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Scottish Security in Localised and Community Settings: Organisation and Regulation.

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Organisation post- 2013.

- The objectives of community security:
- Interactive relations.
- Proportionality- A presence matching community needs.
- Prevention of crime.
- Post- hoc intervention.

But also...

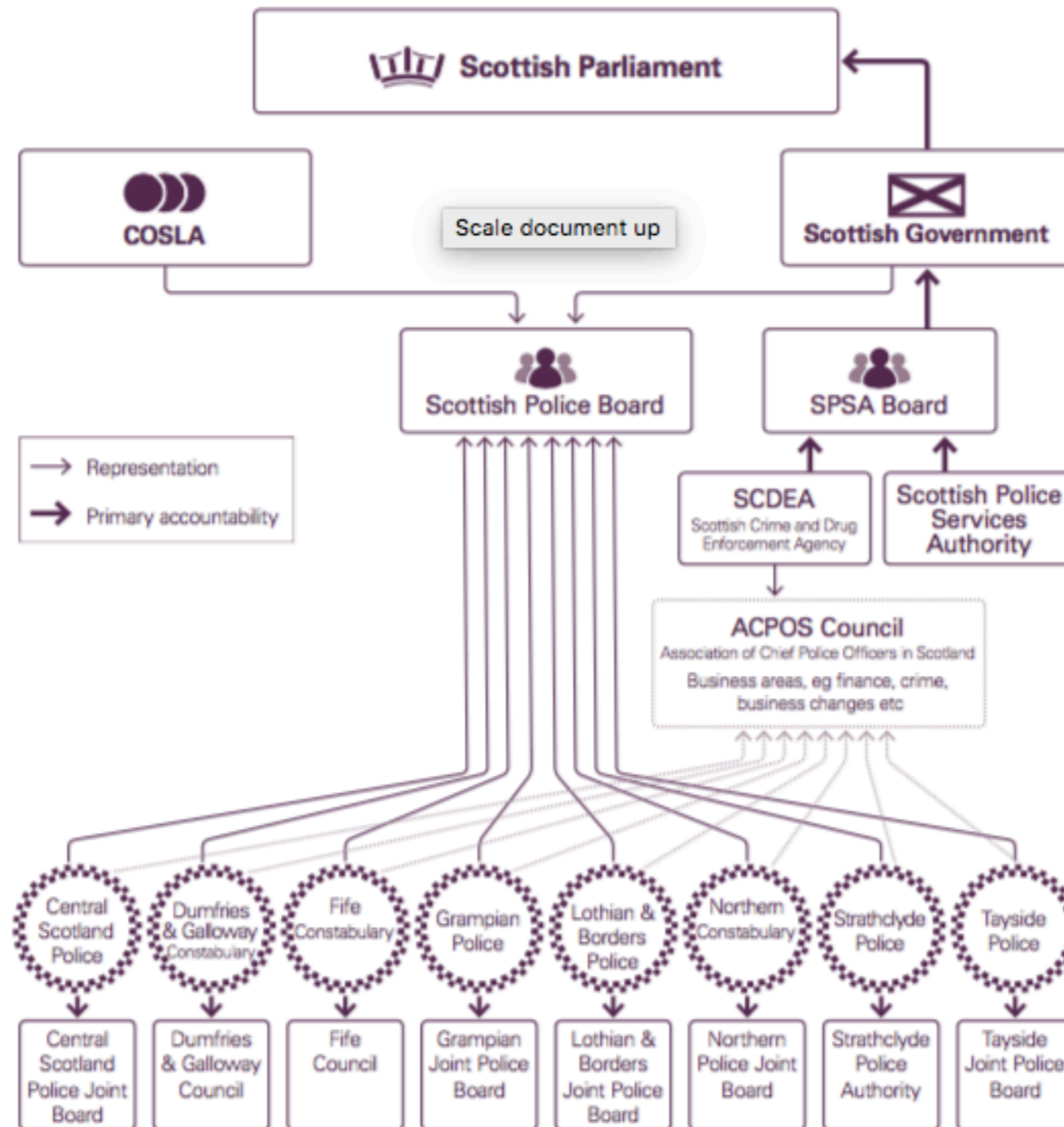
- Foot patrols
- Victim support
- ...

(Yilmaz, 2005)



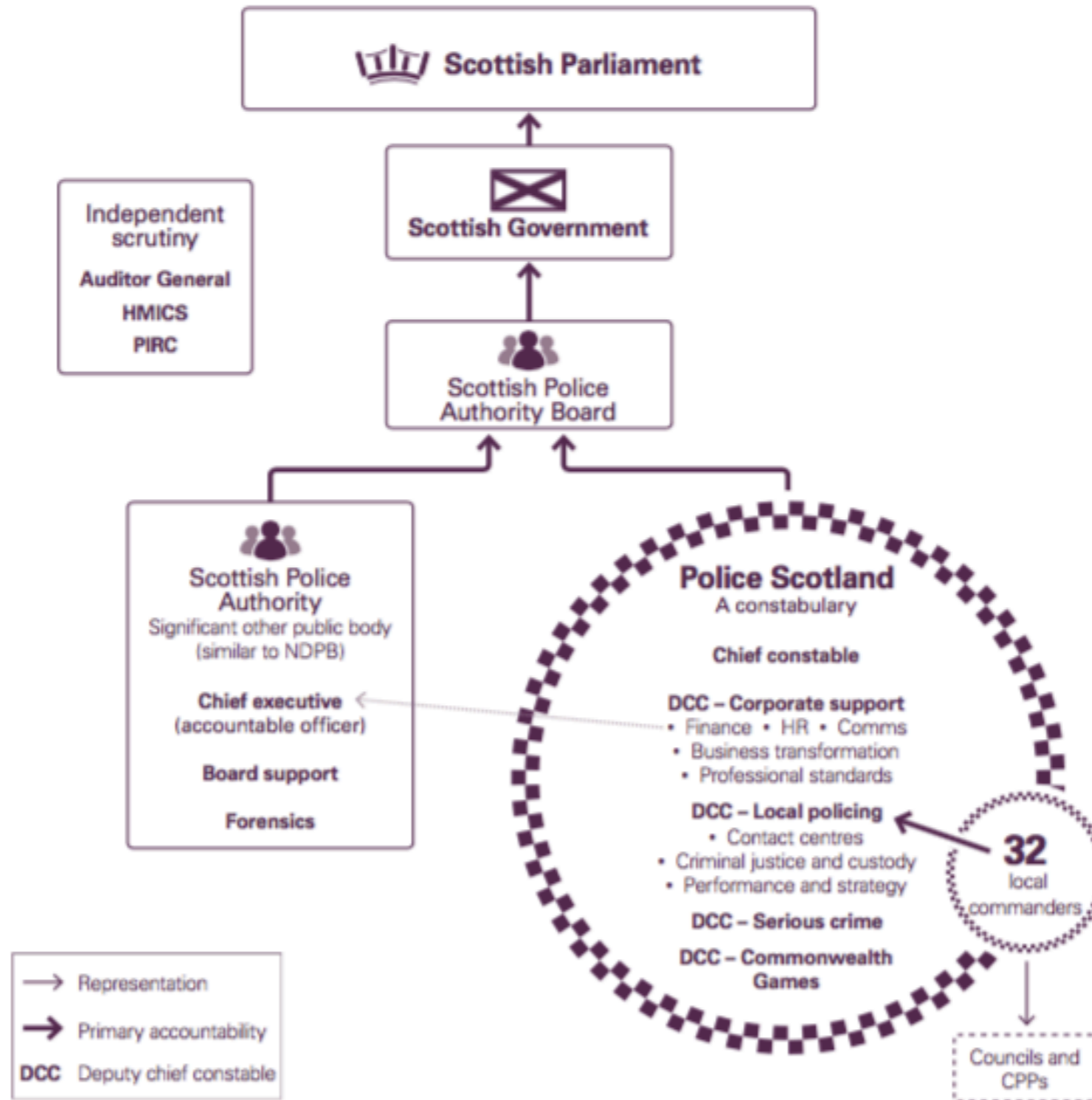
Organisation prior to 2013.

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Organisation post- 2013.

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Positive Prospects of Systems

Pre- 2013:

- Localism as specialisation
- Greater knowledge
- Quality intelligence networks (businesses & residents)

Post- 2013:

- Direct lines/ pathways of power
- Increased accountability
- Centralisation= ease of access...
- Intelligence
- Resources
- Centres of power



Negative Prospects of systems

Pre- 2013:

- Disposal of authority
- Cooperation cross- jurisdiction
- Availability of resources
- Intelligence access (+ cross- jurisdictional intelligence)

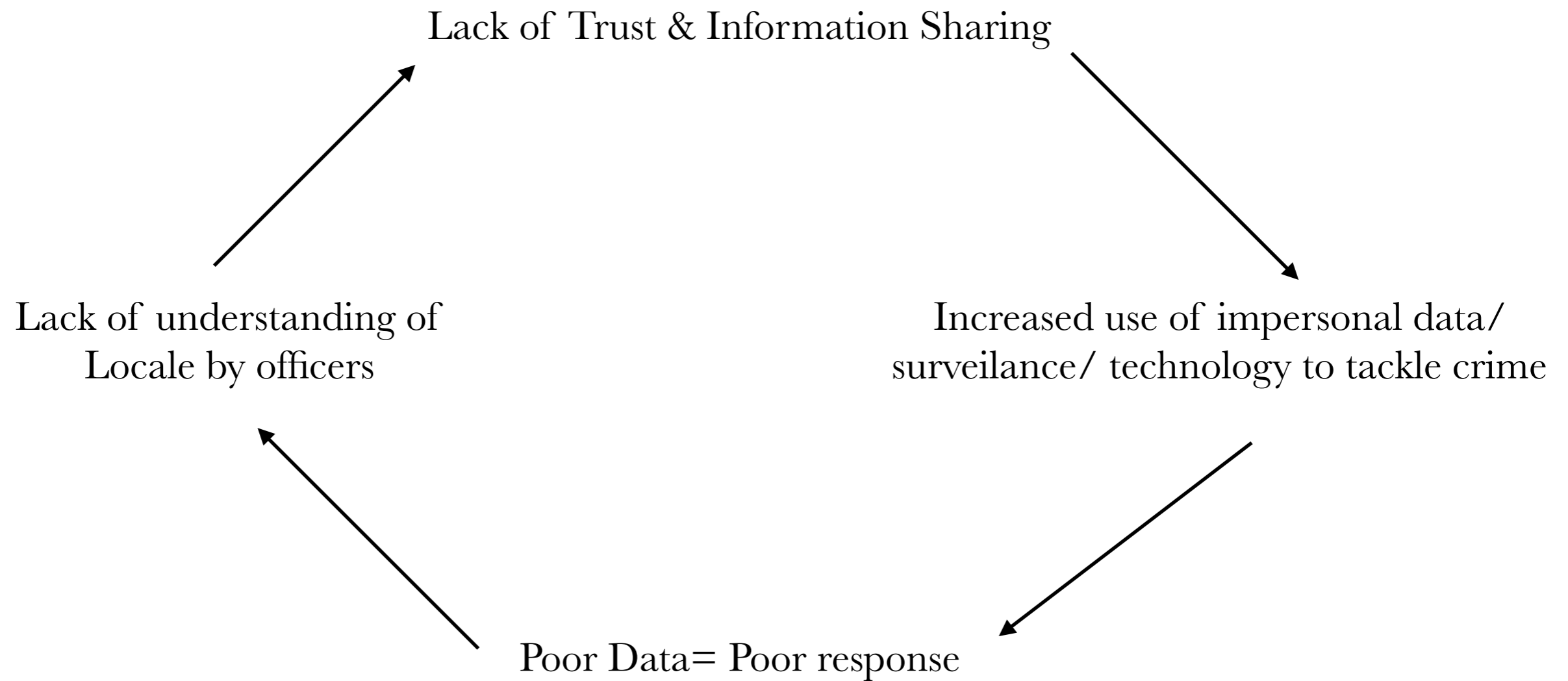
Post- 2013:

- Centralisation= community abandonment
- Lack of local knowledge
- Low- grade intelligence networks
- Central power leads to blanket policing



Negative Prospects of systems

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Statistics: Pre Vs. Post- 2013

Table 6: Crimes recorded by the police, Scotland, 2008-09 to 2017-18²

Crime group	Number & Percentage										
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	% change 16-17 to 17-18
Total Crimes	377,433	338,124	323,247	314,188	273,053	270,397	256,350	246,243	238,921	244,504	*

Scottish Government: publications.

Other Organisations: Local & Community security

The Violence Reduction Unit

- Established by Strathclyde police in 2005 with objective of combating Gang culture after Glasgow dubbed as 'Murder Capital of Western Europe'
- Between 2007- 08 and 2016- 17 homicides fell by 47%
- Between 2008- 09 NHS emergency assault admissions decreased by 52%



Violence is preventable, not inevitable.

Medics Against Violence

- Established by 3 surgeons in 2008 to tackle knife crime and other forms of violence.
- So far they have reached 150,000 people



Conclusion.

- The evidence is split
- What evidence there is leans towards localism
- Organisation of old and new is still open for debate



Thank you for your attention!