

WD Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP) '7 Minute Briefing'

A 'seven minute briefing' provides update on key issues relating to the needs of vulnerable people. Research suggests that seven minutes is an ideal time span to concentrate and learn, it is more memorable as it is simple and not clouded by other issues and pressures. This short duration also means that the brief holds the reader's attention, as well as providing information to partners in an easy format to share with appropriate staff groups.

This seven minute briefing relates to the Community justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP) to be explored and discussed at the Community Justice Partnership meeting (April 2024).

I hope you find this useful and I am happy to take any feedback.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

Sent on behalf of Justice Social Work

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7. Annual Reporting

Local authority areas have a legislative duty to report on community justice performance annually. This requirement is outlined in section 23 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016. The reporting focuses on West Dunbartonshire's progress toward achieving local outcomes related to the CJOIP. The goal is to enhance transparency and continuous improvement in community justice services across Scotland whilst acknowledging challenges and barriers along with unexpected/unintended outcomes.

6. Delivery Improvement Planning

The delivery plan, sets out tangible, time-limited deliverables that detail what work will be undertaken to drive local improvement for each of the aims and priority actions contained in the CJOIP. All partners contribute to this work, including the third sector, which we recognise play a key part in the achievement of many of the deliverables. To support the implementation of the Local Strategy and local delivery plan WD CJP will progress working groups tasked with ongoing deliverable activity to meet the undertakings of the each strategic aim and priority action.

5. Data and Improvement Planning

The 'National Strategy for Community Justice' should be read in conjunction with 'The National Delivery Plan' and links closely to the 'Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework'. The OPIF determines the outcomes which are to be achieved in the area of each local authority and indicators to be used to measure performance in achieving the outcomes, supporting improvement across:

- Bail Supervision
- Community Sentences
- Custody to Community
- Diversion
- Police Custody
- Readiness for Employment
- Suitable Accommodation
- Voluntary Throughcare
- Workforce and Community

4. Seven overarching outcomes Personal Outcomes

5. Life chances are improved through needs, including health, financial inclusion, housing and safety being addressed
6. People develop positive relationships and more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure activities
7. Individuals' resilience and capacity for change and self-management are enhanced

1. Community Justice Explained

A legal definition of 'Community Justice' is provided in section 1 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (the Act). Research offered in the "Vision for Justice in Scotland (2022)" publication helps us to better understand the trajectories of those who enter into justice systems. The evidence appraises the intersectionality of offending behaviours with poverty; homelessness; substance misuse; physical and mental health inequalities; Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs); Sex; and the impact of Trauma – providing greater understanding into what drives and shapes offending behaviour and perpetuates recidivism. By tackling the root causes of offending to reduce recidivism victims are fewer and communities are safer.

2. West Dunbartonshire HSCP Community Justice Partnership

The remit of West Dunbartonshire's Community Justice Partnership is to prevent and reduce further offending by addressing its underlying causes. The partnership is the strategic mechanism where partners collaborate to safely and effectively manage and support those who have come into conflict with the law, helping them to fully integrate into their community and realise their potential for the benefit of all citizens. The partnership priorities the safeguarding of victims ensuring they are afforded protection and supported in their recovery from the impact of crimes committed against them.

3. Seven overarching outcomes are outlined in the 'National Strategy for Community Justice' Structural Outcomes

1. Communities improve their understanding and participation in community justice
2. Partners plan and deliver services in a more strategic and collaborative way
3. People have better access to the services they require, including welfare, health and well-being, housing and employability
4. Effective interventions are delivered to prevent and reduce the risk of further offending

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