


Community Justice Scotland **Ceartas Coimhearsnachd Alba**

Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland **Local Area Annual Return Template Guidance** **2021-22**

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4) Progress From 2020-21 Recommendations

Victims

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership (CJP) recognised the importance of developing strategic planning links to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in



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As the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service implement solutions to reduce the backlog of cases and improve disposal decisions (virtual courts, electronic monitoring, sentencing of young people etc), we expect community disposals will increase.

Monthly statistics from the Scottish Prison Service detailing the types of custodial sentences for people in prison were utilised for analysis. During 2021-2022, Argyll and Bute data was shown as having one of the highest levels of remand in Scotland (as a percentage of the A&B prison population). The issue was raised by A&B Chief Social Work Officer with the Sheriff Principal. The levels of remand for Argyll & Bute has lowered slightly during 2022-2023, we continue to monitor this. Justice Social Work Bail Support Service was launched during 2022-2023, the A&B CJP will provide support to ensure wider service provision contributes to delivering improved community justice outcomes.

The A&B CJP must ensure that wider partners are informed and involved in delivering improved outcomes for people subject to Justice Social Work orders, whilst monitoring the



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Post April 2022, the Community Justice Coordinator and Housing Strategic Lead began baselining towards the SHORE Standards, this will be finalised during 2022/2023. Availability of suitable housing across Argyll & Bute varies, with challenges in specific areas including remote and island communities. As a stock transfer local authority, Argyll & Bute does not provide housing (out their statutory obligation for homelessness). A&B CJP will consider findings from this baseline assessment and include any identified improvements within the local improvement plan.

work to understand needs and gaps in provision.

c) How has this been identified?

The information relating to Justice Social Work provided the data and evidence base for related improvements. This included data from CareFirst, Justice Social Work Court Reports and feedback from the wider JSW team. Social Work Scotland and Community Justice Scotland data and information was also considered alongside



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e) What has restricted progress in this recommendation?

Please share anything that has restricted progress. This could include challenges relating to data and information, partner capacity or capabilities in this respect.

Some restrictions in progress relate to the nature of the additional funding provided to Justice Social Work being short-term, timescales for WSP Unit 4, 2, 7, 9, 5, 4, Justice S



5) Covid-19 Pandemic Impact



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NATIONAL OUTCOME ONE

Communities improve their understanding and participation in community justice

With regard to the following indicators:

- as other relevant constituencies
- Consultation with communities as part of community justice planning and service provision
- Participation in community justice, such as co-production and joint delivery
- Level of community awareness of / satisfaction with work undertaken as part of a CPO



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The extensive activity being undertaken by the A&B ADP during 2021-2022 to enhance rights-based approach in partnership with We Are With You (WAWY) and Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service (LAAS)



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approach pathway supported by multi-agency partners. The final report will be completed by November 2022.

locate someone. A&B CJP will review the final report and any identified improvement actions will be included in our developing local plan. Updating and maintaining this data is supported by Justice Social Work Admin Services and analysis provided by the Community Justice Coordinator.

MAPPA

Community justice partners continue to work in partnership with the MAPPA Unit in relation to monitoring and developing services, service responses and awareness raising.



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What new activities in 2021-22 were driven collectively by the community justice partnership in relation to outcome three?	What was the impact of these activities?

The desktop review of the Argyll & Bute current Arrest Referral Scheme, carried out by the Community Justice Coordinator and We Are With You Manager, with feedback from Police Scotland L Division partners.

Shortly pre-pandemic, the A&B ADP implemented a police custody paper referral system to We Are With You which has remained in place. A range of improvements were identified to address thranerral sy



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	<p>evidently improving in relation to working with young people. This review of processes and practice continues during 2022-2023 and will incorporate young people leaving prison.</p>
<p>NATIONAL OUTCOME FOUR Effective interventions are delivered to prevent and reduce the risk of further offending</p>	<p>Where applicable have regard to the following indicators.</p> <p>Effective risk management for public protection Quality of CPOs and DTTOs Reduced use of custodial sentences and remand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Balance between community sentences relative to short custodial sentences under one year b) Proportion of people appearing from custody who are remanded <p>The delivery of interventions targeted at problem drug and alcohol use [NHS Local Delivery Plan (LDP) Standard] Number of Police Recorded Warnings, police diversion, fiscal measures, fiscal diversion, supervised bail, community sentences (including CPOs , DTTOs and RLOs) Number of short-term sentences under one year</p>



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<p>Justice Social Work began preparatory work during 2021-2022 to launch a Bail Support Service, launched in August 2022 to provide an alternative to remand.</p> <p>The development of the content of our local SNSA (which will include the number of Police Recorded Warnings, police diversion, fiscal measures, fiscal diversion, supervised bail, community sentences (including CPOs , DTTOs and RLOs) continued during 2021/2022 in so far as collating data. Additional support is now required to produce a comprehensive SNSA for community justice.</p>	<p>geographical spread of Argyll & Bute a contributory factor in this increase? The CJP will incorporate reporting and monitoring of these statistics within formal meetings to identify any opportunities to influence, within the context of an independent judiciary this could be challenging. Previously local sheriffs have clearly stated that people who are remanded are done so because they pose a risk to public protection.</p> <p>The implementation and progress of the Bail Support Service will be reported to the A&B CJP by Justice Social Work.</p> <p>A&B CJP development group will consider during 2022-2023 the resource requirement to finalise the community justice SNSA, this will include consideration of external commissioning</p>
<p>NATIONAL OUTCOME FIVE Life chances are improved through needs, including health, financial inclusion, housing and safety, being addressed.</p>	<p>Have regard to the following indicator. Individuals have made progress against the outcome</p>
<p>How do partners measure outcome five for individuals?</p>	<p>If this information has been collated, what does it show?</p>

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<p>If available, provide a supporting case study or other information to demonstrate activity and impact relating to outcome five.</p>	
<p>NATIONAL OUTCOME SIX People develop positive relationships and more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure activities</p>	<p>Have regard to the following indicator. Individuals have made progress against the outcome</p>
<p>Providing evidence on person centric outcomes has been challenging for most areas. How do partners measure outcome six for individuals?</p>	<p>If this information has been collated, what does it show?</p>
<p>Whilst activity is ongoing in relation to addressing the wider needs of people within the justice system, we are unable to progress collation of evidence-based outcome data due to the complexity of implementing an outcome monitoring model.</p>	<p>The previous national strategy does not include Outcomes 5, 6 and 7, a gap identified in the recent national review. Implementing and outcome-based reporting model at an individual level is a significant undertaking which requires increased resource.</p>



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If available, provide a supporting case study or other information to demonstrate activity and impact relating to outcome seven.	

7) If you have identified other local community justice activities and outcomes which go beyond the national outcomes, then record them here.	Local outcomes
Please describe the activity	Then describe the impact



8) What other achievements and challenges happened?

Achievements

As previously noted, the membership of the Argyll & Bute Partnership changed significantly during 2021-2022. New representatives included: Chief Officer, Chief Social Work Officer/Head of Service, Police Scotland, Scottish Prison Service, Third Sector Interface, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Skills Development Scotland. The improvement activities ongoing continued to progress with updates provided at each of the development sessions. Any direction and guidance sought was mainly through the HSCP CSWO/HoS on behalf of the CJP.

Challenges

The Argyll & Bute CJP organised some development sessions during a period of transition between the existing national strategy and outcome, performance improvement framework and the development of refreshed versions.

