

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership

What is Community Justice

National Strategy for Community Justice

Community justice is principally about organisations working together to ensure that **people who have offended address the underlying causes of their behaviour, and pay back to the community** where appropriate. It aims to **encourage rehabilitation, reduce reoffending, and protect the public, leading to fewer victims and safer communities.**

This requires a **strong partnership working approach** at each point of the justice system, **from the point of arrest, through to integration into the community.**

Public protection remains our first priority, with robust risk management systems in place to ensure that, where appropriate, those who have committed offences can be managed safely and effectively in the community. In the long term, our ambition is to **use prison only for those who pose a risk of serious harm.**

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Core Membership

Chief Executive (Chair)

HSCP Chief Officer

HSCP Head of Service Children's Service & Justice/Chief Social Work Officer

HSCP Senior Manager Justice Social Work

Police Scotland Partnership Manager

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Prevention Lead

Scottish Prison Service Governor (HMP Greenock)

Skills Development Scotland Area Manager

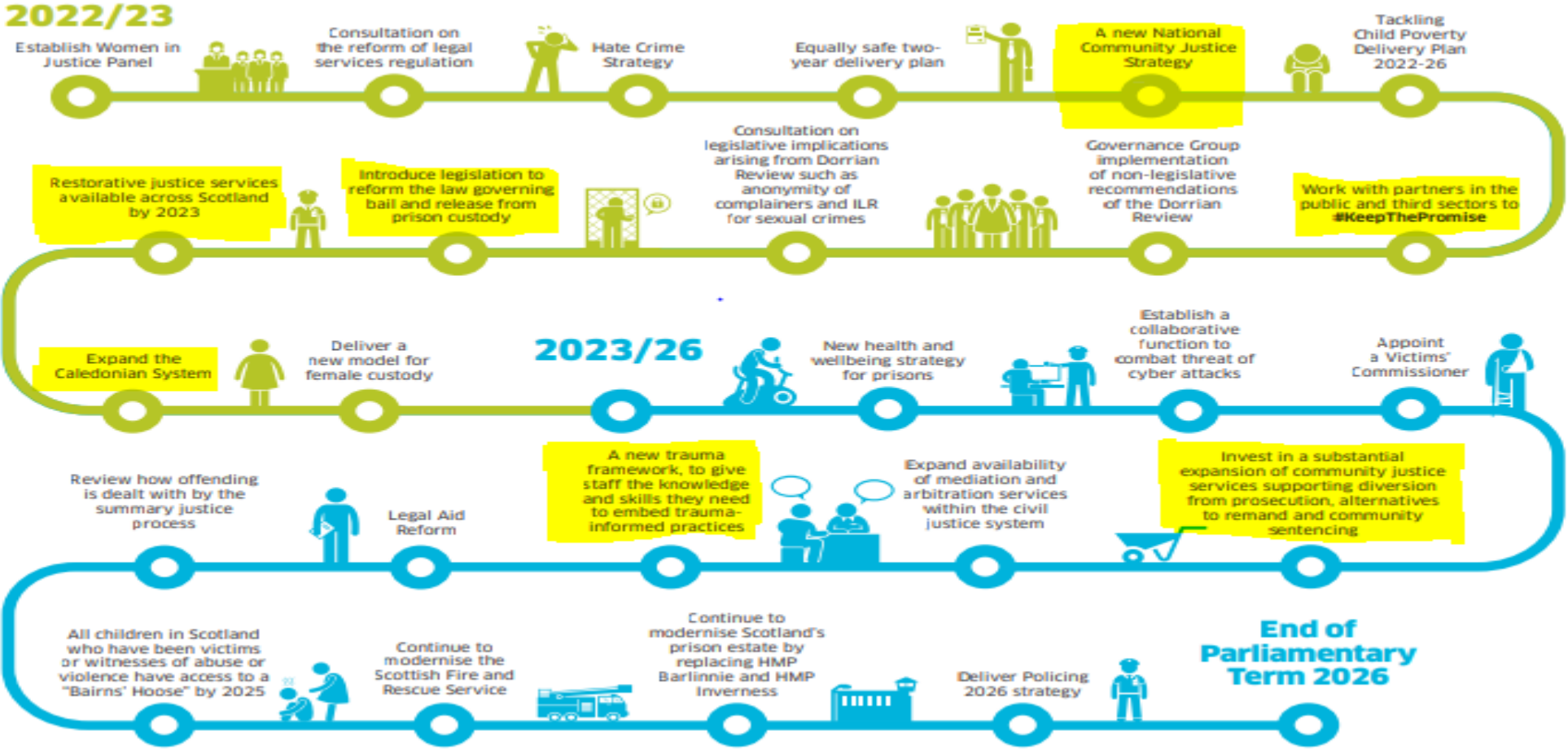
Third Sector Interface Chief Executive

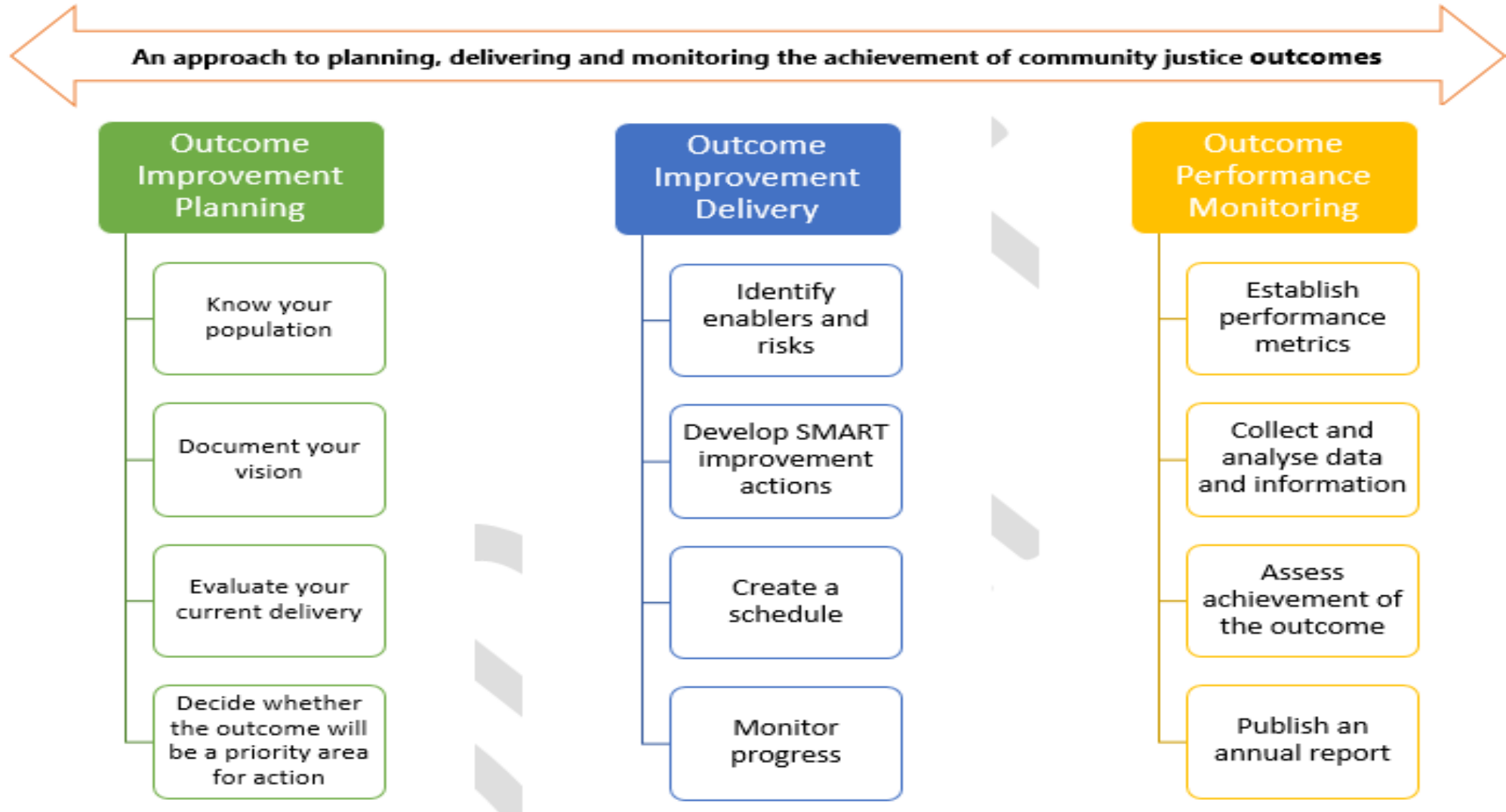
Community Justice Scotland Chief Executive, Specialist Adviser and Improvement Lead

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Strategic Context

Vision for Justice in Scotland





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Developing our Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)

National aim	Priority action
1. Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	1. Enhance intervention at the earliest opportunity by ensuring greater consistency, confidence in and awareness of services which support the use of direct measures and diversion from prosecution
	2. Improve the identification of underlying needs and the delivery of support following arrest by ensuring the provision of person-centred care within police custody and building upon referral opportunities to services including substance use and mental health services
2. Ensure that robust and high quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	3. Support the use of robust alternatives to remand by ensuring high quality bail services are consistently available and delivered effectively
	4. Strengthen options for safe and supported management in the community by increasing and widening the use of electronic monitoring technologies
	5. Ensure that those given community sentences are supervised and supported appropriately to protect the public, promote desistance from offending and enable rehabilitation by delivering high quality, consistently available, trauma-informed services and programmes
	6. Ensure restorative justice is available across Scotland to all those who wish to access it by promoting and supporting the appropriate and safe provision of available services

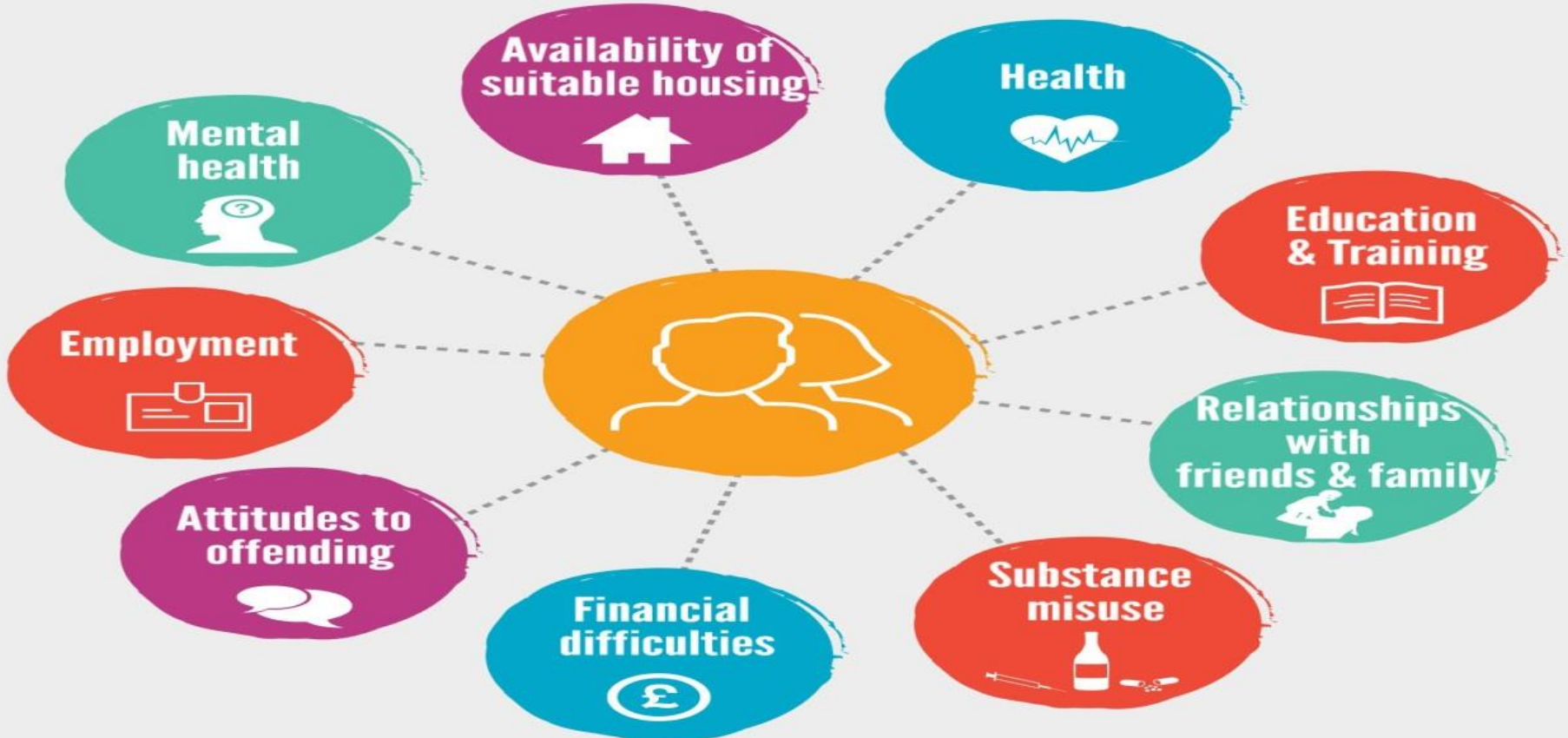
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<p>3. Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence</p>	<p>7. Enhance individuals' access to health and social care and continuity of care following release from prison by improving the sharing of information and partnership-working between relevant partners</p>
	<p>8. Ensure that the housing needs of individuals in prison are addressed consistently and at an early stage by fully implementing and embedding the Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone (SHORE) standards across all local authority areas</p>
	<p>9. Enhance individual's life skills and readiness for employment by ensuring increased access to employability support through effective education, learning, training, career services and relevant benefit services</p>
	<p>10. Enhance community integration and support by increasing and promoting greater use of voluntary throughcare and third sector services</p>
<p>4. Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners</p>	<p>11. Deliver improved community justice outcomes by ensuring that effective leadership and governance arrangements are in place and working well, collaborating with partners and planning strategically</p>
	<p>12. Enhance partnership planning and implementation by ensuring the voices of victims of crime, survivors, those with lived experience and their families are effectively incorporated and embedded</p>
	<p>13. Support integration and reduce stigma by ensuring the community and workforce have an improved understanding of and confidence in community justice</p>

Community Justice Pathways Assessment

Complex Needs to Address



Community Justice Pathway Priorities

Point of Arrest (Police Scotland Custody Suites)

- **Develop a place-based Strategic Needs & Strengths Assessment to improve understanding of what is available within Argyll & Bute and within Custody Suites outwith Argyll & Bute where citizens are transported to**

Through Prosecution (Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Services)

- **Main focus is Diversion from Prosecution, work ongoing with Justice Social Work awaiting outcomes from COPFS internal review and Scottish Government Diversion Working Group**

Sentencing (Scottish Courts & Tribunal Service)

- **Enhance local partnership working for Justice Social Work Bail Support service**
- **Create an improved understanding of needs of citizens and judiciary at point of sentencing**

Community Sentences (Justice Social Work)

- **Enhance partnership working and increase the options for referral pathways**

Liberation from Prison (Community Based Services)

- **Support development and delivery of commissioned Justice Advocacy pilot (1 year) with Lomond & Argyll Advocacy Service. Focused on those being liberated from prison from a sentence less than 4 years**

Timescales for draft local plan

Final draft for consultation: Mid-February 2024

Consultation period: mid-February – mid-March 2024

Publication date: April 2024

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