

The National JII Project – August 2026

Headline report

The National Oversight Group for Joint Investigative Interviewing –
Supporting continuous improvement in joint investigative interviewing
policy and practice across Scotland

Strengthening



- Specialist Retention (Refresher) Training now integrated into the National JII Team's calendar with four courses offered in 2026 supporting approximately 60 interviewers to retain their specialist skills.
- Annual graduation ceremony for interviewers took place in May 2026 celebrating their achievement.
- Three locally delivered CPD sessions provided, focusing on use of interpreters, co-delivered with chartered linguist and National Equality and Diversity Unit in Police Scotland and attended by around 100 interviewers and managers.
- Engagement with British Transport Police to improve support and develop stronger links with the National JII Team and policing divisions across the country.

Advancing



- Learning from Family C Learning Review shaping ongoing project work and final drafting of revised *National Guidance for Joint Investigative Interviewing*.
- Development of a best practice framework for cross-boundary JII practice.
- Two new research briefings published on our website: one in respect of [Multiple-Interviews.pdf](#) and one regarding [Pre-Interview-Contact.pdf](#)

Enhancing



- Collation of child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) data from locally held JII data, contributing to national strategy to address CSAE.
- Multiagency workshop to support best use of data and evidence, exploring theme of JIIs agreed that don't progress.

Challenges and risks



- Interview equipment – building user confidence and system reliability
- Staffing – workforce pressures
- Gaps in justice data required to support continuous improvement
- Funding – sustainability of developments within context of uncertain funding
- Vetting for Non-Police Personnel