

West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Annual Activity 2020-2021 Published January 2022

Introduction

West Dunbartonshire HSCP and partners are delighted to publish our annual summary report for 2020-2021. Despite the on-going impact of pandemic, services have continued to be delivered throughout. Innovative practice combined with the use of technology has ensured not only our communities have had a continuity of service provision, but this report is also highlights new developments and the review of exiting arrangements with new governance proposed.

The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 set the legislative framework for improving community justice outcomes. The Scottish Government published a National Strategy, Outcomes and Performance Improvement Framework and Guidance. A review of these national documents began during 2021-2022, the expected publication date of the refreshed documents is in the spring of 2022 - anytime up to June 2022.

We have published our annual report submission to Community Justice Scotland, an overview of our key achievements are noted below and correspond the template:

The following areas work summarise both the focus and note some of the progress made in the last year.

Progress Reporting for 2020-2021 Summary

Section 4: Progress from 2019-2020 Recommendations from Community Justice Scotland, full report can be found [here](#):

Our focus during this period has included working closely with partners in addiction services, justice and children and families social work.

- Our Addiction Third Sector partners (Dumbarton Area Council on Alcohol and Alternatives) assisted the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and Community Justice Partners to successfully bid for Drug Death Taskforce Funding to establish an Arrest Referral Scheme for Clydebank Police Custody Suite.
- Justice Social Work Service commissioned third sector partners Street Cones to deliver online workshops to people on community sentences, and early evaluation of impact is positive.

- Justice Social Work and Children & Families Services will be one of only four areas in Scotland to participate as a demonstration project for the new Caledonian 1-2-1 programme. This programme is an intervention for men with a pattern of domestic abuse offending.
- Community justice partners collaborated to collate data to inform our custody to community pathway and processes. Every person leaving prison was offered a housing options interview. The data from these interviews will be further analysed to help us better understand the needs of people leaving prison, and how we can improve outcomes by supporting individual needs and reduce reoffending.
- Joint strategic planning with our Alcohol and Drugs Partnership has provided us with a greater understanding of the challenges people face with regard to multiple deprivations, which contribute to offending behaviours and we intend to build on this work within our Community justice partnership going forward.

Section 5: Covid-19 pandemic impact

During the pandemic online platforms have enabled partnerships to continue to work effectively together. Our focus has been on governance and review, to support the development of community justice partners locally:

- Our Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Safe Delivery Improvement Group carried out a review which resulted in a clear recommendation to establish a West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership. Workshops have been scheduled early 2022.

Section 6: Performance Reporting National Outcomes

Communities improve their understanding and participation in community justice

- We identified a provider to carry out community justice consultation for people on community sentences. This was delayed due to the impact of pandemic, however this is planned to be completed during 2022-2023
- Justice Social Work commissioned Street Cones to provide online workshops as a response to the impact of pandemic restrictions

Partners plan and deliver services in a more strategic and collaborative way

- The development of the Clydebank Custody Suite Arrest Referral Scheme was a collaboration between West Dunbartonshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, Community Justice Statutory Partners Police Scotland and our third sector addiction partners.
- The commitment to become a demonstration area for the Caledonian 1-2-1 programme to work with men assessed as high risk in relation to domestic abuse offending. This was a collaboration with West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Community Justice Scotland and Scottish Government
- The data collection project for people being released from prison was a collaboration between West Dunbartonshire Council Homeless Service and West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership Justice Social Work Service, with information provided by the Scottish Prison Service
- The review of how MAPPA is meeting community justice outcomes was a collaboration between the MAPPA Unit, West Dunbartonshire Justice Social Work and Community Justice Scotland

People have better access to the services that they require, including welfare, health and wellbeing, housing and employability

- The implementation process for the Clydebank Custody Suite Arrest Referral Scheme provided an opportunity to review and improve access to drug and alcohol services, at point of arrest
- The improved data collection for people leaving prison has provided us baseline information to develop a robust multi-agency custody to community pathway. Scottish Prison Service provide liberation information and our Homeless Resettlement Officer offers everyone a housing options interview
- In partnership with our West Dunbartonshire Primary Care Development Lead we were able to establish the number of people leaving prison who were registered with a GP, the first in Scotland inform this indicator.
- West Dunbartonshire Mental Health services exceed the national target of 90% of people have access to psychological therapies within 18 weeks, achieving 91.8%
- West Dunbartonshire Mental Health Services are also meeting targets for all routine referrals to be seen with 4 weeks and emergency referrals on the same day.

Effective interventions are delivered to prevent and reduce the risk of further offending

- The move to online support from Justice Social Work for people serving community sentences ensured that offence-focussed work continued during pandemic restrictions
- Our Public Protection Chief Officers Group created a risk register to ensure that people assessed as high risk continued to be monitored during pandemic restriction
- The Clydebank Custody Suite Arrest Referral Scheme will provide improved access to addiction services for residents arrested and held by Police Scotland
- We began to develop our Community Justice Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment, with a focus on Justice Social Work data and analysis

Life chances are improved through needs, including health, financial inclusion, housing and safety, being addressed

People develop positive relationships and more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure

Individuals' resilience and capacity for change and self-management are enhanced

- Our mapping work for people leaving prison has assisted us to identify a process for monitoring outcomes in relation to housing needs, during 2021-2022 we have identified the gaps in reporting that we will address during 2022-2023
- We undertook a review of how Justice Social Work can evidence all three of these outcomes. We established that, in order to produce evidence, the implementation of the Justice Star Outcome was necessary. This is a significant piece of work, we have started to implement Justice Outcome star in practice which will be rolled out on a phased basis to support our analysis and evaluation.
- Justice Social Work national system for case management outcomes is undergoing review at a national level, we expect reporting functions to improve from the current system and can include the evidence in our next annual report.

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