



Violence is preventable, not inevitable.

Detective Inspector Linda Borland

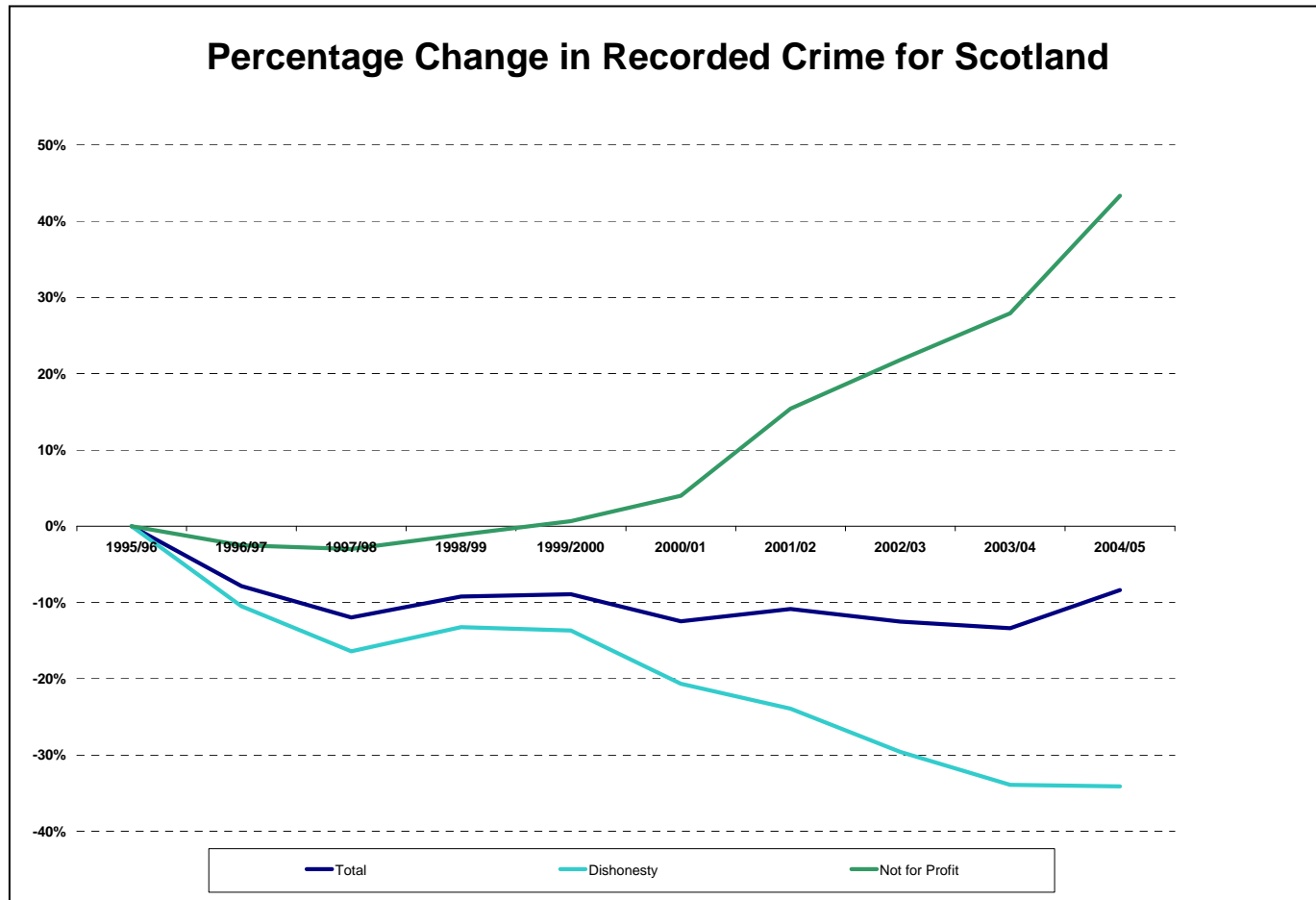
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DEATHS BY VIOLENCE PER 100,000:

1	NORWAY	1.0
2	SPAIN/GREECE	1.3
16	NORTHERN IRELAND	3.5
22	ENGLAND AND WALES	4.2
29	ROMANIA	5.1
37	ALBANIA	6.2
40	SCOTLAND	7.3
42	UNITED STATES	7.9
44	ISRAEL	8.3



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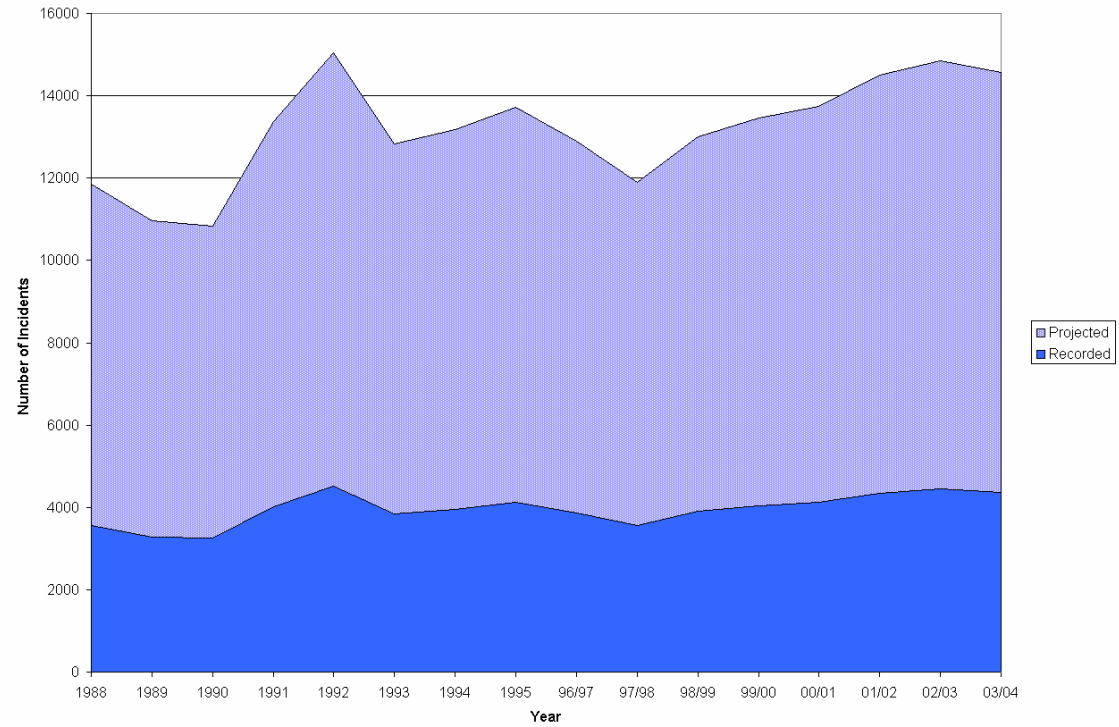
“It is depressing nowadays to take up ones paper and read the daily catalogue of assaults and murders with knives, razors and other lethal weapons. Indeed slashings and stabbings are becoming so common that they appear to be accepted as part of our modern youths recreation”

Glasgow Evening Times (1930)

“Across the whole of Scotland, it is still knives that account for more than 50 percent of murders – it is not just a phenomenon which is confined to the west coast”

Daily Record (2008)

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AS ADULTS

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- **61% of murderers were unemployed at the time of the crime**
- **50% had problems with alcohol**
- **25% had problem with drugs**
- **25% had mental health problems**

AS CHILDREN

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- **61% had problems in school**
- **39% were from broken homes**
- **24% had a father who was violent to their mother**
- **26% had been in care**
- **25% had problems with alcohol**
- **17% had abused drugs**



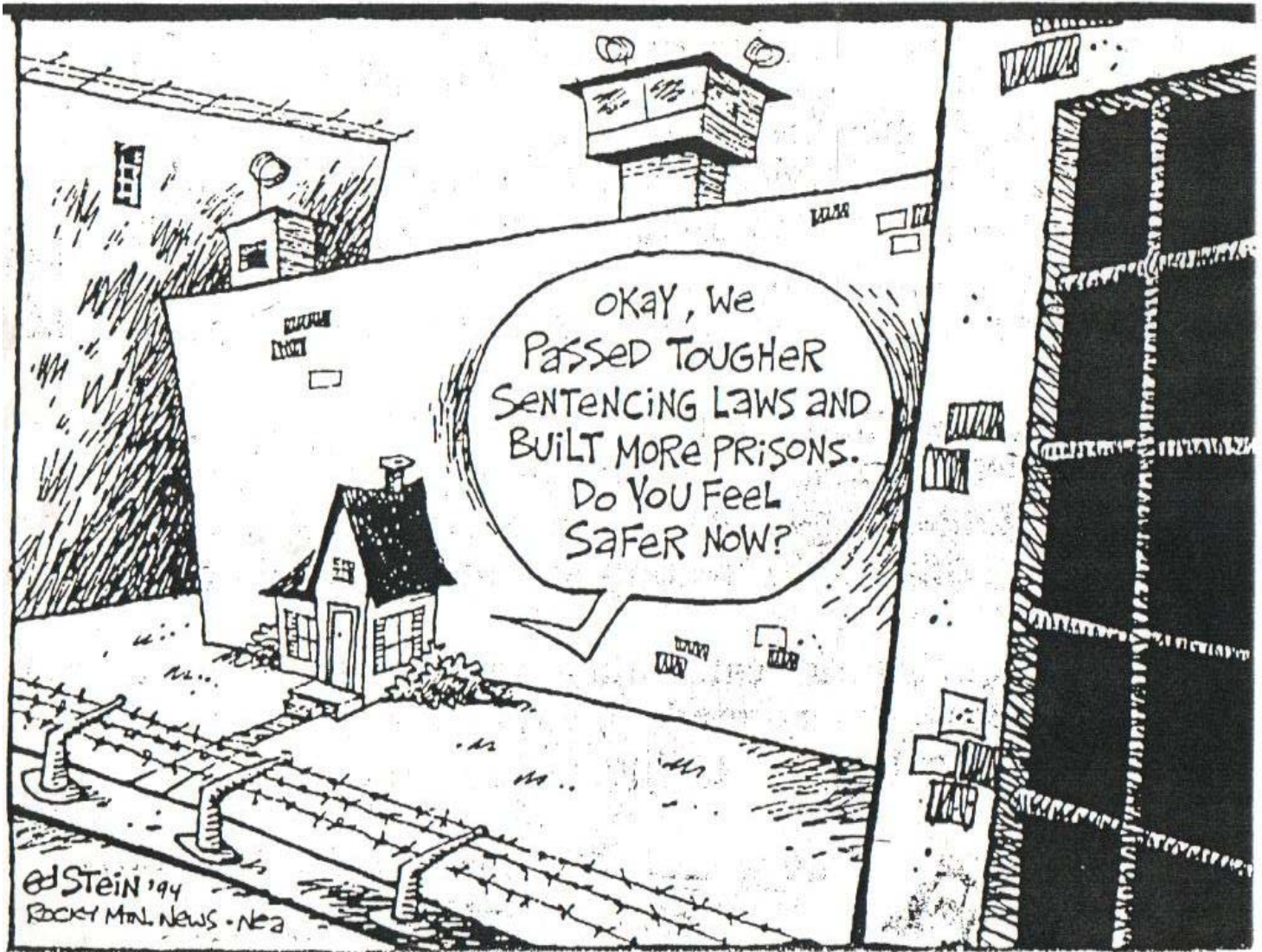
Violence Reduction Unit – Financial Costs in Scotland

2009-2010

CRIME	TOTAL	COST
Murder	78	£1.3 million
Attempted Murder	560	£750,000
Serious Assault	5,034	£23,000
Simple Assault	66,892	£2,000

VIOLENCE COSTS 3% - 6% OF HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET

= £585 MILLION IN SCOTLAND





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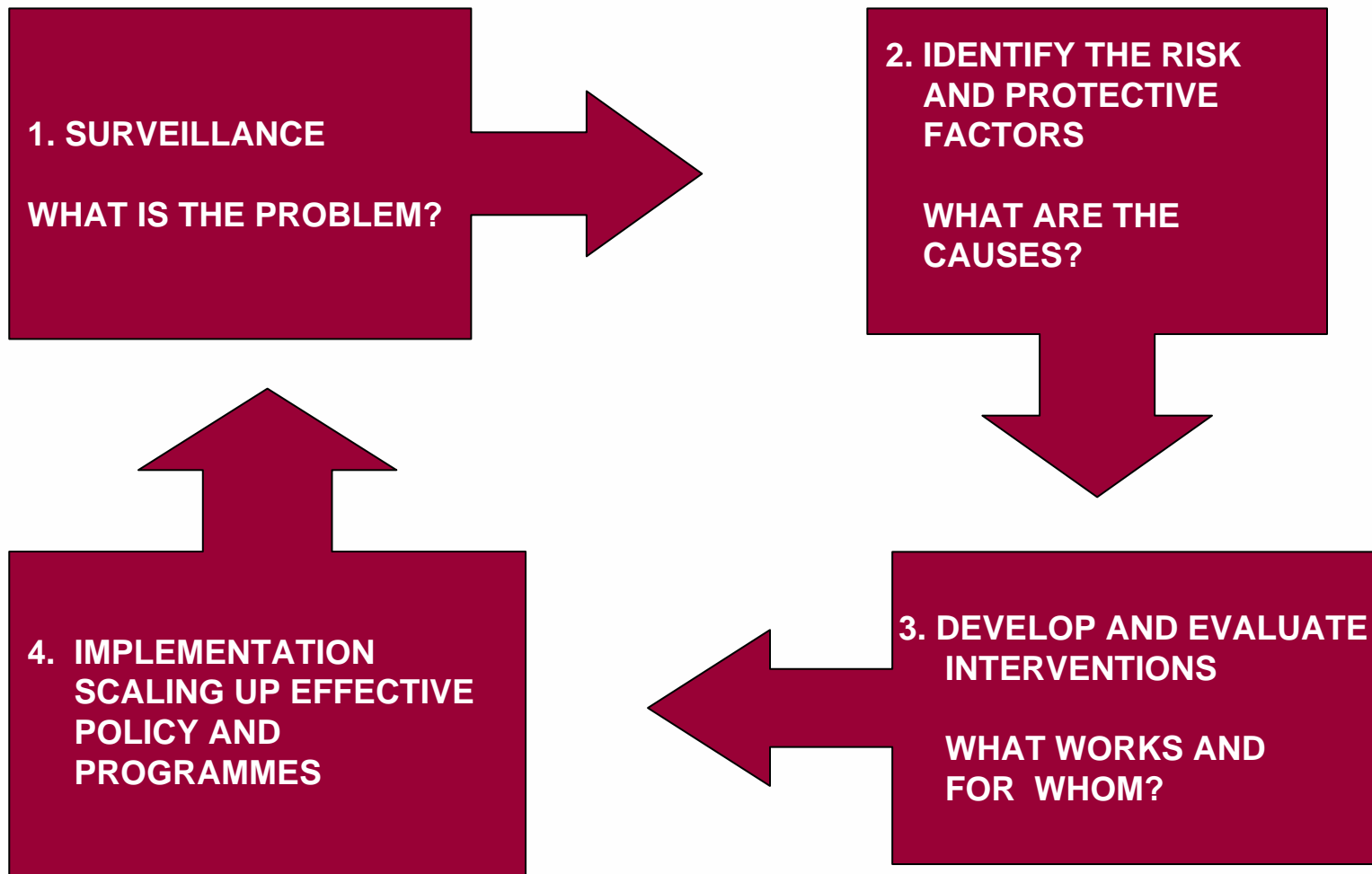
“Interpersonal violence – Violence between individuals in families and communities – is a public health problem.”



Etienne Krug
Director
Department of Injuries and Violence Prevention
World health Organisation
2004

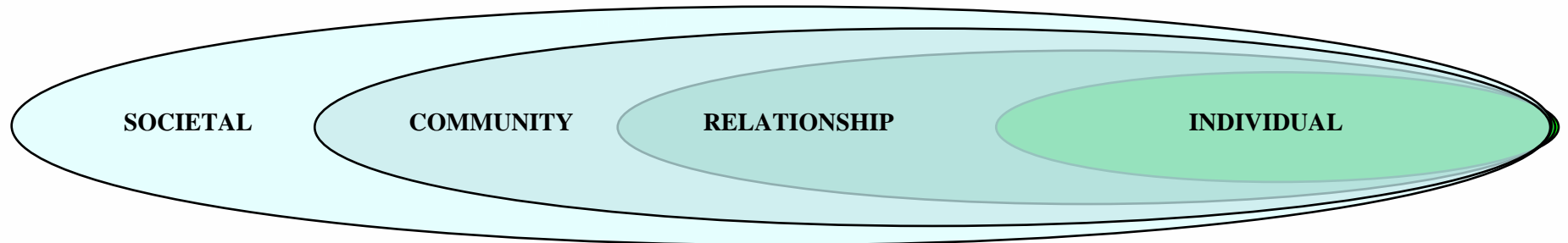


Violence Reduction Unit – The Public Health Model





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Lack of punishment for pre cursor offences – knife carrying

Cultural norms

Lack of knowledge

Lack of communication skills

Legitimisation of violence

Friends that engage in violence

Poor behavioural control

Lack of visible swift justice

Access to and use of alcohol

Prevalence of gang culture

Impulsiveness

Lack of appropriate court disposals

Lack of aspiration

Poor parenting skills

Aggressive behaviour

Lack of appropriate change programmes

Dependency

Violent families

Lack of skills to deal with conflict/Lack of life skills

Links to deprivation

Lack of significant adults/positive role models

Exclusion from Services/schools

Scottishness

Nutrition/Diet/Alcohol

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TO REDUCE VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR BY:

Working with partners and communities to contain and manage the problem using traditional and innovative enforcement tactics...

AND AT THE SAME TIME...

Ensure a long term commitment from all partners and communities to develop policies that will bring about **attitudinal change and deliver a permanent and sustainable reduction in violence.**

Early Intervention: Insuring for a better future.

Which one do we insure against future harm?

Which one do we assess on an annual basis?

Which one do we assess the person in control?

Which one do we ban unfit owners?

Which one is governed by most legislation?

Which one is the most important ?



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Domestic Abuse

Strathclyde

31/03/08 to 31/03/09

27,593	Incidents of domestic abuse
11	Homicides
28	Attempted Murders
241	Serious Assaults
41	Rapes
97	Threats, Extortions and Abductions
17,795	Bail Offences