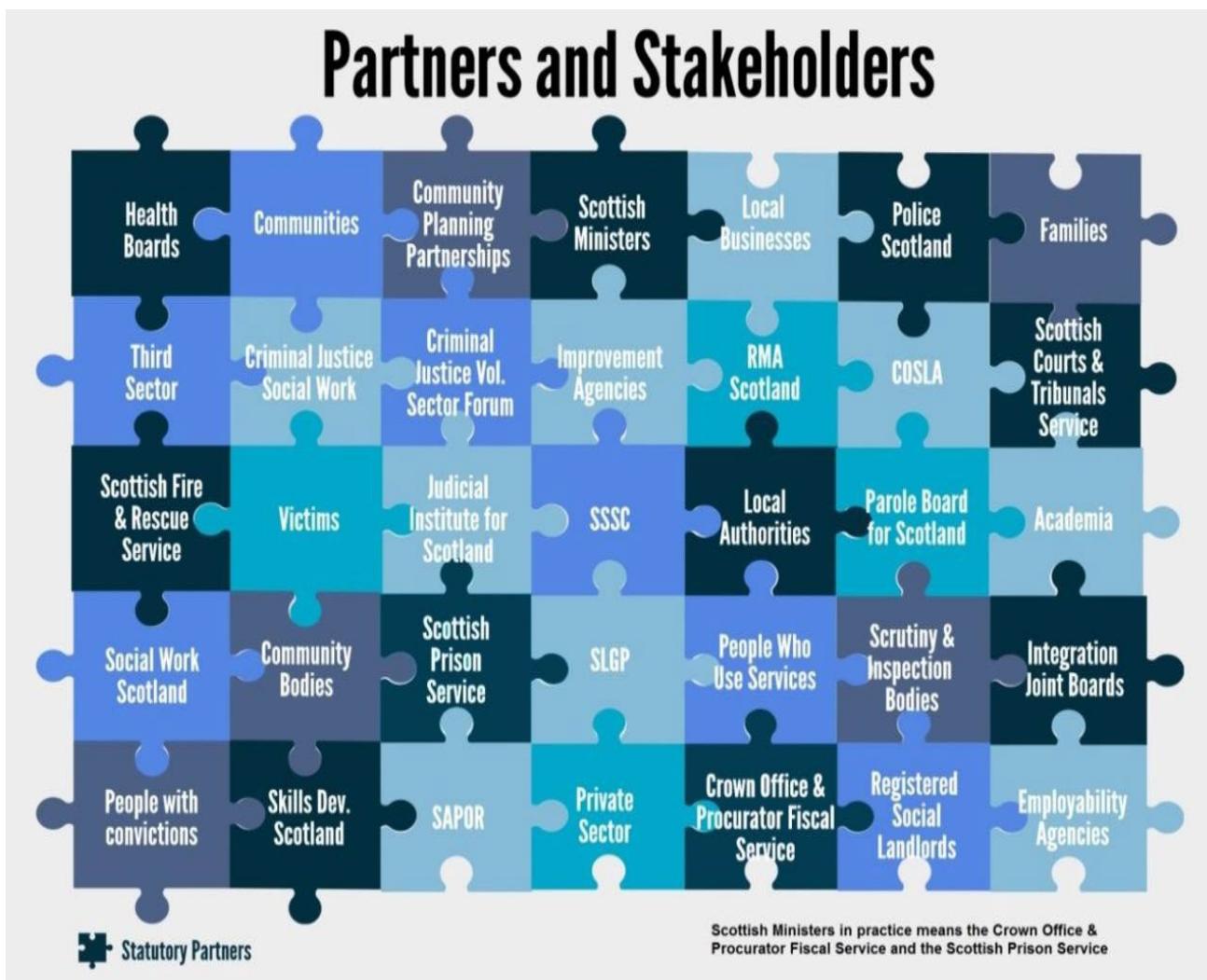


## APPENDIX 2

## Argyll &amp; Bute Community Justice Performance Report 2023-24

Collaborating to improve community justice outcomes across a diverse geographical landscape

Community Justice Planning and Delivery Partners and Stakeholders



**Our vision is in line with Scottish Government vision for:**

**A just, safe resilient Argyll & Bute and Scotland.**  
**Issues of Justice affect us**  
**all.**  
**Justice is the concept of fairness.**

## Contents

National Strategy Aim	National Outcome	Page(s)
Aim 1 Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	More people successfully complete diversion from prosecution	3
	More people in police custody receive support to address their needs	4
Aim 2 Ensure that robust and high quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	More people are assessed for and successfully complete bail supervision	5
	More people access services to support desistance and successfully complete community sentences	6
Aim 3 Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence	More people have access to, and continuity of, health and social care following release from a prison sentence	7
	More people have access to suitable accommodation following release from a prison sentence	8
	More people with convictions access support to enhance their readiness for employment	8-9
	More people access voluntary throughcare following a short-term prison sentence	9
Aim 4 Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners	No National Outcome set by the CJPF – however, from the Improvement Tool: Improved Collective Leadership and engagement supports achievement of shared community justice outcomes (Note this is not a national outcome)	10
	More people across the workforce and in the community understand, and have confidence in, community justice	11

## Appendix 2: Argyll & Bute Community Justice Plan Performance & Outcome Assessment 2023-2024

### Argyll & Bute Community Justice Plan Performance & Outcome Assessment 2023-2024

#### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 1	National Outcome 1
Enhance intervention at the earliest opportunity by ensuring greater consistency	More people successfully complete diversion from prosecution

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Number of diversion from prosecution:	
i) assessments undertaken	124
ii) cases commenced	88
iii) cases successfully completed	88

The National Strategy for Community Justice in Scotland provides the rationale for this Aim, Priority Action and Outcome on pages 7 and 8 (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-strategy-community-justice-2/documents/>)

#### 2023-2024 Activity

- Diversion delivered by Justice Social Work to under 18's was reviewed and improvements implemented
- The Scottish Government established a national Diversion Improvement Group and an action plan in response to the recommendations of their national Thematic Review of Diversion. New national Diversion Guidance summer 2025
- Strategic connections with the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for aligned priorities is underway to support diversionary activities

#### National Outcome 1 Interim Assessment

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership are required to make an interim assessment of how well we currently meet the national outcomes. This will be reviewed annually:

National Outcome 1	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people successfully complete diversion from prosecution	Partially Met Indicator data shows increased number of people	No mechanisms to understand the views of people receiving and delivering services  Evidence gap on the experiences of those in remote and island communities

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring and highlighting what we are unable to achieve without national action.

## Appendix 2: Argyll & Bute Community Justice Plan Performance & Outcome Assessment 2023-2024

### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 1	National Outcome 2
Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	More people in police custody receive support to address their needs

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Number of: i) referrals from custody centres	Data not available – national activity ongoing to produce

The National Strategy for Community Justice in Scotland provides the rationale for this Aim, Priority Action and Outcome on pages 8 and 9 (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-strategy-community-justice-2/documents/>)

### 2023-2024 Activity

- Local approach to Arrest Referral from Police Custody Suites within Argyll & Bute and out with under review
- Collaboration between Community Justice and Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (in particular We Are With You) to review Argyll & Bute Custody Suite referrals for access to addictions and recovery support. Improvements identified and implementation underway during 2024-2025
- National challenges around information-sharing at a local level has delayed progress

### National Outcome 2 Interim Assessment

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership are required to make an interim assessment of how well we currently meet the national outcomes. This will be reviewed annually following receipt of Community Justice Scotland local Performance Framework reports.

National Outcome 2	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people in police custody receive support to address their needs	Not Met Indicator data being collated by Police Scotland Custody Leads nationally.	Early stages of improvement activity. Referral pathways exist, yet unmapped.  Evidence gap on the experiences of those in remote and island communities

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

## Appendix 2: Argyll & Bute Community Justice Plan Performance & Outcome Assessment 2023-2024

### National Priority Action 3

- Support the use of robust alternatives to remand by ensuring high quality bail services are consistently available and delivered effectively

National Strategy Aim 2	National Outcome 3
Ensure that robust and high-quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	More people are assessed for and successfully complete bail supervision

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Number of:	
i) assessment reports for bail suitability	57
ii) bail supervision cases commenced	15
iii) bail supervision cases completed	9

The National Strategy for Community Justice in Scotland provides the rationale for this Aim, Priority Action and Outcome on pages 10 and 11 (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-strategy-community-justice-2/documents/>)

### 2023-2024 Activity

- Improve communication with local Courts
- Monitor and understand reasons for low conversion rates between bail assessments and bail supervision orders

### National Outcome 3 Interim Assessment

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership are required to make an interim assessment of how well we currently meet the national outcomes. This will be reviewed annually following receipt of Community Justice Scotland local Performance Framework reports.

National Outcome 3	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people are assessed for and successfully complete bail supervision	Partially Met JSW Indicator data shows increase in numbers in Bail	No mechanisms to understand the views of people receiving and delivering services  Evidence gap on the experiences of those in remote and island communities

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

## Appendix 2: National Community Justice Performance Framework Results 2023-2024, Outcomes Interim Assessment and Planned Activity for Priority Actions

### National Priority Action 4

- Strengthen options for safe and supported management in the community by increasing and widening the use of electronic monitoring technologies

National Strategy Aim 2	National Outcome
Ensure that robust and high-quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	No nationally determined outcome

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
No nationally determined indicators	Not Applicable

Under development at a national level and limited data and knowledge available on the use of electronic monitoring technologies. Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership will continue to monitor the national developments and seek to improve our local knowledge and understanding.

### National Priority Action 5

- Ensure that robust and high-quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland

National Strategy Aim 2	National Outcome 4
Ensure that robust and high-quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	More people access services to support desistance and successfully complete community sentences

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Percentage of: i) CPOs successfully completed ii) DTTOs successfully completed	62% 0% (only Drug Treatment available)

### 2023-2024 Activity

- Monitor breach rates and reasons for breach
- All staff to be trained in Dialectical Behaviour Therapy and embed as the basis for all interventions

### National Outcome 4 Interim Assessment

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership are required to make an interim assessment of how well we currently meet the national outcomes. This will be reviewed annually following receipt of Community Justice Scotland local Performance Framework reports.

National Outcome 4	Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people access services to support desistance and successfully complete community sentences	Partially Met JSW Indicator data shows increase of successfully completed Community Sentences	No mechanisms to understand the views of people receiving and delivering services Evidence gap on the experiences of those in remote and island communities

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

## Appendix 2: National Community Justice Performance Framework Results 2023-2024, Outcomes Interim Assessment and Planned Activity for Priority Actions

### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 2	National Outcome
Ensure that robust and high-quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	No national determined outcome

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
No nationally determined indicator	Not Applicable

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership recognise the value of having restorative justice services available, unfortunately we are unable to consider this due to lack of national funding. We will continue to review and monitor national progress and its local impact.

### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 3	National Outcome 5
Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence	More people have access to, and continuity of, health and social care following release from a prison sentence

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Number of transfers in drug/alcohol treatments from: i) custody to community	0

### National Outcome 5 Interim Assessment

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership are required to make an interim assessment of how well we currently meet the national outcomes. This will be reviewed annually following receipt of Community Justice Scotland local Performance Framework reports.

National Outcome 5	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people have access to, and continuity of, health and social care following release from a prison sentence	Not Met Drug & Alcohol Recovery Service Indicator data available	Collaborative plans for release are only in place for those subject to JSW Statutory Throughcare, Data and information not currently recorded in reportable format. Custody to Community pilot with Lomond & Argyll Advocacy Service (April-Dec 24) will provide some data. Referral pathways exist, not recorded in a reportable format. Evidence gap on the experiences of those in remote and island communities

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

## Appendix 2: National Community Justice Performance Framework Results 2023-2024, Outcomes Interim Assessment and Planned Activity for Priority Actions

### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 3	National Outcome 6
Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence	More people have access to suitable accommodation following release from a prison sentence

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Number of: i) homeless applications where prison is last known address	10

### National Outcome 6 Interim Assessment

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership are required to make an interim assessment of how well we currently meet the national outcomes. This will be reviewed annually following receipt of Community Justice Scotland local Performance Framework reports.

National Outcome 6	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people have access to suitable accommodation following release from a prison sentence	Partially Met Homeless Indicator data is available	Proportion of admissions where housing advice was provided not available Percentage of people leaving prison who have been housed by the local authority and have maintained tenancy for more than 1 year - not available Evidence gap on the experiences of those in remote and island communities

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 3	National Outcome 7
Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence	More people with convictions access support to enhance their readiness for employment

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Participation in employability services: i) percentage of people with convictions ii) Number of participants	6% 20

## Appendix 2: National Community Justice Performance Framework Results 2023-2024, Outcomes

### Interim Assessment and Planned Activity for Priority Actions

#### National Outcome 7 Interim Assessment

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership are required to make an interim assessment of how well we currently meet the national outcomes. This will be reviewed annually following receipt of Community Justice Scotland local Performance Framework reports.

National Outcome 7	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people with convictions access support to enhance their readiness for employment	Not Met (partially due to insufficient data)	Links between CJP and Employability Partnership are underdeveloped Referral pathways for those on CPO's and those leaving prison (open to JSW). is not recorded in a reportable format. Referral pathways for those leaving prison and not open to JSW are not sufficient

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

#### National Priority Action 10

- Enhance community integration and support by increasing and promoting greater use of voluntary throughcare and third sector services

National Strategy Aim 3	National Outcome 8
Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence	More people access voluntary throughcare following a short-term prison sentence

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
Number of: i) voluntary throughcare cases commenced	2

National Outcome 8	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people access voluntary throughcare following a short-term (less than 4 years) prison sentence	Partially Met JSW Indicator available. For 2024/25 these stats will include referrals to LAAS CJ Advocacy Service	Mechanisms are not in place to understand the views of people leaving prison or services supporting the process.  Local Evidence Gaps in national outcomes 5, 6 & 7 linked.

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

## **Appendix 2: National Community Justice Performance Framework Results 2023-2024, Outcomes Interim Assessment and Planned Activity for Priority Actions**

### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 4	National Outcome
Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners	No National Outcome

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
No National Indicator	Not Applicable

### **2023-2024 Activity**

- Reviewing governance arrangements agreeing Community Justice reporting
- Identifying aligned strategic priorities with other Partnerships; Third Sector, Violence Against Women & Girls, Alcohol and Drugs and Children, Families and Justice, Health & Social Care Partnership, Corporate Parenting (not an exclusive list)
- Collaborating to reduce duplications in strategic planning
- Collaborating to fund local research into the impact of domestic abuse
- Consulting with a range of locally based and national third sector partners and services, creating an improved understanding of challenges and potential collaborations

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

### National Priority Action 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

National Strategy Aim 4	National Outcome
Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners	No National Outcome

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
No National Indicator	Not Applicable

### **2023-2024 Activity**

- Collaborating with Violence Against Women Partnership to fund local research into the impact of domestic abuse. The final report can be found here: [Argyll and Bute Violence against Women and Girls Partnership | Argyll and Bute Council](#)

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.

## **Appendix 2: National Community Justice Performance Framework Results 2023-2024, Outcomes Interim Assessment and Planned Activity for Priority Actions**

### National Priority Action 13

- Support integration and reduce stigma by ensuring the community and workforce have an improved understanding of and confidence in community justice

National Strategy Aim 4	National Outcome
Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners	More people across the workforce and in the community understand, and have confidence in, community justice

National Indicator(s)	2023-2024 Results
No National Indicator	Not Applicable

National Outcome 10	Interim Assessment	Local Evidence Gap
More people across the workforce and in the community understand, and have confidence in, community justice	Not Met Indicator data only available at Scotland level	Community Justice partner contribution to joint activity across policy areas to tackle stigma is underdeveloped Impact of activities to improve understanding and confidence across the workforce and community is underdeveloped

Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership will collaborate with multi-agency partners to progress improvements we can implement, monitoring what we are unable to achieve without national action.