prison Studies, “IMB—Time for a Higher Profile”.

**Peter Fewell**, Koestler Trust Award Winner, “ Impressions From Inside”

The after dinner speaker was **Mr Kit Chivers** the Chief Inspector, Criminal Justice Inspection in Northern Ireland.

The conference was presided over by **Mrs Vilma Patterson MBE**, the Chairman of the National Council of the Northern Ireland IMB's.

## Tripartite talks

Tripartite talks between the AVC and the IMB's of England, Wales and Northern Ireland took place in London 22/23 October 2007.

The talks were attended by the Convener, **Neil Powrie** and executive member **Anne Freebairn**.

Presentations were made and discussions took place on Deaths in Custody, Diversity Strategy, Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and compilation of IMB's Annual report.

The Talks were chaired by **Davis Graham** the Chairman of the National Council of the IMB and also in attendance was **Sir Peter Lloyd**, former Prisons Minister and President of the IMB Nation Council.

The talks include visits to HMP Wormwood Scrubs and Holloway.

## Report on Tripartite Talks held in Belfast 23/24 October 2008

The 2008 Tripartite talks were hosted by Mrs Lilian Jennett who chairs the Council of IMB's in Northern Ireland.

The talks were also attended by Jane King and Mike Davies of the National Council of the IMB's England and Wales.

Discussions centred on the following topics:-

- 1 Monitoring Not Managers
- 2 Code of Conduct for members
- 3 Relationship with the Prison Ombudsman
- 4 Changes to health provision since the NHS undertook care from the Prison Service
- 5 The effects of Criminal Justice being transferred from National Government to the Northern Ireland Assembly
- 6 Food policy in prisons.

The second day of the talks was devoted to a tour of Maghaberry Prison.

## The Scottish Association for the Study of Offending (SASO)

The 39th Annual conference took place at Peebles Hydro 14-16 November 2008. The AVC was represented by the Convener Neil Powrie and the conference brought together leading players in the field of criminal justice and leading academics to discuss and evaluate options:

- Can we reach a consensus on who should go to prison?
- What is the appropriate minimum custodial sentence?
- What is the purpose of prison?
- Can community sentences command the confidence of sentencers and the public?

The conference was chaired by Chief Constable David Strang QPM, Lothian & Borders Police and was addressed by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Kenny MacAskill, MSP.

Speakers also included the Rt Hon Henry McLeish former chair of the Scottish Prisons Commission, Dr Nancy Loucks and David Wilson, Professor of Criminology at Birmingham City University.

## Independent Review of Regulation, Audit, Inspection and Complaints Handling of Public Services in Scotland

In March 2007 the Association was invited by Prof Lorne Crerar, Chairman of the Review, to attend one of the discussion events taking place in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Stirling.

On 22 May the Association Convener attended the discussion event in Aberdeen which was attended by over 50 delegates.

The purpose of the events was to discuss emerging evidence from the review and most importantly, to explore future options for an external framework for Scotland.

## TRAINING - 2008

The AVC was asked to implement those parts of the VC Review which had been agreed by the Justice Secretary and the first to be tackled was training. Specifically the Scottish Government required standardisation of training amongst Scottish Visiting Committees. Many VCs have been providing training for its members over the years but each Committee's training programme was different and a national package was required. As a first step the Executive Committee appointed Douglas Scott and Anne Freebairn as National Training Co-ordinators and tasked them with devising a suitable training package and introducing appropriate training programmes for VCs.

In the interests of transparency and in order to bring the different Committees on board, we decided that between us we would visit every VC in Scotland (with the exception of Dumfries where it was not possible to arrange a mutually suitable date). We attended on business meeting days to avoid extra attendance time and expense for members. We explained what the new training was about, why it was necessary in terms of the VC Review and, most importantly, asked members what they would like to see covered in National Training. We brought these ideas back and, where possible, have incorporated them in the training package. We explained the training requirements in the VC Review Action Plan. In addition we consulted with SPS, IMB (Independent Monitoring Board) and the IMB Trainers since they are much further down the line of national training than VCs.

Steve Barrett, Head of Training Services and his team at the Scottish Prison Service College were instructed by SPS HQ to work with us and to give us all necessary assistance. We had some very productive meetings at the College and as a result of their input we were able to produce a training matrix which forms an important part of the Local Training Co-ordinators' Manual. In addition we have:

- Identified Core Competencies
- Organised appointment of a Local Training Co-ordinator (LTC) for each VC
- Produced a Job Description for LTCs
- Produced and Published a Standardised Induction Programme
- Standardised Training Records
- Organised a LTCs' Training Event.

We began this journey into the realms of standardising VC training with interest and enthusiasm but, almost from the beginning, the commitment grew along with the realisation of just how necessary it is to have a national programme, particularly in induction. We look forward to rolling out the next phases of the Training Programme and our future plans include:

Introduce Training Programmes for:

- |                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| (a) New Members                  | (annually)    |
| (b) Experienced Members          | (bi-annually) |
| (c) Vice Chairs                  | (bi-annually) |
| (d) Chairs                       | (bi-annually) |
| (e) Clerks                       | (bi-annually) |
| (f) Local Training Co-ordinators | (ongoing)     |

NTCs to assess LTCs (ongoing)

Douglas Scott and Anne Freebairn - National Training Co-ordinators

## AVC Finance Report 2008-09

Funding the AVC is an ongoing problem. We managed to stay within budget for 2007-08 by watching our spending very carefully. We usually look back over the previous year and make a bid for funds based on the actual spend with an uplift for inflation plus any extra items we feel need attention.

We were told before the end of the financial year that we would be getting exactly the same amount of money as we had the previous year with no uplift for inflation, which amounts to a cut in funding in real terms. SPS has been very good in offering us accommodation and hospitality at no cost to the Association at its Training College at Polmont, which in itself amounts to an increase as we are not charged for this support.

The main spend on our budget pays our Association secretary Irene Cameron who works 10 hours per week from home and the Annual Conference. We have money set aside for conferences and to fund meetings like the annual Tripartite talks with our IMB colleagues in England Wales and Northern Ireland.

As a result of the Review of Visiting Committees a National Training scheme must be put in place and this is referred to in a separate section compiled by the Association's Training co-ordinators Douglas Scott and Anne Freebairn. There are of course funding implications for this work and the Association has made a bid for extra finance to fund ongoing training programs. We will also make a bid for additional money to fund the extra work needed to progress other aspects of the Review.

These are challenging times for Visiting Committees and the Association, and it is essential that that we are properly funded to do the job we have been appointed to do. Our Budget of £27,000 is value for money but the additional workload and responsibilities placed on the Association as a result of the VC review cannot be contained within the existing budget. Much work, at the behest of the Government is being carried out by unpaid volunteers and this is not a situation which can prevail.

We are presently funded by the SPS, the very body we are set up by statute to monitor. In our recent response to the Justice Department's proposals to integrate with HMCIP we suggested that it would be more appropriate if our funding came from the Justice Department and not from SPS.

Ian Smyth - Executive Member-Finance

## REVIEW OF VISITING COMMITTEES

This is now the third year I have outlined progress with the Review of Visiting Committees, the group of which was formed in May 2005.

Sixteen recommendations were accepted for immediate implementation; five recommendations relating to operational matters were accepted in principle but dependent on the outcome of the Crerar Review; seven recommendations (including the name change to Independent Monitoring Boards as in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) were rejected.

On 26 September 2007 Officers of the Association met with the Justice Secretary Kenny McAskill and Officials from SPS to discuss the next step in implementation.

The Minister concurred with the previous Minister's response to the Review recommendations and asked SPS to work with the AVC in order to implement those recommendations relating to training, appointment of VC members and standard working practices for all VC's.

The Association's Training Co-ordinators Douglas Scott and Anne Freebairn have now produced a most professional National Training package, the details of which are outlined in a separate section of this report.

One of the recommendations was to introduce procedures for the

appointments of all VC members, which had, hitherto been carried out by Local Authorities to a method of their own choosing. The Association was tasked by the review to produce a standard method of appointment which met the criteria of fairness, openness and accountability and which would be adopted throughout Scotland. The Association has successfully completed this task and the new procedures were sent to the Chiefs Executive of North and South Lanarkshire and West Lothian, the councils responsible for the appointment of the Visiting Committee at the new prison of Addiewell, West Lothian.

It is hoped that these new procedures will be adopted by all local authorities or by another parent body which may be charged with the appointment of Visiting Committees as a result of changes in connection with the ongoing review. Whilst this work was ongoing the Association received an invitation from the Justice Department to attend a meeting in St Andrew's House to discuss the next stage of the review. The meeting was attended by the Convener Neil Powrie, Vice-Convener Bruce Logan and Executive member Jim Scott.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the outcome of the Crerar Review and the Sinclair Report which examined the future of Scotland's scrutiny bodies complaints systems.

Discussions took place surrounding how VCs might fit into any new structure and there was broad agreement from AVC members that some form of integration with HMIP could potentially work. It was noted that the roles of the HMIP and VCs would have to be clearly defined if such a structure was to be pursued. The Association was given 10 days to submit a short paper on the issue which outlined how the AVC saw itself fitting into such a new structure.

On 6 November 2008 the Finance Secretary John Swinney MSP made a statement in Parliament regarding the Crerar Review. He announced a package of change which reduced the number of scrutiny bodies and that Visiting Committees would integrate with the Chief Inspector of Prisons with a view to linking the functions of both statutory bodies.

The Association met with Justice Department officials on the 22 December and is currently taking the process forward. No change is not an option and the AVC regards the proposals in a most positive light. It supports fully the opportunity which has presented itself to work with the Chief Inspector to develop a system of Inspection and Monitoring which meets the requirements of a 21st century penal system.

Neil I.C.Powrie - AVC Convener.

### The Future of Prisons In Scotland

On 8 February the Convener Neil Powrie and the Vice-Convener Bruce Logan attended a one day conference in Edinburgh - "The Future of Prisons In Scotland"

Keynote speakers included :

**The Rt Hon Henry McLeish** Chairman of the Scottish Prisons Commission,

**Professor Andrew Coyle**, Professor of Prison Studies, Kings College, London,

**Kristen Bolgen Bronebakk**, Director General, Norwegian Prison Service,

**Professor Tapio Lappi-Seppala**, Director, Finnish National Research Institute of Legal Policy

**Sheriff Frank Crowe**, Director, Judicial Studies Committee,

**The Baroness Stern Convener**, Scottish Consortium on Crime and Criminal and

**The Baroness Linklater**, Chairman, Rethinking Crime and Punishment, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation.

## AVC – TRAINING VISITS

The Association places great value on arranging visits to prison establishments throughout Scotland as part of ongoing training for members. In addition, efforts have been expended over the period under review to broaden knowledge and understanding by extending visits to meet with partner agencies, voluntary organisations and social enterprises working within the criminal justice system.

### 24 May 2007: Visit to HMP Inverness.

16 VC members were welcomed to HMP Inverness by Governor Fraser Munro. In addition to a thorough tour of the establishment, including the Health Centre and Education Department, members were given presentations from Phoenix Futures on their work within the prison, and the SPS Addictions Team covering the “SMART” initiative.

### 6 September 2007: Visit to HMP Glenochil.

18 members attended and, again, offered a tour of the establishment together with a comprehensive briefing on the on-going refurbishment works being undertaken to ensure the prison is fit for purpose in the 21st century.

### 20 November 2007: Visit to SPS College, Polmont.

Hosted by Chris Barnes (Training Facilitator), 21 members were given a presentation on the SPS College Business Perspective which proved both informative and humorous. Two groups were then formed and members offered the option of witnessing SPS Training covering Searching Exercises and Control and Restraint with a final informal session held over refreshments where an opportunity was awarded for VC members to meet and discuss issues with new SPS recruits as well as SPS College staff.

### 25 March & 27 March 2008: Visit to Reliance Operations HQ.

Responding to comments in our 2007 annual report, Operations Director Jim Greenoak invited two groups of VC members to visit Reliance Custodial Services HQ in East Kilbride. Over the



*left to right* - Alison Lambie, Bob Mitchell, Margaret Paterson, Jack Milligan, Neil Powrie, Jim Greenoak (Operations Director, Reliance Custodial Services), Stuart Pratt, Sylvia Black, George de Gernier, Gordon Leslie

two days a total of 15 VC members visited HQ where they were warmly welcomed by staff and given a most information presentation and overview of the work of Reliance, together with a tour of HQ and its Control Centre and an opportunity to view Reliance vehicles used for transportation of prisoners.

### 18 April 2008: Visit to SPS HQ, Calton House.

At the invitation of Jim Chisholm, Executive Manager, Directorate of Partnerships & Commissioning, 15 members visited SPS HQ in Edinburgh. A full programme of presentations were offered by: Elise Birks, ICM Manager covering Interventions and Offender Case Management; Gary Waddell on Offender Outcomes and CJAs; Ian Whitehead, Senior Operational Advisor on SPS Contracts; John Moffat Head of HR Systems, covering the work of the HR Directorate; as well as Mike Duffy, Director of Prisons, who spoke at length about the ongoing upgrading programme of prisons throughout Scotland.

### 15 May 2008: Visit to Kibble Safe Centre, Paisley.

Following an informative presentation at the 2007 annual conference by representatives of Kibble Safe Centre in Paisley, an invitation was extended by John Harte, Executive Director of the Centre, to visit and tour the facilities in Paisley. Eleven enthusiastic VC members visited the new, purpose built centre which is licensed to hold 18 boys aged between 12 and 16 years. Members were afforded the opportunity to tour the residential units, recreational and medical

facilities and catering department in addition to the control room, culminating with an informal session with staff and two residents of the centre.

### 11 September 2008: Visit to HMP YOI Polmont.

22 members attended the visit to Scotland's main institution for young offenders in Polmont. Hosted by Governor, Derek McGill, members were given a brief presentation of the ongoing operations at Polmont, progress reports on the extensive refurbishment programme and a thorough and comprehensive tour of the establishment.

### 13 November 2008: Visit to HMP Perth & HMP YOI Friarton.

18 VC members from across Scotland attended the joint visit to HMP Perth and HMP YOI Friarton. Phil Kennedy, Head of Operations at HMP Perth provided a comprehensive overview of Scotland's oldest prison, currently undergoing extensive refurbishment, but still managing to house 798 prisoners. A further presentation by Mark Melloy, Training Development Manager, covered business performance, programme hours and addictions misuse assessments. The tour of the establishment incorporated visits to the health centre, gym and Carnegie College Department where a further presentation on educational aspects was provided. After a brief lunch, members moved on to HMP YOI Friarton, where young offenders are currently held. An opportunity was afforded to view the establishment and talk informally with some of the offenders.

## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All Visiting Committees (including legalised police cells) are entitled to membership of the Association.

**Appendix I** shows a breakdown of the number of members in each committee. Full meetings of Association members are held quarterly throughout the year. During the period under review, meetings were held in June, September and December 2007 and March, June and September 2008.

## MANAGEMENT

Management of the Association affairs is devolved to an Executive Committee, including development and delivery of training programmes and the Association's annual conference.

During the period under review, the Executive Committee has met on eleven occasions at SPS Collge, Polmont and once at SPS HQ, Edinburgh. Two annual general meetings have also been held during the period. Members serving on the Executive Committee during this period comprised:-

- Mr Trevor Bailey** - Convener, Perth VC (elected December 2008)
- Cllr William Clarke** - Convener, Glenochil VC (until December 2008)
- Mr George de Gernier** - Convener, Open Estate VC (elected December 2008)
- Mrs Anne Freebairn** - Convener, Greenock VC (re-elected December 2008)
- Mr Charles Hebenton MBE** - Convener, Shotts VC (until December 2007)
- Cllr Gordon Leslie** - Convener, Aberdeen VC (re-elected December 2008)
- Mr Bruce Logan** - Convener, Edinburgh VC and Association Vice-Convener (re-elected December 2008)
- Mrs Margaret Paterson** - Convener, Inverness VC (re-elected December 2008)
- Mr Neil Powrie** - Member, Open Estate VC and Association Convener (re-elected December 2008)
- Mr Douglas Scott** - Named Representative, Barlinnie VC (until December 2008)
- Mr Jim Scott** - Chairman, Cornton Vale U21 VC (until December 2008)
- Mr Ron Scrimgeour** - Member, Open Estate VC (until December 2007)
- Mr Ian Smyth** - Convener, Oban LPC (re-elected December 2008)

Executive Committee members are charged with an area of responsibility including Training, Visits, Conference, VC Concerns, Annual Report & Publicity, Finance & Member Support.

### Appendix I

Visiting Committee	Members
Aberdeen	8
Barlinnie	25
Cornton Vale Over 21	15
Cornton Vale Under 21	7
Dumfries	11
Edinburgh	17
Friarton YOI (opened Feb '07)	6
Glenochil	14
Greenock	8
Greenock YOI	6
Inverness	10
Kilmarnock	15
Open Estate	16
Perth	19
Peterhead	8
Polmont YOI	12
Shotts	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>

Legalised Police Cells	Members
Campbeltown	3
Dunoon	3
Hawick	3
Lerwick	3
Lochmaddy	3
Oban	3
Orkney	3
Thurso	3
Stornoway	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>241</b>