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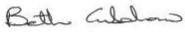
Community Justice Outcome Activity
Across Scotland

Local Area Annual Return Template Guidance
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3) Governance Arrangements

Describe your current governance structure for community justice arrangements and include links to wider community planning.

West Dunbartonshire established its Community Justice Partnership development group in February 2022, previously arrangements were through our Community Planning Partnership Safe Delivery and Improvement Group (DIG). Reporting arrangements will continue through our Community Planning Partnership Management Board.

West Dunbartonshire CJP development group is in the process of reviewing strategic links to other local groups, however, a strong strategic and operational planning relationship exists with our Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and we will continue to strengthen this. During 2022-2023 the WD CJP development group will review the required relationships/reporting arrangements with Public Protection Chief Officers Group, Community Planning DIG's, Violence Against Women and Girls Group and the Integrated Joint Board in particular. Members of the WD CJP development group will contribute to reviewing their existing reporting arrangements and advise how they will integrate community justice within those.

4) Progress From 2020-21 Recommendations

These recommendations were published at the end of the reporting year and concern 3rd sector engagement, futures planning, and compliance with the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016. Please detail what work partners have undertaken, or intend to undertake, in response to the following 2020-21 recommendations:

Recommendation 1: Partnerships should build on work undertaken within the reporting period relating to third sector identification and engagement, and apply lessons learned to ensure they have established mechanisms to identify and engage with victim organisations as well.

a) What local strengths or recent progress relates to recommendation 1?

Better outcomes for victims are an important factor in the health of your local community justice ecosystem, so victim organisations can provide an important perspective to community justice. We are also interested in development of work with all third sector partners. You may want to consider, what you have learned from resources provided by CJVSF. What has impeded progress?



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Victims

West Dunbartonshire began the process of establishing a Community Justice Partnership (WD CJP) with support from Community Justice Scotland in February 2022, forming a development group of the statutory partners. A series of workshops were arranged, the second with a focus on domestic abuse/violence against women and girls. West Dunbartonshire has a long-term stubbornly persistent issue with levels of domestic abuse for over two decades and, in line with our statutory duty to reduce offending/ reoffending, the WD CJP development group recognises the importance of developing their strategic oversight and collective knowledge of the current provision and opportunities for service improvements for victims of this type of crime. Ensuring strong linkages to the West Dunbartonshire Violence Against Women Partnership will be a key priority during 2022-2023.

West Dunbartonshire are also a demonstration area for the Caledonian 1-2-1 programme alongside 3 other local authority areas, this includes both mandated and non-mandated elements. The mandated element will be delivered by Justice Social Work and non-mandated is intended to be focused on families where there is a child protection registration. WD CJP development group is funding 2 full-time equivalent posts to support the programme and it is agreed the Scottish Government will fund 1 full-time equivalent post. The implementation has been delayed initially due to the pandemic and subsequently awaiting the Scottish Government roll-out of Caledonian programme.

In addition, WD CJP development group will consider opportunity to become a Safe & Together practice areas if funding to roll out can be identified.

A range of WD CJP development group members support our local Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process. Our Scottish Fire and Rescue Service highlight they identify a Fire element within any case and arrange to conduct a home visit to offer fire safety advice, ensure that a home has working smoke alarms and provide practical solutions where there is a threat from fire. Examples of this include the provision of mail guards which are fitted to letterboxes and that will contain and extinguish any attempt at wilful fire raising through a letter box, also providing fire retardant mats that can assist in containing and preventing the spread of fire. SFRS community action teams undertake regular training from a variety of sources on subjects such as domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual exploitation. This equips them with the skills to help to identify instances of the aforementioned and knowledge of the referral pathways and key contacts to render assistance.

SFRS are in the progress of finalising a referral pathway between SFRS and Victim Support Scotland. This will involve mutual sharing of information where SFRS will notify Victim Support if they think that they may be able to assist a victim of crime and where Victim Support Scotland will refer any fire related concerns to SFRS. This has already presented excellent outcomes before the partnership has been formally launched.



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After one of our Community Action Team members conducted a home fire safety visit following a MARAC, as a result of which they identified a security concern for the occupant (a female victim of domestic abuse with young children). It was identified that security cameras would be advantageous in preventing or recording any further attempted or actual abuse, however no agencies could provide funding for this. Through SFRS partnership with Victim Support they confirmed that this was something they could assist with. SFRS have also committed and entered into the Parole Board Scotland Partnership. We have identified the Conference Room within in SFRS Clydebank HQ building and offered this location to facilitate access for victims to attend hearings. Our Health and Social Care Partnership have also identified office space to facilitate access in the Dumbarton area.

West Dunbartonshire Housing Services offers No Home for Domestic Abuse service which will ensure victims have immediate access to practical help and specialist legal assistance and support following any incident of domestic abuse. In addition the local authority will use the full scope of Anti-Social Behaviour powers in conjunction with Housing and Matrimonial Homes Legislation to ensure victims can remain at home, whilst the perpetrator will be legally removed, and prevented from returning. Victims are also provided with referral options to Women's Aid and any other services where need is identified.

WD CJP development group focus on victims of domestic abuse/violence against women and girls will remain a key priority for 2022-2023, this focus will widen to all victims of crime from 2023. Key third sector partners will include, at minimum, Women's Aid, Rape Crisis and Victim Support and any activity will be aligned with our Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership.

Third Sector:

Through previous governance structures, an Arrest Referral Scheme was established at Police Scotland Clydebank Custody Suite during 2022-2023. Governance of the joint community justice and substance use support service is through the West Dunbartonshire Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (WD ADP). The service is delivered by third sector substance use partners Alternatives and Dumbarton Area Council on Alcohol (DACA) and is funded until July 2023 via Drugs Deaths Task Force funding which is managed by the Corra Foundation. Monitoring of the project is led by Manager for Addiction Services, the project team includes representatives from Police Scotland, WD ADP Strategic Lead, Community Justice Coordinator and our two third sector partners. The service was established in July 2021 and the project team have been monitoring uptake and outputs, over the year referrals/engagement levels have been reducing. Some initial changes to the model of delivery have been agreed and, at time of this report, were in the process of implementation. These include: moving from an on-call service that was dependant on Custody Suite staff asking people if they wanted the service to a hybrid of on-call and onsite; and, a change of days. The service operates 3 days a week. During 2022-2023 a joint review of the service will be carried out by WD ADP and CJP development group utilising a Strategic Needs and Strengths approach, this review



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will include the model of delivery and options for continuing post July 2023. Any continuation will require an alternative funding stream, which is not currently available through statutory partners.

Our Justice Social Work service has continued to strengthen existing and build new partnerships with third sector these include:

Street Cones: ROAD TO CHANGE creative arts modules delivered online, a 12 week programme that contributes towards unpaid work, Street Cones description below:

“Using our ROAD TO CHANGE model they include a range of creative techniques within what we refer to as ‘the privileged environment’. This format uses fiction as a safety net to build characters and story worlds with authentic back stories. This is despite no personal details being shared during these sessions. In a safe and non-triggering space participants are supported on a journey of self-exploration (using fiction as a proxy).”

This activity contributes to developing communication skills, self-esteem and aspirational attainment. An online video from West Dunbartonshire participants can be found here: <https://streetcones.org/live/>

Alternatives: Horticulture and wildlife project with local substance use third sector partner, our unpaid work squads are assisting with the development, Alternatives description below:

“We have some great ideas for the site, including orchard, mindfulness garden, allotments, improvement of wildlife habitats and a horticulture operation growing organic vegetables. We are also considering a small mountain bike circuit. We want to help the site to recover, so it is as nice a place for people and for wildlife as we can make it. Our wee bit of the planet, doing our bit.”

West Dunbartonshire Foodshare: Our unpaid work squads continue to assist with distribution twice weekly

Wise Group: The online CPO Connects programme continues to be accessed by our people on unpaid work and contributes to ‘other activities’ element. The courses include sessions on: mental health; physical health; pro-social networks; employment; financial inclusion; and, digital skills.

West Dunbartonshire CJP development group will continue to baseline current service provision for victims and with our third sector partners, identifying opportunities for improvement within current resources and additional services to meet gaps. Funding of new services will continue to be a challenge but also a priority.



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Recommendation 3: Partnerships should undertake (or evidence the work already undertaken) to understand the future need and demand on their services: in particular, but not constrained to, recovery from the pandemic.

b) What gaps or emerging changes in need and demand for services have been identified?

Your partnership is likely to have important knowledge and references about emerging needs and demands. Outline any anticipated changes that may impact on services.

The focus of this work within the WD CJP development group has been with Justice Social Work and Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (led by WD ADP Strategic Lead).

The complexities of need that the people involved with Justice Social Work present with are currently under analysis, the issues with LSCMI system has delayed the analysis work. In relation to emerging changes there are several areas to note including the upscaling of unpaid work, increase in diversion referrals and the launch of two new service areas. The high number of people unemployed and minimising barriers to employability and addiction services were key areas of activity.

Justice Social Work has focussed on a range of areas, in particular: upscaling unpaid work activity to meet expected increased in community orders; increase in diversion referrals; and, establishing a bail support and structured deferred sentence services. Short-term additional funding and associated recruitment issues have brought, and continue to pose, some challenges. Despite this, our unpaid work squad activity has continued to increase and expand outputs, including the refurbishment and expansion of a workshop to enable a wider range of activity to be offered. Our new bail support and structured deferred sentence services have been launched and are available to the courts, whilst demand levels are not evident at this time, the gap in availability has been addressed. The increase in referrals for Diversion and the higher tariff associated crimes has brought with it challenges in capacity and an increased training need for the team and partnership working with other services. This continues to be a challenge that our Justice Social Work service are responding to. Noting the high levels of people (around 76%) within Justice Social Work services who are unemployed, our West Dunbartonshire Council Working 4 U service, which offers employability, skills, learning and money/welfare advice, have begun delivering sessions to people on orders. Although at early stages we expect this will lead to an increase in sessions and improvement in outcomes.

Specialist support for people affected by problematic substance use was identified as a gap. Our WD ADP Strategic Lead submitted an application to the Corra Improvement Fund and was successful in securing 4 year funding for posts within Justice Social Work and Housing. The purpose of the workers will be to provide intensive support to individuals who have multiple and complex needs to improve access to treatment, improve pathways to different treatment options, and if necessary advocate on their behalf to ensure people are informed of and exercise



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their rights. Workers will support individuals to access supports included within the MAT standards, and wider support from statutory and non-statutory partners.

c) How has this been identified?

Our WD ADP strategic lead produced a draft SNSA which has the following key findings:

- 20% rise in people accessing drug and alcohol services since 2018
- Half of people who access alcohol and drug services have mental health support needs
- High number of people accessing alcohol and drug services/criminal justice service
- High number of court disposals with people with alcohol and drug supports needs
- High number of people who make homeless presentations have alcohol and drug support needs
- People presenting at alcohol and drug services with multiple and complex needs at an earlier age
- High levels of unplanned discharges from services

West Dunbartonshire has 40% of the population within the SIMD most deprived quintile. Reports also highlight that 60% of drug harms are within the SIMD quintile. Local analysis highlights that drug harms are within specific neighbourhoods in West Dunbartonshire, and are 150% higher than the local and national average. Similarly, 90 % of local drug deaths within West Dunbartonshire SIMD neighbourhoods are concentrated within specific neighbourhoods. Considering the high levels of representation within the justice system WD CJP development group utilised this as their baseline for targeted improvement work.

The Community Justice Scotland Tableau on Demographics was utilised for employment status information for Justice Social Work 2020-2021

d) How will partners respond?

The WD CJP will consider the emerging evidence and monitor the impact and progress of the areas outlined above through reporting mechanisms. These will be integrated within the development our new Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan due for publication April 2023.



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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 and timescales for spend which brought recruitment challenges. The launch of the bail support and structured deferred sentences experienced delays, which have now been overcome, although the concern around the nature of funding remains.

The WD CJP development group utilised the WD ADP Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment (SNSA) however recognise the need to develop a wider community justice SNSA. This will also need to align with WD Health & Social Care Partnership SNSA and it is likely we will commission during 2022-2023 for the completion of this.

Recommendation 4: Partners should note their collective statutory responsibilities under the Act to ensure that:

- all partners are aware of the statutory obligations, and that clarity and agreement is sought over partner expectations and contribution to ensuring these are met
- all national partners understand and comply with their individual responsibilities to supporting partnerships achieve their aims (section 35)

f) What work has been undertaken or planned to make improvements against recommendation 4?

West Dunbartonshire Community Justice arrangements were previously channelled through our Community Planning Partnership (CPP) sub-group for Safe communities. Following discussion with Community Justice Scotland (CJS), it was agreed that we would establish a separate Community Justice Partnership that reported to our CPP Management Board. In February 2022, a WD CJP development group was established with representation from all statutory partners and our third sector interface, which is in essence the minimum required members of a CJP. A range of workshops were organised and the first was a CJS-led session on statutory duties.

g) What did this achieve?

An improving understanding for WD CJP development group on their statutory responsibilities and the complexity in reach of those.



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h) In what ways did local partnership compliance to the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 change during 2020/21?

The main compliance actions are:

Partners have published an up to date Community justice outcome improvement plan (CJOIP) or extension statement

West Dunbartonshire agreed with Community Justice Scotland this was a gap, remedial action agreed to establish a WD Community Justice Partnership to develop a local CJOIP following publication of the new national strategy and outcomes, performance and improvement framework.

A participation statement published in or with the last CJOIP

West Dunbartonshire did publish a participation statement with the last CJOIP.

The actions of the CJOIP respond to priorities and gaps informed by a needs assessment.

Several actions from the last published CJOIP were in progress. These included the establishment of an Arrest Referral Scheme, improving access to addictions services, development of Justice Social Work services and baselining our custody to community pathway.

A public facing annual report has been published which covers progress toward national and local outcomes.

This was published on our website, albeit outwith the month timescale requirement.

Duty of cooperation - Such co-operation may include (a) sharing information, (b) providing advice and assistance, (c) co-ordinating activities (and seeking to prevent unnecessary duplication), (d) funding activities together.

The ongoing actions/activity from previous governance arrangements (as noted above) integrated the areas above and the main partners were Justice Social Work, Alcohol and Drug Partnership services, Police Scotland and Scottish Prison Service. The only exception to this was funding activities together, any additional service provision was either direct from Scottish Government or from external sources (e.g. Corra Foundation alcohol and drugs funding).



<p>5) Covid-19 Pandemic Impact</p>	<p>The pandemic continued in 2021-22. This section should be used to reflect some of the a) challenges/negative implications and b) opportunities/positive implications from the Covid-19 pandemic on the community justice partnership. This can include impact on the improvement activity, partner collaboration, and delivery of services.</p>
<p>Challenges / Negatives</p>	<p>Positives / Opportunities</p>
<p>The West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership development group was established in February 2022. Individual organisations were at this point moving forward towards post-pandemic delivery.</p>	<p>The early release of people from prison and the associated multi-agency response provided opportunities to build new relationships to improve our collective response. WD CJP will consider how they support that to continue through developing a formal prison custody to community pathway.</p>



6) Performance Reporting – National Outcomes	This section is designed to capture the evidence and data that has been used by your partnership over the reporting period to assess progress against the national outcomes.
<p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL OUTCOME ONE</p> <p>Communities improve their understanding and participation in community justice</p>	<p>With regard to the following indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Activities carried out to engage with 'communities' as well 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 ➤ Evidence from questions to be used in local surveys / citizens' panels and so on ➤ Perceptions of the local crime data
<p>New activities: What new activities in 2021-22 were driven / undertaken collectively by the community justice partners/hip in relation to outcome one?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What was the impact of these activities?</p>
<p>As noted previously, West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership development group was established as a development group February 2022, focus has been on understanding statutory duties and ongoing activity with any new activity to be developed as part the new CJOIP.</p>	
<p>What ongoing activities took place in relation to outcome one?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What was the impact of these activities?</p>
<p><i>We do not expect you to report on everything going on, however it would be useful for you to provide some positive examples in bullet points which support the indicators.</i></p>	



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- **Activities carried out to engage with ‘communities’ as well as other relevant constituencies**
- **Participation in community justice, such as co-production and joint delivery**

A planned consultation with people on Justice Social Work orders has been carried forward to 2022-2023/24 to be approved by the WD CJP development group.

The extensive activity being undertaken by the WD ADP during 2021-2022 to establish a lived/living experience group has been noted by the WD CJP as a significant area of interest in relation community justice engagement and planning. Strategic leads for ADP and CJ have agreed a series of activities to be proposed to the group to engage those with experience of the justice system in the development of the new CJOIP.

In addition, during 2022-2023 the WD CJP development group will facilitate access to people with experience of the justice system to become involved in consultation with the national MAT Standards Implementation Team within Public Health Scotland. This will align Rights, Respect and Recovery outcome *A public health approach to Justice* with community justice planning.

➤ **Perceptions of the local crime data**

The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey shows no significant change in perceptions of crime. The latest publication in March 2021, has a sample size of 158 across L Division which also covers Argyll & Bute. It is therefore challenging to analyse this at a West Dunbartonshire

Progress was hindered due to resource capacity issues with the preferred provider and at a local level.

Reports and feedback via the WD ADP Strategic Lead were utilised to inform this approach.

Public Health Scotland MAT Standards workshops, organised following Ministerial Direction, identified this opportunity.

This will form part of our developing Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment for community justice.



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<p>level only. However, 3 indicators sit above the national average in 2018-2020:</p> <p>In the local area it is common that people behave in an anti-social manner in public</p> <p>In the local area it is common that people are physically assaulted or attacked in the street or other public places</p> <p>In the local area it is common that there is drug dealing and drug abuse</p> <p>The newly established WD CJP development group will consider its wider approach to these indicators whilst developing our new CJOIP</p>	<p>West Dunbartonshire has an ASIST team that responds to anti-social behaviour. Strategic alignment to community justice will be considered by the WD CJP development group.</p> <p>Further local analysis will be developed and considered by the WD CJP development group.</p> <p>Further local analysis will be developed and considered by the WD CJP development group.</p>
<p>NATIONAL OUTCOME TWO Partners plan and deliver services in a more strategic and collaborative way</p>	<p>Where applicable have regard to the following indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Services are planned for and delivered in a strategic and collaborative way ➤ Partners have leveraged resources for community justice ➤ Development of community justice workforce to work effectively across organisational/professional /geographical boundaries <p>Partners illustrate effective engagement and collaborative partnership working with the authorities responsible for the delivery of MAPPA</p>



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What new activities in 2021-22 were driven / undertaken collectively by the community justice partners/hip in relation to outcome two?	What was the impact of these activities?
<p>Establishment of West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership Development Group With support from Community Justice Scotland, West Dunbartonshire established this group of Statutory Partners and Third Sector Community Volunteer Service in February 2022. Two development sessions took place during 2021/2022 reporting period, the first focussed on the statutory duties of a Community Justice Partnership, the second on domestic abuse.</p> <p>Arrest Referral Scheme Implementation of the Arrest Referral Scheme in Clydebank Custody Suite addressed a gap in service provision for early intervention (on the justice pathway). The service began in July 2021 and a monitoring group was established, led by the Integrated Operations Manager for Addictions. An on-call model was implemented, reliant on Police Scotland custody staff to ask people in custody, who presented under the influence, if they consented to a referral. Where agreed, service providers attended the custody suite. Representatives from Police Scotland, the Service Providers, WD ADP Strategic Lead and Community Justice Coordinator received monthly reports on uptake.</p>	<p>Enhanced learning for statutory and third sector representation on the statutory duties for Community Justice Partnerships. Improved knowledge and awareness of the Caledonian 1-2-1 programme and at a local level the Housing Service No Homes for Domestic Abuse initiative, MARAC and Violence Against Women Partnership. In addition, the WD CJP Development Group were provided with an opportunity to enhance their understanding about the links to domestic abuse and the responsibilities to reduce reoffending/offending of a community justice partnership.</p> <p>Uptake during 2021/2022 reporting period showed 10 West Dunbartonshire citizens were referred and 11 citizens from out with. Discussions have taken place with a view to reviewing the model these included a shift from on-call service to on-site and initial contact to be made by the service providers to increase uptake. In addition, it has been recognised that people in custody suites require a more holistic approach rather than a focus on those presenting under the influence. A review has been initiated and with the establishment of the WD CJP development group, it is expected this will be carried out jointly with WD ADP. Longer term funding of this service is a challenge, current funding is due to end in July 2023.</p>



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<p>Workforce Development Commissioned by the WD ADP, REACH Advocacy delivered a range of workshops, attended by a range of Community Justice Partners, focussed on a Rights Based Approach to service delivery. WD CJP identified this as a key approach to be further developed for justice services, aligning to the new Scottish Government Justice strategy action on developing a human rights approach to justice.</p>	<p>WD CJP development group will review the evaluation and outputs from the workshops and consider how this approach can be embedded in the delivery model for community justice. Local service provider Lomond Advice and Advocacy Service (LAAS), supported by the WD ADP strategic lead, were successful in a funding bid to employ rights-based advocacy workers (with lived/living experience) for people with substance use issues. Acknowledging the significant numbers of same people within the justice system, WD CJP development group will consider how it supports and understands the benefits of this service provision. Consideration will also be given on to enhance the provision for people in the justice system not affected by substance use.</p>
<p>What ongoing activities took place in relation to outcome two?</p>	<p>What was the impact of these activities?</p>
<p>Strategic Needs and Strength Assessment (SNSA) Two key SNSA documents were under development during 2021/2022 involving community justice partners. WD ADP and WD Health & Social Care Partnership (WD HSCP) in the development of a new Strategic Plan. The key findings of the WD ADP SNSA are noted previously in this report, in summary harms were identified as being over represented in the most deprived communities. The WD HSCP SNSA provides details on multi-domain elements across health and social care, relevant to community justice planning.</p>	<p>WD CJP development group have continued to identify the key data for our developing SNSA and will consider commissioning an external provider to finalise during 2022/2023.</p> <p>The issues encountered with reporting from both Justice Social Work LS/CMi and Alcohol and Drugs DAISY system has delayed progress during 2021/2022. WD CJP development group will continue to monitor this through updates from WD ADP and Justice Social Work.</p>



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Caledonian

Commitment to implement Caledonian 1-2-1 programme, although delayed due to pandemic and other national issues, will result in improved joint working and outcomes between Justice Social Work and Children’s Services. Strategic oversight will be via the WD CJP development group collaborating with the WD Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership

The implementation has been delayed due to the intended national roll out of the Caledonian Programme, WD CJP development group will continue to monitor this. In preparation for implementation, WD CJP/HSCP has committed to funding 2 full-time posts to support both Justice Social Work and Children’s Services for one year, sustained funding has not yet been identified. WD CJP development session on domestic abuse/violence against women included an input from CJS Caledonian team. Awareness sessions attended by multi-agency staff and one specifically for Sheriffs also took place during 2021/2022.

Custody to Community

Improved joint working between Homeless Resettlement Officer, Justice Social Work Manager and Community Justice Coordinator in understanding the needs of those leaving prison custody.

The information-sharing protocol with Scottish Prison Service provides information on people who are leaving prison within the next 12 weeks and those who entered prison in the previous week. The Homeless Resettlement Officer reaches in to the prisons to offer people housing options interviews, successfully engaging with over 80%. High level needs information is shared and stored on a spreadsheet, maintained by Justice Social Work admin, which is analysed by the Community Justice Coordinator. Recommendations for 2021/2022 for the WD CJP development group to establish a Custody to Community Sub-Group to drive forward identified improvements in the prison to community pathway is under consideration.

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.

Reporting arrangements for MAPPA are via the Public Protection Chief Officers Group, WD CJP development group will consider how this aligns to community justice planning and delivery.



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<p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL OUTCOME THREE</p> People have better access to the services that they require, including welfare, health and wellbeing, housing and employability	<p>Where applicable have regard to the following indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partners have identified and are overcoming structural barriers for people accessing services ➤ Existence of joint-working arrangements such as processes / protocols to ensure access to services to address underlying needs ➤ Initiatives to facilitate access to services ➤ Speed of access to mental health services ➤ % of people released from a custodial sentence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) registered with a GP b) have suitable accommodation c) have had a benefits eligibility check ➤ Targeted interventions have been tailored for and with an individual and had a successful impact on their risk of further offending
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?
What ongoing activities took place in relation to outcome three?	What was the impact of these activities?
<p>Arrest Referral Scheme</p> The implementation of our Arrest Referral Scheme has provided opportunities to minimise barriers to accessing services for people in custody. For those who continued engagement with addiction providers, support to access additional services was provided. For	The learning from the initial implementation of the Arrest Referral Scheme at Clydebank Custody Suite provides critical information for both WD CJP development group and ADP. Uptake levels, initial engagement levels, follow on engagement out with the custody suite are all areas under review in 2022/2023. Other models of delivery for



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those who didn't continue engagement beyond the custody suite, we are unable to ascertain whether they accessed required services.

custody suite services in other areas will inform our review. Longer term funding is a significant area of concern for both the WD CJP development group and ADP.

Custody to Community

The improved data collection process established by the Community Justice Coordinator and Homeless Resettlement Officer (supported by Justice Social Work Admin) has provided some improved knowledge on whether people have suitable accommodation. We are in the process (during 2022/2023) of linking in a benefits eligibility check.

As noted previously, the newly established WD CJP will consider establishing a sub-group to develop and manage our Custody to Community Pathway. This will have a particular focus on those leaving prison who are not subject to additional licencing requirements with Justice Social Work. How do we provide support to assess need and access required services? How do we monitor and report outcomes, delivering a rights-based approach model? Will be the key area of focus.

GP Registrations

Work carried out in partnership with Primary Care provides a proxy of around 86% of people leaving prison are registered with a GP.

The WD CJP Custody to Community Sub-Group will integrate monitoring of this when designing the pathway. Currently data is anonymised therefore support to register with a GP is not provided for those who are not subject to statutory orders with Justice Social Work.

Access to Mental Health Service

West Dunbartonshire Mental Health Services exceeds the NHSGG&C figures of 70.6% of people have access to psychological therapies within 18 weeks, latest statistics show achievement of 75.7%.

Impact on figures is related to vacant posts.

Mental Health Services performance in relation to routine referrals to be seen with 4 weeks is 88% and emergency referrals on the same day is 100%.



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NATIONAL OUTCOME FOUR Effective interventions are delivered to prevent and reduce the risk of further offending	<p>Where applicable have regard to the following indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use of 'other activities requirements' in CPOs ➤ Effective risk management for public protection ➤ Quality of CPOs and DTTOs ➤ Reduced use of custodial sentences and remand: <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 ➤ 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) <p>Number of short-term sentences under one year</p>
What new activities in 2021-22 were driven collectively by the community justice partnership in relation to outcome four?	What was the impact of these activities?
What ongoing activities took place in relation to outcome four?	What was the impact of these activities?
Justice Social Work moved to a hybrid model during 2021/2022 and continued to expand their use of other activities through online courses. Attending specific appointments relating to health and wellbeing are also included, e.g. addictions services. Further opportunities for other activities are being developed in 2022/2023 to include employability.	Justice Social Work continued their commissioning of Street Cones Road to Recovery online programme (details in progress section above). The JSW aggregate return for 2021/2022 shows just under 70% of people on orders were noted as unemployed. In response, during 2022/2023 are focussing on improving access to employability services in partnership with the Councils Working 4 U service.



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Our PPCOG created a risk register during 2020-2021 in relation to high risk individuals, with Justice Social Work increasing and adapting monitoring processes. Further work to create risk registers for all policy areas reporting to PPCOG is underway during 2022/2023

West Dunbartonshire receives prison population statistical reports from Scottish Prison Service which provides a range of data which includes those on short-term sentences and those on remand. These are monitored by the Community Justice Coordinator.

At 31st March 2022, Scottish Prison Service Supplementary report shows 172 males and 2 females in prison.

Sentences of 1 year or less accounted for 12% (16 from a total of 172) of the convicted population for males and no females (from a total of 2) were serving sentences of less than 1 year.

For remand 23% (39) of West Dunbartonshire male citizens (from a total of 172) were on remand, this is one of the lowest percentages of remand population in Scotland. For female citizens 50% (1) was on remand and 50% (1) was serving a sentence of 4 years or more.

Justice Social Work began preparatory work to launch a Bail Support Service, launched in September 2022 to provide an alternative to remand.

As previously noted the newly established WD CJP development group will consider the strategic alignment with PPCOG and how this links to community justice planning.

In summary, our prison population decreased slightly from 196 at March 2021 to 174 at March 2022, although this can fluctuate throughout the year. The percentage of people serving sentences of 1 year or less has decreased slightly and the percentage of people on remand increased slightly.

At 31st March 2021, Scottish Prison Service Supplementary report shows 190 males and 6 females in prison.

Sentences of 1 year or less accounted for 14% (21 from a total of 190) of the convicted population for males and 50% (1) of females (from a total of 2) were serving sentences of less than 1 year. In relation to Scotland this sits in the middle third of local authority areas.

For remand 21% (40) of West Dunbartonshire male citizens (from a total of 190) were on remand, this is one of the lowest percentages of remand population in Scotland. For female citizens 67% (4) were on remand and 16.5% (1) was serving a sentence of between 6 months and 1 year and 16.5% (1) was serving a sentence of more than 1 but less than 2 years.

WD CJP development group 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



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<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>be challenging. Previously local sheriffs have clearly stated that people who are remanded are done so because they pose a risk to public protection. The implementation and progress of the Bail Support Service will be reported to the WD CJP development group by Justice Social Work.</p> <p>WD 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individuals have made progress against the outcome
<p>How do partners measure outcome five 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>Previous annual reports advised we would focus on the use of Justice Outcome Star for people within Justice Social Work. Prior to the pandemic, we began to implement Justice Outcome in Diversion cases. This implementation has continued during 2021/2022, with refresher training provided to include Bail Support and Structured Deferred Sentences. The lack of reporting facility with the Justice Social Work recording system LSCMI has provided challenges in</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> <p>For Justice Social Work, how this aligns with current LSCMI requirements requires to be reviewed. This is a national issue across Scotland and we would benefit from a national approach to reviewing. The process of a national transfer to a new LSCMI system took place during 2021/2022, significant issues developed and we await the resolution of those at a national level.</p>



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If available, provide a supporting case study or other information to demonstrate activity and impact relating to outcome five.	
NATIONAL OUTCOME SIX People develop positive relationships and more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure activities	Have regard to the following indicator. ➤ Individuals have made progress against the outcome
Providing evidence on person centric outcomes has been challenging for most areas. How do partners measure outcome six for individuals?	If this information has been collated, what does it show?
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NATIONAL OUTCOME SEVEN Individuals' resilience and capacity for change and self-management are enhanced	Have regard to the following indicator. ➤ Individuals have made progress against the outcome
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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	Challenges
As previously noted, West Dunbartonshire governance arrangements for community justice were through our Community Planning Sub-Group Safe Delivery Improvement Group. In February 2022, we established a Community Justice Partnership development group to begin to address the gaps/deficiencies in previous arrangements. By March 2022, the working group took part in two	The West Dunbartonshire Community Justice Partnership development group was established during a period of transition between the existing national strategy and outcome, performance improvement framework and the development of refreshed versions. Some planned development sessions were postponed due to conflicting priorities and capacity. In relation to coordinator support, this was part-time at 17.5 hours a week,



8) What other achievements and challenges happened?

development sessions supported by Community Justice Scotland focussing on statutory duties and domestic abuse. The working group recognised that violence against women and girls, in particular domestic abuse, has been for decades, a stubbornly persistent local issue and reducing offending and reoffending for this particular crime should become a priority area of focus. Working in partnership with the local VAWG partnership to ensure alignment, avoid duplication and gain a greater understanding through the voices of victims/survivors and their representatives.

this will be increased to a full-time position of 35 hours a week during 2022/2023.

With the publication of the new national strategy and awaiting the associated outcome, performance and improvement framework, West Dunbartonshire will formally launch their Community Justice Partnership by December 2022 in order improve outcomes for people within the justice system.



9) Additional Information including, next steps for the partnership

As noted, West Dunbartonshire established a CJP Development Group in 2021/2022. This will move to a full Partnership during 2022/2023 assuming full responsibility for all statutory duties. In addition, West Dunbartonshire currently shares a Coordinator Post with Argyll & Bute, this will move to a full-time post during 2022/2023.

