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PRESS RELEASE

HMICS to review policing of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

Details of a review into policing arrangements for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games have been announced.

Under Operation Lannair, Police Scotland will police not only next year's Games, but also the King's Baton relay journey through Scotland.

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland will conduct a strategic review to look at how prepared Police Scotland is to help deliver a safe and successful Games.

A Terms of Reference published by HMICS says they will 'provide an independent assessment of the state, effectiveness and efficiency of policing arrangements' for the Games.

The review will also look at the impact of the event on normal policing services to the communities across Scotland.

The Games, which will run from 23 July until 2 August 2026, will feature 10 sports across four existing venues in and around the Glasgow area.

Approximately 3,000 athletes from 74 nations are expected to participate, alongside large numbers of spectators attending the events.

Glasgow 2026 Limited will deliver the Games with an anticipated budget of £150m. The body will fund policing costs.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The 'HMICS Strategic review of policing the Commonwealth Games 2026 - terms of reference' will be available to download at the [HMICS website](#) from 00.01hrs, 03 December, 2025.

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