



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Criminal Justice Committee

Jo Farrell  
Chief Constable  
Police Scotland

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Dear Chief Constable

### Gender self-identification

I am sure that you are aware of the exchange between the First Minister and several Members of the Scottish Parliament at last week's First Minister's Questions where the issue of Police Scotland's procedures for the gender self-identification by individuals charged with, or convicted of, serious sexual assaults were raised.

This is an issue that I take seriously and I recognise the interest of Members of the Committee and the general public in the procedures followed by Scotland should these circumstances arise.

The Committee would welcome some information on those procedures and how the wellbeing and safeguarding of others is maintained.

I would be grateful if a response could be provided no later than Tuesday 24 September to enable us to discuss this at our next meeting.

Best wishes,

Audrey Nicoll MSP  
Convener