

Community Justice Scotland
Ceartas Coimhearsnachd Alba

**Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland
Local Area Annual Return Template and Guidance
2019-20**

April 2020

1. Background

The introduction of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 triggered the formal implementation of the new model of Community Justice in Scotland. A number of key documents are associated with the Act including the National Strategy, Justice in Scotland: Vision & Priorities and the Framework for Outcomes, Performance and Improvement.

The 2016 Act places a duty on community justice statutory partners to produce a Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP) which outlines key local needs and priorities and the plans and actions to address these against a backdrop of the documents noted above. Beyond this, the partners are also tasked with reporting, on an annual basis, the community justice outcomes and improvements in their area, again with reference to the associated strategy and framework documents and, when complete, submit those annual reports to Community Justice Scotland.

Community Justice Scotland is committed to working in partnership with community justice partners and have designed the template and guidance to support local areas in reporting on their annual outcomes and improvements in a meaningful way that captures necessary data in an effective and efficient manner.

2. Statement of Assurance

The information submitted to Community Justice Scotland using this template is for the purpose of fulfilling the requirement under s27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 for Community Justice Scotland to produce a report on performance in relation to community justice outcomes across Scotland.

The data submitted using this template will be used for this reporting purpose only. In the report, local authority areas will only be specifically identified with their consent. However, Community Justice Partnerships should be aware that any information held by Community Justice Scotland is subject to statutory Freedom of Information obligations.



3. General principles of the template

The template is designed to capture a range of important data in a way that allows local partners to highlight key aspects of community justice activities, outcomes and improvements over the specified period without it being onerous or time and resource demanding.

Most of the template is self-explanatory and, where this is the case, there is little guidance required. In the sections that require more direction for completion, please refer to the template completion guidance which was issued alongside this reporting template. The text (in blue) will outline what is expected in terms of reporting.

It would be helpful if responses in each of the “evidence and data” boxes within section 4 of the template (“performance reporting”) is held to a maximum of 300 words per indicator to ensure the main points are captured. This allows for an efficient analysis by Community Justice Scotland on return. The use of bullet points in your answers is acceptable.

Where the template asks for evidence, a written response will suffice and there is no expectation that you send additional supporting documentation – if there are any aspects Community Justice Scotland is unclear on it will be our responsibility to request clarification where necessary.

If any response or evidence requires details about people with lived experience (e.g. evidence in respect of someone’s life story) please **NO NOT** include any personal sensitive information (as outlined in Schedules 2 & 3 of the Data Protection Act 1998) as Community Justice Scotland does not require such information. If this is unavoidable then please ensure that the data is fully anonymised.

This is the third iteration of the template and guidance.



4. Template Completion

1. Community Justice Partnership / Group Details	
Community Justice Partnership / Group	Scottish Borders
Community Justice Partnership Group Chair	Stuart Easingwood
Community Justice Partnership / Group Co-ordinator	Graham Jones
Publication date of Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)	The plan was due for publication in April 2020, this has been delayed by Covid-19 as a consequence of meetings being cancelled and staff being re deployed during the response phase. The plan has been reviewed by Community Justice Scotland and feedback received.

2. Template Sign-off	
<p>The content of this annual report on community justice outcomes and improvements in our area has been agreed as accurate by the Community Justice Partnership / Group and has been shared with our Community Planning Partnership through our local accountability arrangements.</p>	
Signature of Community Justice Partnership / Group Chair :	Date :
	
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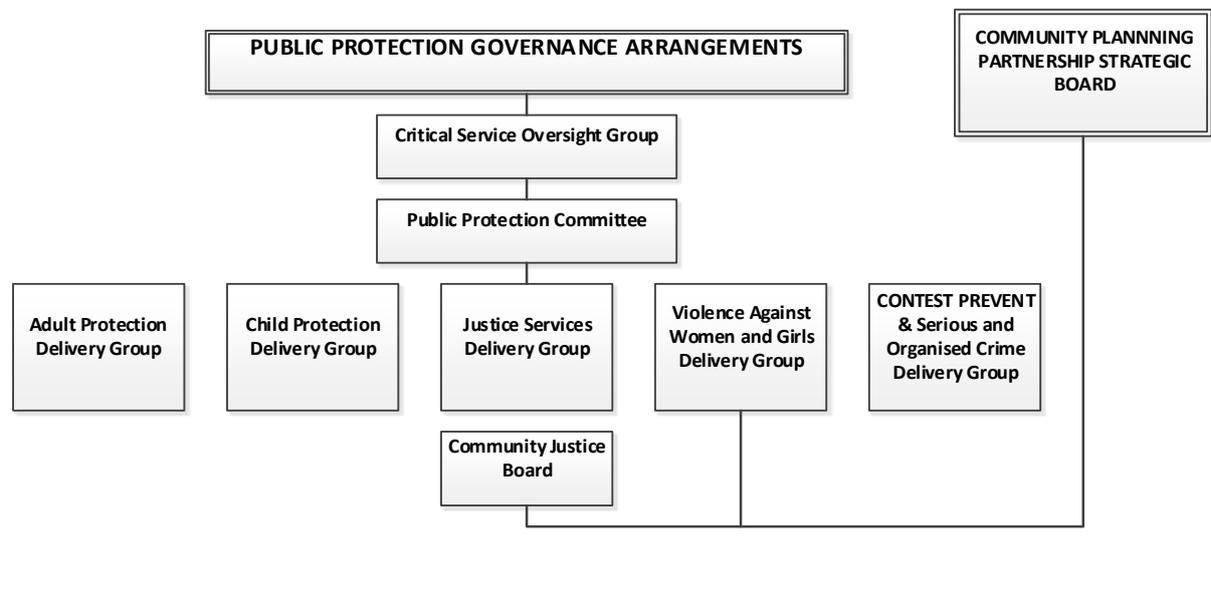
3. Governance Arrangements
<p>Please outline below your current governance structure for the community justice arrangements in your area:</p> <p>There is a Community Justice Board (the Board) that meets bi-monthly, the structure sits within a wider Public Protection Service's arrangement with governance provide by a Public Protection Committee (PPC). Specifically for Community Justice it aligns to the Community Planning Partnership.</p> <p>The Board is Chaired by the Chief Social Work & Public Protection Officer with a coordination role provided by the Safer Communities and Community Justice Manager.</p> <p>The Public Protection Committee has an independent chair. Justice is considered within the broader Public Protection structure at this meeting.</p>



While all statutory partners are copied into the agenda and minutes of the Board, there is no representation from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) or Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) at Board meetings. The COPFS host a quarterly regional meeting in Edinburgh with SCTS and respective council representatives in attendance, the Scottish Borders participate.

Locally representatives on the Board consist of;

- Scottish Borders Council (specifically CJSW, Youth Justice, Housing, Policy, CPP and Community Benefit managers),
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service,
- Police Scotland,
- National Health Service, including addiction services,
- Department of Work and Pensions,
- Skills Development Scotland,
- Scottish Prison Service,
- Registered Social Landlords.



4. Performance Reporting – National Outcomes

NATIONAL OUTCOME ONE

Communities improve their understanding and participation in community justice

Indicator	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)	
	Please describe the activity	Then describe the impact
Activities carried out to engage with 'communities' as well as other relevant constituencies	<p>A drinking in public byelaw was considered and a consultation exercise undertaken in the Scottish Borders during 2019 to assess the public appetite for this legislation based around its intent to support a reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour in line with licensing policy. There has not been such a bylaw in place previously.</p> <p>This was discussed at Full Council and Scottish Borders Council has agreed to hold a further consultation that asks people how they feel about a bylaw that would ban the consumption of alcohol in public places being introduced in any or all of a number of specific identified towns.</p> <p>This second consultation includes the boundary for each of the four towns being considered in the first instance and asks how people feel about a bylaw being introduced in each, whether there are any areas outside the town boundaries that should be included and if there are any events/dates where there should be an exemption from a bylaw e.g. New Year's Eve, Common Riding events, etc.</p>	<p>A total of 491 consultation responses were received for the initial exercise.</p> <p>If an alcohol bylaw is introduced, it will be on a pilot basis so that the effect on individuals and the wider community can be monitored.</p>
Consultation with communities as part of community justice planning	The second Scottish Borders Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan was scheduled to commence on 1 st April 2020, although Covid-19 has delayed publication. As part of our consultation an on line questionnaire was made available to all households in the Scottish Borders and interested parties such as	Through this consultation public responses scored employment, addiction and attitudes to offending as highest in reducing the likelihood of a further instance of criminality. Alcohol was seen as a general concern.



and service provision	<p>Community Councils and third sector organisations. There were seventeen responses.</p> <p>This process was extended to obtain the views of those with lived experience, most notably people in custody from the Scottish Borders. The opportunity to participate was extended across the prison estate and responses received from most establishments. There were 37 responses out of a prison population that averages 55 at any given time.</p> <p>Community Justice statutory partners and stakeholders also had an opportunity to contribute to the content of the plan which reflects the information received.</p>	<p>Those with lived experience scored housing, mental health, employment and attitudes highest.</p> <p>This information has helped to identify credible improvement actions for the next CJOIP.</p>
Participation in community justice, such as co-production and joint delivery	<p>The Skills Development Scotland (SDS) Criminal Justice Champion introduced partnership working with a Youth Justice Social Worker, who refers young people direct for support with options e.g. college, European Fund, or an activity agreement. Initial joint meetings are held with the young person, SDS and social worker to explain the referral process. Should they choose not to engage they are re-refer back to youth justice.</p> <p>SDS funding has been accessed and used to develop a 6 week programme to disengaged pupils who have demonstrated offending tendencies. Apex Scotland was commissioned to deliver the programme alongside two members of the SDS team who can observe and co-delivered the programme so that they can rollout to other schools.</p>	<p>SDS Criminal Justice Champion has worked with a number of young people with criminal charges over the year and used Independent Living Fun (ILF) to help agree and secure opportunities otherwise not accessible to them. Over the last year individual young people have been supported to access driving lessons, go kayaking, participate in acting lessons, camera tuition, horse riding, mountain biking, purchase gym clothes and membership. These activities are intended to develop confidence and self-esteem while giving them a different perspective and opportunity to self-reflect.</p> <p>Ten pupils were identified through discussion with school, Police Scotland and SDS who have been experiencing difficulty in the mainstream school setting or offending in the wider community. The programme focus is on achieving an individual's potential, actions and consequences of offending behaviour including statistics, causes and implications. Delivery of the programme was planned for March/April 2020 but currently on hold due to the Covid19 pandemic.</p>
Level of community awareness of / satisfaction with	<p>Work has been undertaken to update the beneficiary feedback from used by Unpaid Work. This can now be accessed electronically on the Councils Citizens Space page.</p>	



work undertaken as part of a CPO		
Evidence from questions to be used in local surveys / citizens' panels and so on	<p>Since 2018 there has been no further Scottish Borders Household Survey. These surveys are bi annual with the next due during 2020/21.</p> <p>A review of the justice exit questionnaires has taken place, resulting in the documents being redesigned. The new format seeks to obtain improved insight of the persons experience with the service but also to seek their input in service improvement and development.</p> <p>Access to the questionnaire will be expanded to include Citizen Space accessible through a variety of media platforms, in addition to retention of traditional paper copies that will be uploaded onto a digital format for the extraction of information. This work has been curtailed due to Covid 19, however will be progressed through 20/21.</p>	
Perceptions of the local crime data	Groups 1 – 5 recorded crime is down on last year and detections have gone up.	3577 recorded crimes during 2019/20 and a detection rate of 55.2%.
Other information relevant to National Outcome One		
<p>The Scottish Borders Public Protection Committee has a broad range of attendees a number of whom would be unfamiliar with community justice. This provides another forum to raise awareness and contribute towards service delivery.</p>		



NATIONAL OUTCOME TWO

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

Indicator	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)	
	Please describe the activity	Then describe the impact
<p>Services are planned for and delivered in a strategic and collaborative way</p>	<p>Recruit with Conviction, a non-profit company, delivered a full day workshop to 12 SDS staff across the South East region with 2 advisers from the Borders attending. Apply with conviction covered support on issues such as rehabilitation periods, disclosure letters, employer support and other relevant information/activities.</p> <p>A partnership approach has been taken to comply with the Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004. Scottish Borders social housing stock is managed by a series of Registered Social Landlords. Joint policies and procedures ensure a consistent graduated application of the legislation when dealing with victims and perpetrators. Interventions are designed to temper behaviour and avoid a recourse to a legal remedy in court and possibly eviction. Alignment with Public Protection brings improved access to mental health and addiction support. In time we should see a broadening of this holistic approach.</p> <p>Victim Support are commissioned to provide an additional interface for those people affected by antisocial behaviour. During 2019/20 there were 86 people supported the same as in 2018/19 and consistent with the 81 during 2017/18.</p>	<p>There continues to be ongoing work between SDS and the charity who are offering 1:1 skype/phone consultations for advisers to support customers on their caseloads with experience of the justice system/convictions.</p> <p>There has been a 4.8% increase in people being monitored for antisocial behaviour (ASB) and the number of early interventions undertaken by ASB partners has reduced by 10.6% in 2019/20.</p> <p>The number of cases reaching the threshold to be accepted at the ASB Core Group (a multi-agency forum) has reduced by 35.9%. The cases that reach this threshold have the greatest impact as they tend to be the most persistent with the highest volume of incidents reported.</p> <p>This service provides additional emotional and practical support to victims within a person centred approach beyond the broader multi agency response. Victim Support attend the ASB Working Group as a partner agency. The group develops working practices and discusses topical issues affecting those people experiencing or committing acts of ASB.</p>
<p>Partners have leveraged resources for community justice</p>	<p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) have been delivering a Fire Skills Employability award within Polmont Young Offenders Institute for several years now. This caters for offenders aged between 16-23 years of age from across Scotland, including Scottish Borders. The course provides practical skills including, CPR and other fire service related activity.</p>	<p>Fireskills aims to improve self-confidence & esteem, whilst ultimately reducing the chances of re-offending and increasing employability opportunities for the student. Evaluations have highlighted the success of this programme and the impact it has had for those individuals participating.</p> <p>Locally SFRS, work with various youth groups to achieve the same outcome via a partnership approach.</p>



	<p>As part of the Whole Systems Approach (WSA) work plan created following the provision of Scottish Government funding, Youth Justice (YJ) have worked in collaboration with SFRS to deliver an offending behaviour awareness programme to year 2/3 students.</p> <p>The SFRS programme is delivered as part of a wider fire and community safety programme where students are given the opportunity to take part in both practical and classroom lessons. To date, pre COVID lockdown, YJ supported the delivery of one offence focussed module, focussing on the young person's journey through the youth justice system from arrest to charge or possible conviction, consequences of offending and impact on life chances associated with disclosure of offences or convictions.</p> <p><i>Taking this a stage further a lesson plan has been in development with Education as a standalone module with the view of delivering this to year 2/3 students as part of the curriculum. The module is currently being considered by a Quality and Improvement Officer (QIO) within Education. A number of secondary schools have expressed an interest in this being delivered and are planning to book future sessions once the module has been reviewed by Education staff.</i></p> <p>A separate shoplifting/theft module was developed and delivered in response to 22 young people being involved in theft of confectionery from a store over a period of several months.</p>	<p>Twelve young people took part in the lesson and gave positive feedback. One student said" I did not realise getting into trouble would have such an effect on my future". The future plan post-COVID is to make this module available to all school groups referred to SFRS for the programme as part of prevention.</p> <p>The cohort were given the option of attending the input as a disposal for the offence. All parents gave their permission with 100% attendance. The module highlighted the effects of theft on individuals, victims and wider economy. There was 100% feedback from the cohort with 99% providing positive feedback. Further opportunities to deliver similar group work activities will be explored depending on geographical need or similar circumstances in the future.</p>
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	<p>For seven years the Scottish Borders benefitted from Scottish Government and Big Lottery funding as the financial mechanism to run a Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service from within Scottish Borders Council (In addition to services provided by Border Women's Aid and Scottish Borders Rape Crisis Centre). Further support came from Children 1st. Recognising that incidents of domestic abuse remained prevalent in the community the Council agreed to corporately fund the Advocacy Service which adjusted to align with the Public Protection Service's model.</p> <p>The Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery (CEDAR) program is coordinated through the Council domestic abuse services in support of local children and young people.</p>	<p>The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Police Scotland in 2019/20 was 1129. This is 121 incidents (12%) higher than 2018/19 This is an expected increase given the recent introduction of new domestic abuse legislation.</p> <p>This approach also ensures that Council domestic abuse services are not in competition with third sector partners for the same funding streams. Enabling a range of specialist services to be available for those people who require support.</p> <p>A Violence Against Women Partnership with an independent chair brings together the different services in the Borders to maintain collaboration.</p> <p>Referrals onto the program increase from 28 to 33 in 2019/20, of which 5 in 2029/20 and 8 during 2018/19 accessed group work. A number are pending and will access the program during 2020/21, Covid-19 permitting. This can be an important component in a person's recovery when they have been in a household in which domestic abuse is commonplace.</p>
<p>Development of community justice workforce to work effectively across organisational/professional /geographical boundaries</p>	<p>The Careers Adviser, appointed as Criminal Justice Champion to SDS Borders team, are a key partner on the Early Effective Intervention group.</p> <p>Police Scotland continue to deliver the Domestic Abuse Matters Programme to all front line Police Officers up to Chief Inspector rank. This is progressing through all serving officers and is delivered to all probationers.</p>	<p>Over the last year they have worked with approximately 10 young people referred to the SDS service as part of wider intervention strategy. For example where a young person has offended whilst on an Employability Fund programme. The Careers Adviser has worked with the young person and training provider to address the offending behaviour and incorporate strategies in the ongoing learning programme.</p> <p>Scottish Borders Council based domestic abuse staff have supported this national approach through the delivery of the training.</p>
<p>Partners illustrate effective</p>	<p>There is an established Offender Management Committee (OMC) forming part of the Scottish Borders MAPPA arrangements. The</p>	<p>Statutory partners participate ensuring that there is compliance with national guidance.</p>



<p>engagement and collaborative partnership working with the authorities responsible for the delivery of MAPPAs</p>	<p>Chief Social Work Officer chairs both the OMC and Community Justice Board. Operational and strategic matters are progressed through formal structures.</p> <p>There is an established Justice Delivery Group (JDG) that has oversight of the operational delivery of MAPPAs in the Scottish Borders. The JDG, chaired by the Chief Social Work Officer sits within the new Public Protection framework. Established early in 2020, the JDG is governed through the MAPPAs Operational and Strategic Oversight Groups. The JDG also provides information and undertakes co-development with Adult and Child Protection and Violence Against Women and Girls Delivery Groups at the direction of the Public Protection Committee, where it is represented by the Service Group Manager.</p>	
<p>Other information relevant to National Outcome Two</p>		



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

Indicator	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)													
	Please describe the activity	Then describe the impact												
Partners have identified and are overcoming structural barriers for people accessing services	<p>The Alcohol and Drugs partnership (ADP) Assertive Engagement Service was fully staffed from September 2019, and supports people who are facing barriers to accessing services or who have difficulty sustaining their engagement.</p> <p>Since the start of the service Borders Addiction Service have implemented same day prescribing for patients where this is safe and feasible.</p> <p>The service also supplies harm reduction advice, take home naloxone and injecting equipment provision.</p> <p>The service supports our new drop-in and hubs which enables low barrier access to treatment</p> <p>The fixed site needle exchange in Borders is delivered within We Are With You (WAWY) premises. People accessing the site can also have testing for blood borne virus (Hepatitis C and HIV) and access to Take Home Naloxone. In 2019/20 WAWY implemented the AIR (assessing injecting risk) tool to support safer injecting.</p>	<p>From September 2019 until the end of March 2020, 60 referrals were received (the re deployment of staff to Covid-19 has affected the ability to extract additional data).</p> <p>The number of individuals accessing services across Borders averages 140 per month and in the majority of cases the main drug use is heroin or other opiates.</p>												
Existence of joint-working arrangements such as processes / protocols to ensure access to services to address underlying needs	<p>The annual Local Delivery Plan for alcohol and drugs waiting times is that 90% of individuals should start treatment within three weeks of referral. In the Scottish Borders 95% of people started treatment within the target time period. 19 people waited longer than three weeks.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Service</th> <th>2017/18</th> <th>2018/19</th> <th>2019/20</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Borders Addiction Service</td> <td>89%</td> <td>100%</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>We Are With You</td> <td>89%</td> <td>95%</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Service	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Borders Addiction Service	89%	100%	100%	We Are With You	89%	95%	95%
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	<p>Alcohol brief interventions take place in the Police Custody Suite, Hawick Police Station. The number of Alcohol Brief Interventions (ABI) taking place in 2019/20 has increased over previous years following staff engagement and training.</p> <p>Justice Social Work also complete ABI when completing Criminal Justice Social Work Report's. Linking people to service provision as required.</p> <p>Regional work has been ongoing to improve the Arrest Referral Scheme, the scheme operates within custody facilities outside of the Scottish Borders, while the offer of a referral is made this has not resulted in successful engagement with services to date.</p> <p>Scottish Prison Service (SHORE) housing standards continued to be applied with the assistance of 4 Square who were commissioned to support people at risk of losing a tenancy or falling into rent arrears during 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.</p> <p>The signing of a data sharing agreement between the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) and Scottish Borders Council has improved the information flow and resultant release planning.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2017/18</th> <th>2018/19</th> <th>2019/20</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number ABI's delivered in Police Custody Suite</td> <td>168</td> <td>173</td> <td>360</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Number ABI's delivered in Police Custody Suite	168	173	360
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<p>Initiatives to facilitate access to services</p>	<p>Access to suitable housing is a key part of Community Justice. Rapid Rehousing is an element of a whole-system approach whereby the responsibility for tackling homelessness lies not just with Local Authorities but with housing providers, Health and Social Care Partnerships and the broad range of organisations that provide support. Housing First is a key component. Housing First provides general settled housing as a first response for people with complex needs, recognising that a safe and secure home is the best base for recovery, and offers personalised, open-ended, flexible support for people to end their experience of homelessness and address wider needs.</p> <p>The Scottish Borders Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019/20-2023/24 describes how Scottish Borders Council and its partners,</p>									



	including the Borders Housing Alliance and the Health and Social Care Integration Strategic Planning Group, will reshape services in the Scottish Borders in the period to 2023/2024 so that homelessness is prevented wherever possible but where homelessness cannot be prevented a settled mainstream housing outcome will be secured as quickly as possible.	
Speed of access to mental health services	<p>The Mental Health Strategy 2017 continues to guide this area of work and is supported by the local Mental Health and Wellbeing Board which includes representation from people with lived experience.</p> <p>Commissioned services include: Penumbra and Carr Gorm housing support; Distress Brief Intervention; Wellbeing (recovery) college; New Horizons members led support service.</p> <p>The Wellbeing College specifically includes people with experience of the Justice System in its target population. Transformation work in response to the strategy is ongoing although currently on hold due to Covid-19.</p> <p>Provision across tiers is mapped within the Mental Health Services Integrated Care Pathway (adult) which was refreshed during 2019/20.</p> <p>Recent discussions have been held with Community Justice Team and bespoke Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention training sessions were planned to take place with both the men's group and the women's group. These were unfortunately both postponed due to Covid-19, new dates will be identified as restrictions lift.</p> <p>New animated videos for practical advice about how to support people who may be feeling suicidal or experiencing mental distress are now available, created by Health Scotland and NHS Education Scotland. Selection of local resources for promoting positive mental health and wellbeing available including a</p>	<p>NHS and Local Authority provision includes in-patient acute and rehabilitation services; community mental health and rehabilitation teams; psychology service and community services. Community services include a recently expanded Local Areas Co-ordination Service.</p> <p>It is not always apparent when services are accessed whether the person concerned has previous convictions.</p>



	<p>Wellbeing Planner and a new easy read version of the Six Ways to Be Well which could be utilised for specific groups.</p> <p>All resources available at www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint</p> <p>During 2020-2021 work is progressing to develop a Primary Care Mental Health Service.</p>					
<p>% of people released from a custodial sentence :</p> <p>a) registered with a GP</p> <p>b) have suitable accommodation</p> <p>c) have had a benefits eligibility check</p>	<p>a) 2 (specific % not known).</p> <p>b) The Scottish Borders Council Homeless Service is the interface point for people leaving prison who have no fixed address.</p> <p>No of statutory applications where the last settled address is recorded as Prison:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2018/19</td> <td>2019/20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td> <td>35</td> </tr> </table> <p>c) Completed prior to release.</p>	2018/19	2019/20	28	35	<p>Outcomes of these presentations:</p> <p>2018/19</p> <p>RSL tenancy =7</p> <p>Custody = 6</p> <p>Lost Contact = 6</p> <p>Case currently open =8</p> <p>Previous RSL tenancy reinstated = 1</p> <p>2019/20</p> <p>RSL tenancy = 7</p> <p>Custody = 9</p> <p>Lost Contact = 4</p> <p>Case currently open = 14</p> <p>Friends/Family =1</p>
2018/19	2019/20					
28	35					
<p>Targeted interventions have been tailored for and with an individual and had a successful impact</p>	<p>Voluntary Throughcare is delivered in partnership with SPS, ensuring all Scottish Borders short term prisoners have the opportunity to receive access to support in preparation and following liberation. Following the withdrawal of Throughcare staff across the SPS estate, Justice Social Work reviewed and enhanced its commitment to deliver Voluntary Throughcare ensuring all those serving short term sentences were provided</p>	<p>The uptake numbers for voluntary throughcare are consistently low. It is not known how effective the new approach to engagement has been, however take up at the time of Covid lockdown evidence the same number of individuals as the previous year were engaged with, generating a slightly higher number of pre liberation discussions and only 1 more take up of follow through service in the community.</p>				



<p>on their risk of further offending</p>	<p>with written information and offered at least one face to face visit to inform release planning.</p> <p>The Woman's Hub, set up in 2018 has continued to embed itself, with all women requiring to attend the service being seen from this base. In addition to the undertaking of statutory work, the Reconnect Programme continues to be delivered and is well attended by women working through statutory orders along-side those who engage on a voluntary basis. Sessional work includes input from addiction support services, sexual and oral health, Healthy Living Network (cookery), Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service, Rape Crisis, Victim Support, the Antisocial Behaviour Unit, mindfulness work and various craft sessions.</p> <p>Survive and Thrive group programme to assist women address adult and childhood trauma is delivered at the Hub.</p> <p>In January 2020, Justice Unpaid Work, Justice Support Officers and Women's service staff were trained in Outcomes Star, to inform targeted support plans, through the collaborative identification of unmet need, The plan as it is reviewed builds up a graphic overview evidencing an individual's journey.</p>	<p>19/20</p> <p>Cases Commenced : 15 Individuals : 11 Community Assistance : 4</p>	<p>18/19</p> <p>12 11 3</p> <p>The use of Outcome Star has not been embedded due to Covid 19 and the introduction of lockdown procedures. This will be taken forward following the resumption of full service delivery late Autumn 2020.</p>
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Other information relevant to National Outcome Three

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NATIONAL OUTCOME FOUR

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

Indicator	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)			Then describe the impact
Use of 'other activities requirements' in CPOs	Please describe the activity			
	CPO Year	19/20	18/19	
	Mental Health	0	0	<p>Conduct Requirement is primarily utilised in Domestic related offences, in order to restrict an individual's ability to attend at a specific address, safeguarding victims.</p> <p>Programme Requirements are all in relation to attendance at either the Moving Forward:Making Changes or Caledonian Programme. Due to the nature of the Edinburgh, Lothian's and Borders partnership in delivering group work programmes, primarily from an Edinburgh base, participants from the Borders have found attendance difficult due to limited transport and availability to attend group times that can accommodate employment commitments. At times this has resulting in delays in starting or individuals not being in a position to complete the group element. In order to redress this a group was initiated in Mid Lothian. Interrupted at an early stage by the Covid lockdown, this will continue to be monitored. The Service is also exploring alternative options for programme delivery including alternative programmes and the delivery of Caledonian from a local base.</p> <p>All achieved REHIS certificate (including 1 member of staff). Further training will be planned for later in the year, Covid permitting.</p> <p>This initial work has created a foundation to offer further programmes.</p>
	Alcohol Treatment	1	2	
	Drug Treatment	0	4	
	Conduct Requirement	12	13	
	Residence	0	0	
	Compensation	7	13	
	Programme	13	8	
	<p>Healthy Living Network ran Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS food safety) 1 course/5 sessions delivered between March 2019 and May 2019 with four participants from the Unpaid Work Team.</p> <p>Due to Covid we have cancelled 1 REHIS course due to be delivered to Women attending the Re Connect Programme. Delivery will be resumed when it is safe to do so. This programme is also open to those in receipt of CPO with and (Unpaid Work) UPW and or Other Activity Requirement.</p> <p>Due to Covid we have cancelled one Reconnect Women's course and have recovery plans in place to deliver this in September/October 2020 and another in January/March 2021.</p> <p>There are also plans to deliver a further course with the Unpaid Work team later in 2020 dates to be agreed.</p>			



<p>Effective risk management for public protection</p>	<p>Local MAPPA arrangements follow national guidance.</p> <p>The Justice Delivery Group, previously Offender Management Group, sits within the Public Protection Structure. While the partnership SOG retains governance and oversight of the delivery of MAPPA across all 5 partner authorities the Borders PPC, receive update reports with the Justice Group Manager sitting on the PPC and Child and Adult Protection Delivery Groups.</p>	<p>Increased accountability through information sharing and partnership collaboration</p>				
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<p>Reduced use of custodial sentences and remand :</p> <p>a) Balance between community sentences relative to short custodial sentences under one year</p> <p>b) Proportion of people appearing from custody who are remanded</p>	<p>CJSW Court Reports - Preferred Option</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Custody with extended sentence - 1 2. Custody with SRO - 2 3. Custody - 14 4. Restriction of Liberty Order - 34 5. Deferment for DTTO Assessment - 12 6. CPO with Unpaid Work or other activity requirement and no officer supervision requirement - 65 7. CPO with offender supervision requirement and no unpaid work and other activity requirement - 32 8. CPO with unpaid work or other activity requirement and offender supervision requirement - 45 9. Other Community Penalty - 44 10. Monetary Penalty - 32 11. Deferred/3 months of more - 19 12. No preferred Option - 12 13. Other - 33 <p>Of the 345 court reports, 84 relate to repeat offenders.</p>	<p>Main Outcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Custody with extended sentence - 2 2. Custody with SRO - 2 3. Custody - 34 4. Restriction of Liberty Order - 23 5. Deferment for DTTO Assessment - 4 6. CPO with Unpaid Work or other activity requirement and no officer supervision requirement - 59 7. CPO with offender supervision requirement and no unpaid work and other activity requirement - 31 8. CPO with unpaid work or other activity requirement and offender supervision requirement - 42 9. Other community Penalty - 39 10. Monetary Penalty - 43 11. Deferred/3 months of more - 0 12. Warrant for Apprehensive Recall - 0 13. Admonition - 12 14. Absolute Discharge - 0 15. Other - 8 16. Outcome not yet known - 46 				



	<p>custody. The objective of the pilot is to evaluate whether there is a demand for support from those appearing from custody and subject to bail, who otherwise would not be known to social work/Youth Justice and with a view to minimising procedural offences whilst subject to bail but not convicted.</p> <p>Early and Effective Intervention (EEI), between 1st April 19 and 31st March 20 a total of 26 discussions took place for 21 young people. 2 were re-referred/reoffended following discussion at EEI and 1 young person was re-referred twice. 2 young people were referred to Procurator Fiscal (PF) due to seriousness of the offence.</p> <p>Diversion, within the last 12 months 5 diversion assessments have been requested which shows a slight increase in requests from COPFS.</p> <p>In the last 12 months, 16 young people have been referred by Police Scotland to the Offence Resolution Programme (ORP). Only 1 young person has been referred to ORP due to reoffending.</p> <p>Young People at Court, in progressing the WSA work plan, a revised version of the Cross Local Authority Protocol (Edinburgh, Lothian's and Borders) for young people appearing in Courts outwith their Jurisdiction is being developed. This has been peer reviewed and we await agreement from two local authorities prior to sign off.</p> <p>A separate Cross Border Protocol for the same issues has been developed with neighbouring English Authorities - Northumberland and Cumbria. This has been finalised and formally signed off by all three LA's. Its purpose is to ensure an understanding of the different court process in England and Scotland, responsibilities of the relevant authority and highlight the differences between Scottish/English legislation in Court.</p>	<p>between police custody, court and YJ ensuring YJ are notified at the earliest opportunity of any pending court appearances/appearances from custody. Police custody staff are equipped with bail support leaflets and contracts with support offered during the charging process.</p> <p>Agreed disposals for those discussed; 4 diverted to Quarriers Substance Misuse Service, 6 SDS, 5 diverted to YJ to complete offence focussed work, 2 diverted to Throughcare and Aftercare Team due to being open cases, 1 diverted to Children and Families Team due to being an open case, 3 issued with Final Police Warnings.</p> <p>Of these requests only two were following recommendation of diversion by EEI. The other 3 were the result of joint reporting to Scottish Children's Reporters Administration (SCRA) and Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).</p> <p>It has not been possible at present to establish overall distance from the cohort or whether any further offending behaviour took place following ORP input.</p>
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Number of short-term sentences under one year		
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Other information relevant to National Outcome Four

In a commitment to enhance local policing Scottish Borders Council have funded a police Community Action Team tasked with addressing local issues through an Elected Member/Officer Oversight Group. The focus is to de-escalate persistent complaints of antisocial behaviour and other matters of concern to communities. In 2018/19 53% of proposals were accepted as tasking by the CAT. In 2019/20 this increased to 69.4%. Those not accepted are directed towards an alternative policing or council response.

Reported Crime in the Scottish Borders

Crime Type	Reported Crime		Crimes per 10,000 of the Population	
	2018/19	2019/20	2018/19	2019/20
Total	3652 (detections 49.5%)	3577 (detections 55.2%)	316.8	310.3
Group 1. Non Sexual	104	100	9.0	8.7
Group 2. Sexual Crimes	188	229	16.3	19.9
Group 3. Crimes of Dishonesty	1486	1460	128.9	126.7
Group 4. Fire Raising, Malicious Mischief	901	864	78.2	75.0
Group 5. Other crimes	973	924	84.4	80.2

SFRS continue to work closely with the education system and youth groups within Scottish Borders. The Fireskills programme has been delivered in education and youth settings. Fireskills is a flexible programme, consisting of a series of individual sessions that are based on fire fighter drills adapted to provide a unique learning experience for young people. The sessions can be combined to provide a course which assists SFRS to meet local priorities. 48 students completed the courses successfully.

SFRS have also delivered 4 Fireskills employability courses within Polmont Young Offenders Institute. This caters for offenders aged between 16-23 years of age with 32 students completing the courses successfully. It is hoped that this experience will assist individuals with acquiring life experience skills and support their journey to employment and a positive destination. SFRS are currently working on a Cadet programme which will build upon the aforementioned, with the potential to provide a career pathway into the Fire and Rescue service.



NATIONAL OUTCOME FIVE

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

Indicator	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)	
	Please describe the activity	Then describe the impact
<p>Individuals have made progress against the outcome</p>	<p>Prior to the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) Throughcare Support Officer scheme being suspended a further two people from the Scottish Borders took advantage of the support being offered.</p> <p>In addition to Statutory Throughcare, Criminal Justice Social Work offer Voluntary Throughcare to prison leavers who would otherwise not meet the threshold due to length of sentence, in 2019/20 this increased on the previous year.</p> <p>Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) has been rolled out through four local authorities within the Government pilot project of Police, Ambulance, A&E and primary Care settings. All Police officers within the Scottish Borders (with exception of recent probationers where a plan is in place to train) have been trained in level 1 response and until recently were the main referral source. In addition to the services identified, staff across addictions services, crisis team, Emergency Duty Social Work Team and a range of community based services are also trained and able to access the DBI intervention.</p> <p>The Children and Young Persons Leadership Group commission The Quarriers Resilience for Wellbeing Service to provide a solution focussed time limited intervention for young people to improve mental health and emotional wellbeing. The team are based in each of the nine secondary schools across Borders.</p> <p>Service is delivered through one-to-one sessions, small and large bespoke groups and drop-in sessions.</p> <p>Covering the period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 Albert Place, a training flat for young people embarking on their first</p>	<p>One of these people was already registered with a GP, the other was registered before release. Both presented as homeless and made a Universal Credit claim.</p> <p>It is of note that this was prior to the signing of the SPS Data Sharing Agreement enabling early notification of prison admission, pending release dates and liberation notifications.</p> <p>The Scottish Borders population represents 10.7% of the total population served by DBI. Between April 2019 and March 2020 a total of 279 referrals had been received by the Scottish Borders service which represents 22% of the total referrals across Scotland to the service. Between January 2019 and January 2020 a total of 6211 DBI referrals were submitted nationally by all agencies with Police Scotland submitting 18% of these referrals. DBI now accepts referrals for 16 and 17 year olds.</p> <p>In 2019-20 the service received 568 referrals. The most common source of referrals are schools, however referrals are also received from health professionals and via self-referrals. There are improvements across all dimensions e.g. Resilience, Risk, Coping Strategies, Confidence, Anxiety and Support. The most significant rises are in Coping Strategies and Anxiety.</p> <p>The Training Flat which offers “taster” opportunities of one, two night and weekend stays to those who are Care Leavers or soon</p>



	<p>independent tenancy, has supported 7 tenants (4 tenants moved out & 3 move in).</p> <p>The Community Justice Board have agreed to introduce a temporary (24 month) Wellbeing Worker post to break down barriers of discrimination, health and social isolation. This will be joint funded by Health Improvement Team and Community Justice transition funding. The post looks to improve health access, referral to primary healthcare providers, such as GP and dentist, signposting to community activities and broader support, and obtain feedback on these experiences.</p>	<p>to leave Care has been used by 11 different young people (accounting for 148 overnight stays).</p> <p>Covid-19 has temporarily interrupted this appointment.</p>
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Other information relevant to National Outcome Five

SDS have an ongoing weekly presence in Polmont and Cornton Vale Prisons. A professionally qualified careers adviser delivers Career Information Advice and Guidance to enable individuals to develop their career management skills and make positive and informed career decisions. Services include 1:1 career guidance, CV support, and information about funding. The offer is targeted to young people aged 16-18.5 years (26 if care experienced background) but is also open to individuals nearing release.

NATIONAL OUTCOME SIX
 People develop positive relationships and more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure activities

Indicator	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)	
	Please describe the activity	Then describe the impact
Individuals have made progress against the outcome		

Other information relevant to National Outcome Six

Fire related antisocial behaviour places a significant demand on the resources of the SFRS, other public services and communities. These acts include deliberate fire setting, malicious actuation of fire alarm systems, hoax calls, hydrant abuse and attacks on personnel. In addition to the Fire Skills programme, SFRS work in partnership to deliver a FireSetters Intervention and Re-education Scheme (FIReS). Through a programme of targeted interventions SFRS FIReS offer a flexible approach to assist in the education of those who demonstrate an unsafe or concerning interest in fire. The programme encourages individuals to reflect upon their actions and consider the consequences for themselves and others they put at risk because of their behaviour.



SFRS have delivered several FireSetters interventions which have been successful in deterring further acts of malicious fire setting and other form of anti-social behaviour. Scottish Borders has seen a 15% drop in deliberate fires over the last 3 years.

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

Indicator	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)	
	Please describe the activity	Then describe the impact
<p>Individuals have made progress against the outcome</p>	<p>The Scottish Fire Rescue Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) programme has been instrumental in identifying persons that are at greatest risk from fire, for example drug and alcohol use. This has been achieved via extensive advertising and community engagement with SFRS local operational staff, maximising opportunities to assist those more vulnerable. This could not be achieved without assistance from partners. They have been working closely with other agencies, including the Local Authority, Health, Police Scotland and several Third Sector organisations to raise staff awareness of fire risk in the home. This is part of scheduled training sessions under the Scottish Borders Public Protection training arrangement. SFRS have also been carrying out Falls Assessments.</p> <p>The ADP use a tool called star outcomes to support recovery planning and assess distance travelled across a range of dimensions.</p>	<p>As a result of partnership working, frontline staff are able to recognise risk and refer individuals to SFRS. A total 2254 Home Fire safety visits were completed across the Scottish Borders for this period.</p> <p>Of clients who had a review of their star during 2019-20 31 self-identified as having a score of 6 or below in relation to the 'offending' dimension on their baseline star.</p> <p>An individual who had no issues with offending would score a 10, i.e. higher scores report a more positive situation.</p> <p>For the 31 people the average score at first assessment was 4.8. At the most recent follow-up for those clients the average score was 8.1. Two peoples score deteriorated between baseline and review.</p>



	<p>LSCMI All Scottish Borders social work qualified justice staff are trained in the Level of Service Case Management Inventory (LSCMI) risk assessment and management tool.</p> <p>This extends to nationally accredited assessment and service delivery tools, as per their post qualifying experience and case load requirements.</p> <p>Outcome Star In January 2020, paraprofessional staff from across all areas of service provision and qualified social workers delivering Caledonian support to women and children survivors of domestic abuse were trained in the use of Outcomes Star.</p>	
<p>Other information relevant to National Outcome Seven</p>		



5. Priority Areas of Focus

In the proprietary work necessary to prepare the next CJOIP it became clear that our focus in the short to mid term needed to be;

- Develop arrangements to incorporate lived experience into our thinking,
- Improve wellbeing and access to health related services,
- The provision of housing support,
- Improve communication with the Third Sector Interface.

6. Case Studies

7. Challenges

Rurality continues to be a factor in the delivery of services, in particular those that could be commissioned. Low number of people leaving prison though spread across a large land mass create an additional logistical consideration.

A comprehensive regular data set has been difficult to achieve and there is a strong case for this to be progressed nationally ensuring consistency and completeness of the figures.

8. Additional Information

Prior to the latest Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan being developed a Strategic Strengths and Needs Assessment was undertaken. Since then Community Justice Scotland has prepared guidance. This will be followed as the next iteration of the local assessment is developed.

