

Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EQHRIA)**Summary of Results**

Policy / Practice	Civil Aviation and Military Aircraft SOP
Owning Department	EERP
Date EQHRIA Completed	17/01/2018
Purpose of Policy / Practice	<p>This Standard Operating Procedure provides information in relation to dealing with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Aircraft in Distress• Missing Aircraft• Air Accident or Incident• Airspace Restriction and Management

A. Summary of Analysis / Decisions - What the assessment found and actions already taken.

An analysis has been made of the above SOP and the following is pertinent;

Religion or Belief

The SOP was assessed to have a positive impact as the document underlines the importance of dignified recovery of deceased victim's remains from an air accident scene.

Human Rights

Article 2 – Right to life (Promotes)

Aircraft pose significant potential dangers to people, whether they have been in an accident or not. This SOP contains exhaustive information relating to health and safety when dealing with incidents involving aircrafts. Strict adherence to those guidelines might prevent serious injury or loss of life.

Article 5 - Right to Liberty and Security (infringes) Cordons and Airspace Restrictions deprive the free movement of persons on the ground and in the air. This infringement is covered by appropriate legislation.

Article 11 – Freedom of Assembly and Association (Infringes)

Cordons and Airspace Restrictions deprive the free movement of persons on the ground and in the air. The restriction of airspace will only be applied in rare occasions where there is an exceptionally strong public interest case. There is legislation in place to allow such restriction (Air Navigation Order 2016), the restriction is applied by an independent regulatory body (Department for Transport) via a second independent assessing agency (Civil Aviation Authority). Police Scotland would not be able to apply such a restriction of movement without the motive being assessed and agreed by independent agencies.

Protocol 1 Article 1 (Protects) This SOP contains information relating to scene management/cordons/preservation of evidence/ how to seize/handle property etc. which by its nature promotes this article.

B. Summary of Mitigation Actions - What else we plan to do and how we are going to check that it has been done.

Owning Department will monitor changes in legislation/circumstances which may affect the SOP and assess how these changes may impact on the protected groups.

In addition they will be responsible for the cyclical review of both SOP and EqHRIA.