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Anti-Social Behaviour Edition www.safercommunitiesscotland.org

'Let's Talk About Anti-social Behaviour'

Event review by Mariah Kelly

On Monday 3rd February we hosted a fishbowl discussion on antisocial behaviour as part of the Firestarter Festival. The discussion centred around how society and policy could view antisocial behaviour with a more compassionate, traumainformed lens that accounts for and addresses the social determinants underlying behaviours and still supports victims. We discussed what 'pro-social' behaviour might look like, and how to move the discourse towards one that celebrates strengths rather than shortcomings. Key discussion points included how young people are associated with antisocial behaviour even though current data demonstrates that adults are more likely to be involved. We also considered solutions, like the need for peer support within communities and investment in local preventative services like youth work and management of issues such as mental health and drug and alcohol use. Many of the participants also touched on the role that conflict resolution, mediation and restorative justice approaches could play in securing early resolution to issues.

The fishbowl took place at New Register House in Edinburgh, and 46 people attended. In the inner fishbowl we had David Bell from the Scottish Government, Dot Horne from 6VT, Fiona Alder from Fife Council and Chair of ASBOF, Superintendent Ian Thompson from Police Scotland, Mark Nicol from Wheatley Group, Niven Rennie from Police Scotland, Pete White from Positive Prison Positive Futures, Sheriff Frank Crowe from the Crown Office and Professor Susan McVie, Chair of Quantitative Criminology at the University of Edinburgh. We also had many valuable contributions from those in the audience.

You can view the video of the event on our Youtube channel. View Part 1 <u>here</u> & Part 2 <u>here</u>. We look forward to providing you with our learning report, summarising the conversation in more depth, in the near future. This learning report will also be sent to the Scottish Government and our other national partners.

A big thank you to those in the inner circle, as well as all who attended, for helping to shape the antisocial behaviour discourse for the future.

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Award Sponsorships: SCSN proudly championing community safety initiatives

SCSN is delighted to announce that we will be sponsoring Awards at two upcoming events.

National Youthwork Awards: Youthlink Scotland -12 March



We are delighted to be sponsoring the Youth Justice and Prevention Strategy at this year's National Youthwork Awards. You can find out more and book your place at the ceremony <u>here</u>.

Best Bar None Awards 19th March



For the

second year running, we will also be one of the sponsors for the Best Bar None Awards at the Dunblane Hydro.

Find out more about Best Bar None <u>here</u>.

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SCSN Update



SAVE THE DATES!

Unintentional Harm and Injury Learning Event 2020

The date has been confirmed for the next Unintentional Harm and Injury learning event. The event will take place on the 27th May at the Scottish Fire and Rescue Headquarters in Cambuslang.

Hate Crime and Equalities Event



SCSN and the Dundee Community Safety Team are holding a Hate Crime and Equalities event which will take place on 21st April 2020 at The Steeple, Dundee. Watch this space for further updates.

New SCSN Consultation Response published

We recently submitted a response to the Scottish Government Consultation on Steps to Improve operational effectiveness of the control of dangerous dogs. You can view our response and all previous SCSN consultation responses <u>here.</u>

Question of the Month

For our January Question of the Month, we thought new year would be a good opportunity to raise awareness of the BSC Online Hub, to which people can submit practice exemplars and other documents relating to Unintentional Harm. We asked:

'Have you submitted/do you plan to submit anything to the BSC Online Hub?'

- 40% said Yes
- 50% said No
- 10% said Not Sure

Thanks to all of those who took part in our poll!

Question of the Month February 2020

This month's Question of the Month relates to our antisocial behaviour theme and comes from Fiona Alder. She's asking:

Do you think the current ASB legislation is fit for purpose to enable you to tackle ASB in your communities?

You can take part in our poll <u>here</u>.

60 seconds with...

Fiona Alder, Chair of the Anti-Social Behaviour Officers Forum (ASBOF)



You've worked in ASB and safer communities for 25 years. How have the types of issues and concerns you deal with changed over this time? And how have the approaches/ response from the



partnership and public service organisations changed too?

Traditionally we dealt with neighbour complaints within council properties. The main complaints were noise related, and often happened in properties where people regularly held parties at weekends. The complaints were dealt with by the Police and/ or Housing Services. Today we receive complaints of more serious incidents such as assaults, stabbings, drug dealing, etc. as well as noise complaints, and we deal with all tenure of properties. More and more we now work with people who are leading chaotic lives and have complex issues, with antisocial behaviour often being a cause or consequence of this. As such, any response requires a partnership approach.

You were a key participant in our recent Firestarter festival event where we had a conversation on a new dialogue for ASB. What resonated with you from the discussion?

What astounded me the most was the fact that a lot of the conversation regarding ASB still reverts back to blaming young people for the ASB within our communities. ASB takes many forms, affects nearly all communities, and nowadays statistics show that ASB is perpetrated by people in older age groups.

What is the part of your job you enjoy the most? ... and least?

The part of the job that I enjoy the most is working with our teams who spend their days out in the community trying to resolve issues being experienced by the residents of Fife. Our Officers are committed to helping residents to live in a safe and clean environment. The part of the job I least enjoy is being office bound writing strategies.

You chair the Antisocial Behaviour Officers Forum (ASBOF) – what are the forum's plans for the coming year?

The Forum is a practitioner event where we try to keep members up to date with changes in legislation, and share best practice, mainly through invited speakers. We provide an environment where officers from throughout Scotland can learn from each other by discussing issues they are dealing with, which may already have been tackled in another Local Authority area. Our plans for this year would be to continue facilitating this.

We spoke about a 'pro-social' approach at the Firestarter event – what does this mean to you; and what three things do you think we could change/do to help us get there?

Prosocial for me means encouraging people to adopt socially acceptable behaviour.

1) If we want to change people's behaviour we have to start early in childhood and teach children what are acceptable behaviours, and equally what is not acceptable to society.

2) We have to work with adults in our society who are currently acting in an anti-social manner. We have to work with them to make them realise why their behaviour is unacceptable, and support them to make changes to their behaviour.

3) We have to promote a sense of community within people. You want people to be a positive influence in each other's lives, and you want people to feel that if they act antisocially they are letting their community down, so that hopefully this would encourage them to adopt pro-social behaviours.

Changing our society into a pro-social society will not be a quick fix but we have to start somewhere.

Public Consultation on Policing Future now open

Policing in Scotland is asking the public for their views on how to serve our communities in the future.

A draft of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) and Police Scotland's new Joint Strategy for Policing was agreed at a meeting in Edinburgh on Friday, 17 January.

The document details the increasing requirements on officers and staff and the changing nature of society and crime, as well as setting out environmental and financial challenges to the sustainability of policing.





The joint strategy and information on how to submit your views can be found here.

Chief Constable Iain Livingstone said: "I am committed to relentlessly improving how we reflect, engage with and serve our communities ensuring we uphold our values of human rights, fairness, integrity and respect."

"The creation of a single national service has helped to maintain responsive and visible local policing in our communities and transformed how we deal with serious crime and major incidents. This has been achieved as policing is asked to deliver around £200m of annual savings compared to legacy arrangements."

"The coming years present a wide range of considerations, from the sustainability of policing to emerging crime threats, and it is vital that we are able to invest in core infrastructure to support our people and enable them to meet those challenges."

"This consultation is an important opportunity for the citizens of Scotland to shape the sort of police service it wants at a crucial time."

The consultation will remain open until March 2 and submissions will be considered before the Joint Strategy for Policing is finalised and considered again by the Authority before being laid before Parliament.

Thinking about Digital Policing

In December last year, we attended the Scottish Institute of Policing Research's (SIPR) 9th Annual Scottish International Policing Conference at the University of Edinburgh. The conference was themed around the pertinent issue of 'Digital Policing' and through its speakers and workshops it explored the ethical, legal and societal concerns raised by the incorporation of various forms of technology in policing and the challenge of policing in a digital sphere.

The conference began with a welcome from Derek Penman QPM who made a plea to continue to develop the research agenda on policing in Scotland and aid evidenceinformed policing. This was followed by Tom Halpin QPM, SPA Board Member, who discussed the Scottish Police Authority's needs to take into account wider societal concern, robust monitoring processes and governance for new technologies as they go forward.

DCC Will Kerr OBE gave a plenary speech discussing conflicts between the commitment to and the real need to be "ahead of the game" when it comes to technology alongside the inherent and legitimate ethical concerns which will take "robust governance" and training. He stressed the extent to which policing has changed toward the digital world in recent years; indecent images and livestreaming of child abuse, Organised Crime Groups and global organised crime, self-harm and bullying not to mention implications for digital forensics and the ever complex issues around data protection and regulations.

You can read the article in full here.

New Online Reporting Tool for Major Incidents Launched



Witnesses are now able to upload video footage and images directly to Police Scotland as part of a <u>national online reporting</u> <u>tool</u> for major incidents.

The Major Incident Public Portal (MIPP) is a website that will give the public access to various forms in the event of a terror attack, major disaster or a high profile incident such as a murder.

It allows people to send information, reports, images and video footage directly to the police casualty bureau and major incident teams.

MIPP is being rolled out across Scotland by the Major Incident Support and Co-ordination Unit.

Assistant Chief Constable Duncan Sloan, Major Crime and Public Protection, said: "The portal is a quick and easy way for the public to submit information that could be vital in a major incident."

"It can also be used if there's an incident that involves mass casualties and you want to report a person missing who you believe is involved." "Before MIPP was introduced in Scotland, a dedicated incident call centre would be set up at the early stages to process this information. If witnesses wanted to send in video footage, it would either be done by calling 101 or using a contact us form, and an officer would be sent out to retrieve it."

"MIPP can be activated in a much shorter space of time and information can be gathered while police resources are still being deployed."

"It's simple to use and will hopefully help us to do our job quicker by having as much information at our disposal as possible to deal with any major incident efficiently."

High profile incidents where a large volume of information or video footage has been taken is an example of when MIPP could be used by an investigation team.

Police Scotland has recently tested the MIPP functionality when appealing to the public for information regarding the death of Emma Faulds in Ayrshire and the Shona Stevens homicide inquiry in North Ayrshire.

The Major Incident Support and Co-ordination Unit was set up in September 2018 to act as a central department that would provide a single point of contact for police officers.

The unit will act as a gatekeeper for how Police Scotland officers use MIPP and tailor the forms to each individual inquiry.

Local Government Benchmarking Framework Published

Improvement Service has published a new online tool, the Local Government Benchmarking Framework.



The LGBF is a high-level benchmarking tool designed to support senior management teams and elected members to ask questions about key council services.

It reflects a commitment by SOLACE (Scotland) and COSLA to develop better measurement and comparable data as a catalyst for improving services, targeting resources to areas of greatest impact and enhancing public accountability.

The framework provides high-level 'can openers' which are designed to focus questions on why variations in cost and performance are occurring between similar councils. They do not supply the answers. That happens as councils engage with each other to 'drill down' and explore why these variations are happening.

You can read more, view an explanatory video and use the tool here.

Cyber Scotland Week 2020

17-23 February

A programme of events will take place across all of Scotland aiming to: raise awareness of good cyber resilience practice, showcase innovative work that is happening across Scotland's cyber sector, and/or promote skills development and a career in cyber security. The week will bring together influencers, experts and the next generation of talent to explore and learn about the potential rewards and challenges in this fast changing threat landscape.

The first Cyber Scotland Week (in April 2019), saw over 30 events taking place in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Midlothian, Orkney, Perth, St Andrews, Stirling and Tweedbank. There were also social media campaigns by a wide range of stakeholders across the public, private and third sectors. The programme received considerable media attention, featuring in national newspapers such as the Herald and the Scotsman. It was also featured on BBC Scotland News and on BBC Radio Scotland.

To ensure the key cyber resilience messages reach everyone in Scotland, especially those who are not already engaged with cyber, there are stakeholders from all the sectors hosting events internally, externally and also pushing out key messages through their social media channels.

You can find more information and resources on the Cyber Scotland Week <u>website</u>.

Victims Awareness Week 2020 Parliamentary Reception Event



Join Victim Support Scotland on Tuesday 18th February in the Garden Lobby for a parliamentary reception to highlight their work and the impact it has for people who have been effected by crime that they support as part of Victims Week 2020.

The event includes a short film screening and is part of a programme of events taking place during Victims Week 2020, ahead of European Day for Victims of Crime on Saturday 22nd February.

Book your place at this event <u>here</u>.

You can find out more about the work of Victim Support Scotland <u>here.</u>

Expert Group on Preventing Harmful SexualThe Expert Group on Preventing SexualBehaviour in ChildrenOffending Involving Children and Young

Scotland should pioneer a public health response to harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people, Justice Secretary Humza Yousaf has said.

Responding to a <u>report</u> by an expert group commissioned by the Scottish Government, Mr Yousaf said lessons would be taken from Scotland's approach to reducing violent crime. He also announced plans for a multiagency group to oversee work around prevention and support for parents, carers and practitioners such as teachers and social workers.

The Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People report calls for more preventative activity tailored for boys and young men, given that the majority of adolescents displaying harmful sexual behaviour are male.

Other recommendations focus on:

- providing effective support for parents and carers to keep their children safe
- ensuring frontline practitioners are confident about how best to prevent harm
- reviewing the steps that can be taken to best achieve prevention rather than intervention after the harm has occurred

Local Place Plans: Challenges and Opportunities

Local Place Plans are a new type of plan giving people an opportunity to develop proposals for the development and use of land in the place where they live.



scottish community development centre

SCDC and Nick Wright Planning were commissioned by the Scottish Government to start conversations about the opportunities and challenges presented by Local Place Plans.

Using action research, they wanted to find out more about the implications of Local Place Plans for the planning system and communities.

Through this research, they've published a series of findings outlining how local place plans should be community-led, co-produced and used effectively for community empowerment and addressing inequality.

You can view the report <u>here</u>.

Roads seen as "too dangerous" for cyclists

Cycling Scotland

Research carried out by Cycling Scotland has shown that many people still think that roads are too dangerous for cyclists. Unsafe roads were cited as the main barrier to people cycling, with 63% of respondents in Scotland saying roads were too busy to cycle on safely.

Parents in particular had concerns over safety, with 28% saying they thought roads were 'extremely unsafe' for children, compared with only 3% saying they were 'extremely safe'.

Whilst people in Scotland had positive attitudes toward cycling, with 92% saying they believed it was beneficial to health and wellbeing, and 65% saying they thought the country would be a better place if more people cycled, nonetheless 64% of people said cycling was not a viable form of transport for them.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) Data Published

The latest SIMD data was published in January. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation is a relative measure of deprivation across 6,976 small areas (called data zones). If an area is identified as 'deprived', this can relate to people having a low income but it can also mean fewer resources or opportunities. SIMD looks at the extent to which an area is deprived across seven domains: income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing.

You can view the latest SIMD data report on the Scottish Government website <u>here</u>.

You can read a useful analysis of the SIMD data by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) <u>here</u>.

Roadside Drug Tests failed by 185 drivers during festive campaign

Police Scotland has reported that 185 drivers failed roadside drug tests during their festive campaign.

For the first time officers were able to test for drugs at the roadside.

"Drugalyser" tests were used to detect cannabis and cocaine and resulted in 185 positive results out of 480 drivers stopped.

Police said they were disappointed almost 600 motorists breathalysed between 1 Dec and 2 January were under the influence of drink or drugs.

A total of 8,687 drivers were stopped over the period, with 580 of those detected for drink/drug offences. Of those, 29 drivers were caught the morning after they had been drinking.

New research shows two thirds of Brits together over a cuppa. have felt lonely in the past year Turning the idea of 'Blue



- 25-34 year-olds experience the highest levels of loneliness (82%), but the issue is prevalent across all age groups according to the new research in support of Samaritans
- More than half of Brits (52%) believe there is a stigma attached to being lonely
- 9 in 10 (87%) of the people surveyed said that having a face to face catch up over a cup of tea would help them feel less lonely
- PG Tips joins Samaritans 'celebritea' supporters, including Dame Julie Walters to encourage the nation to come together for a warming cuppa. Two thirds of Brits (64%) have felt lonely in the past year, the new research has revealed.

Commissioned by PG Tips in support of Samaritans Brew Monday, the study sheds new light on the far-reaching impact of loneliness, its causes, and how people can overcome it.

Whilst 25-34 year olds reported the highest levels of loneliness - with 82% of respondents saying they had felt lonely in the past year - the study has shown the issue affects people of all ages, in all areas of the UK. Fiachra Moloney, Director of Tea at Unilever UK said: "With two thirds of the population having experienced loneliness in the last year, there are at least 9 million people feeling lonely on any given day and we will all experience it at some

Major life changes such as becoming a new parent, bereavement or moving to a new area were all identified as key factors attributing to people's loneliness.

The survey also highlighted that more than half of Brits (52%) say they are less likely to admit to being lonely because there is stigma attached.

However, with 9 in 10 (87%) saying getting together over a cup of tea would help them feel less lonely, PG Tips has pledged its support to **Samaritans Brew Monday**, a fundraising initiative that encourages people to come Turning the idea of 'Blue Monday' on its head into something positive, **Samaritans Brew Monday** encourages people to get together with family, friends or colleagues for a chat and a warming cuppa throughout January and February. Taking time to listen to another person could help them through a tough time and having a brew together is a great excuse to do just that. People can use their get-together to raise money for Samaritans, so someone having a tough time has somewhere to turn. Brew Monday has the backing of British stars including Dame Julie Walters, former Bake Off contestant Michael Chakraverty and comedian Rachel Parris.

Dame Julie Walters said: "Talking is really important – to get it out of your head and into the atmosphere and for someone to witness that, is important in life. I'm supporting Brew Monday as I believe we need to listen, notice and talk to people. It isn't a problem to talk about how you are feeling, and things won't get out of control, if anything it will dissipate. It's about not being afraid to approach somebody and noticing what's happening around you."

Great British Bake Off's Michael Chakraverty has also pledged his support to the campaign, saying: "During practice for Bake Off I felt very lonely, as I'd be holed up in my kitchen baking. My close friends that knew I was on the show really lifted my spirits with small acts of kindness like dropping by with home cooked meals. Their support lifted me out of my loneliness, finding small moments of laughter and calm connections with those I'm close to."

Fiachra Moloney, Director of Tea at Unilever UK said: "With two thirds of the population having experienced loneliness in the last year, there are at least 9 million people feeling lonely on any given day and we will all experience it at some point in our lives. We want everyone to feel open in talking about loneliness and that is why PG tips is proud to support Samaritans Brew Monday and together we're encouraging the nation to reach out to anyone who might be affected by the issue."

This is first in a series of activities PG tips are supporting in 2020 via partnerships with Samaritans, Time to Change and The Big Lunch. The brand has also launched a national advertising campaign to encourage the nation to get together over a cup of tea which can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Fearless Anti-Hate Crime Campaign

Hate crime is when someone targets you because of your:

- Race
- Religion/faith
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Transgender/gender identity.

You can be a victim of a hate crime, even if the perpetrator makes a wrong assumption about your identity. For example, if someone assaults you because they think you are Muslim, when actually you are atheist. Their motivation is the key factor when deciding if something is a hate crime.



Victims may be subjected to physical assaults or suffer damage to their property. They may also experience the threat of an attack or verbal abuse. Hate crime can happen anywhere - at school, at the football, in the street or even at home.

If you know who is committing hate crime – $\underline{click here}$ – to report what you know 100% anonymously.

Here is just <u>one example</u> of the excellent resources available from the Scottish equality expert partners,

LGBT History Month 2020 - 20 years since repeal of Section 28

February is LGBT History Month and this year's theme is celebrating 20 years since the repeal of the homophobic Section 28 law which banned the discussion of homosexuality in schools until the year 2000. Activities throughout this month are coordinated by LGBT Youth Scotland, and they are considering whether we have managed to repair the damaging legacy of Section 28.

A recently published LGBT Health Needs Assessment for Greater Glasgow & Clyde and Lothian adds to a body of national and international evidence that shows there is still a long way to go despite legal equality having been more or less achieved.

You can download a copy of the qualitative study conducted as part of the ongoing 3 stage health needs assessment <u>here</u>.

Centre for Youth & Criminal Justice

Claire Lightowler, Director of the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice, spent last year reviewing literature and data to produce <u>'Rights Respecting? Scotland's approach to children in conflict</u> <u>with the law'</u>, a report outlining the changes that our youth justice system must make if Scotland is to uphold its commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It is the first of its kind to translate the UNCRC into Scottish specific



actions to improve policy, practice and experience in youth justice. At its heart is the premise that ALL children are rights-holders, no matter what harms or wrongs they have caused. Read more about it <u>here</u>.

Latest news and updates from the Home Safety Scotland Network

Free Carbon Monoxide Awareness Workshop



The Gas Safe Charity is working with Fire Scotland to

deliver a free half day carbon monoxide workshop in Glasgow on the morning of the 25th February. The workshop is aimed at front line staff or volunteers who deliver their services in the homes of vulnerable people. Carbon monoxide is a potentially lethal gas which can't be detected by our senses. Even at low levels, over a long period, there is an increased risk of falls and poor health. Greater awareness of the sources, signs and symptoms and what to do if you suspect there may be a carbon monoxide risk, will help protect vulnerable people, as well as front line workers themselves.

The workshop starts at 9.30 and will be finished by 12.30. All participants will receive a resource pack. It will be held at the Scottish Fire HQ Training Centre, in Westburn Drive, Cambuslang, G72 7NA

To book a place please contact: <u>thinkco@gassafecharity.org.uk</u>

If you are interested in completing our free e-learning package please email:

e-learning@gassafeharity.org.uk

New Guidance: Fire Safety in Specialised Housing

<u>New guidance</u> to reduce the risk from fire in specialised housing, such as sheltered and supported accommodation, has been published.

Older people and people with physical, sensory or mental health issues are at increased risk of injury or death from fires.

The guidance – called Practical Fire Safety Guidance for Specialised Housing and Similar Premises – helps those responsible for the housing and those who provide care and support services in such properties to carry out fire safety risk assessments, taking into account the requirements of individual residents.

The guidance is a recommendation of the Review of the Fire Safety Regime in Scotland, following the fire at Grenfell Tower in 2017.

Event to develop a framework for injury prevention in Scotland

17 March 2020 (10.00-15.15) – COSLA Building (19 Haymarket Yards, Edinburgh, EH12 5BH)

The <u>Scottish Public Health Network</u> (ScotPHN) and the <u>Royal Society for the Prevention of</u> <u>Accidents</u> (ROSPA) are co-hosting an event to develop a framework for injury prevention in Scotland.

The aims of the day are:

- In support of the BSC Action Plan, develop a national framework for a population approach to injury prevention, considering supporting data and evidence.
- Consider whole system collaboration approach to implementation of the framework.

A draft programme can be found within the <u>Eventbrite link</u>, where you can also register. The password is '**prevention**'.

A finalised programme will follow in due course. If you have any queries, please email <u>ScotPHN</u>.

In other news...

SAVE THE DATE: CHEX Conference 2020

Tuesday 25th February, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

The Community Led Health Exchange (CHEX) are holding a conference in Glasgow to celebrate both their 20th anniversary and community-led health.

They want to bring people from across Scotland to reflect on the progress community-led health has made and, crucially, look ahead to the next steps we can take together.



They'll be bringing together people working across the country to explore the huge contribution that community organisations have made to the health and wellbeing of our communities.

They've loads planned, with insightful speakers, interactive workshops and plenty of discussion all the while learning from each other's good practice and stories from community-led health organisations across Scotland.

To book your place, click here.

New Report: 'Stand up and tell me your story'

SCSN was delighted to be in attendance as SHAAP launched its latest report on the meanings and



importance of lived and living experiences for alcohol and drugs policy to a packed audience at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh.

Read more on the findings of this qualitative study <u>here</u>.

Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) effect on underage drinkers minimal, but more research needed

NHS experts have said more research is needed into how MUP is affecting underage drinking.

The call comes after a <u>new study</u> of 50 drinkers aged between 13-17 found no change in these young people's consumption habits after MUP came into force.

However, the report does state that many of the drinks favoured by younger people were not affected by MUP, or that the increased cost was not a barrier to them.

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