

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR: **2015/16**

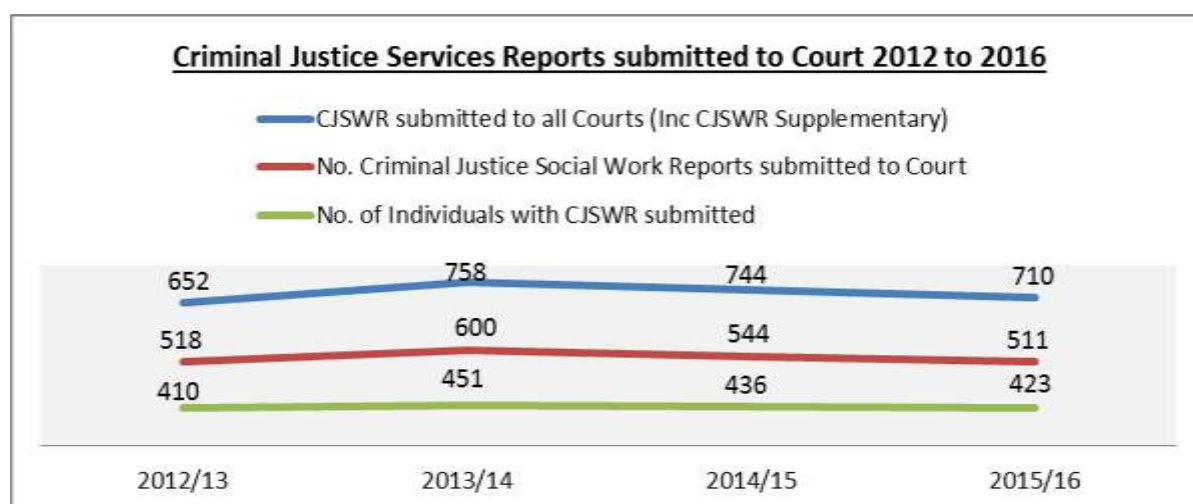
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Types of unpaid work projects and activities which have been carried out; the total number of unpaid work hours completed during the year; and information and examples that help to demonstrate how communities benefit from unpaid work.

In Angus as can be seen below there has been broad stability in the numbers of reports submitted as well as the number of individuals concerned. Increases are noted however in the number of Community Payback Orders made and the amount of Unpaid Work hours imposed. It is evident that there is upward trend of some significance in the number of hours imposed by the Court. Despite this there is a decrease in the number of breach reports submitted to the Court consequently it is apparent that Community Payback Orders are being managed in accordance with their original design.

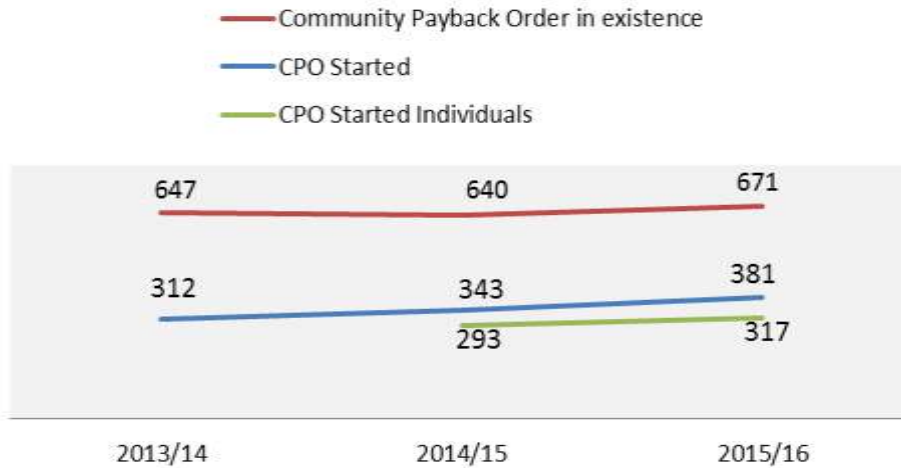
511 full Criminal Justice Social Work Reports were submitted to Court in 2015/16 a 6.0% decrease on the 544 submitted in 2014/15.



There has been an **Increase** in the number of open CPO's during 2015/16 (671) this represents a 4.6 % increase on 2014/15 figures (640)

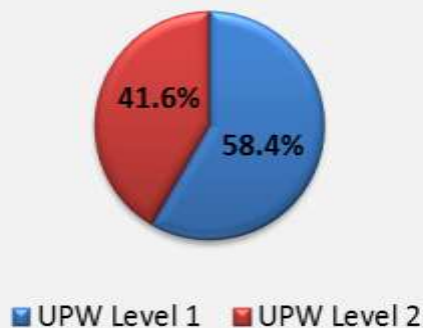
During 2015/16 there was an increase of 9.9 % in the number of new Community Payback Orders imposed. 381 new orders were imposed in 2015/16 comprising of 317 individuals, an increase of 38 orders and 21 individuals on the previous year.

Community Payback Orders 2013 to 2016



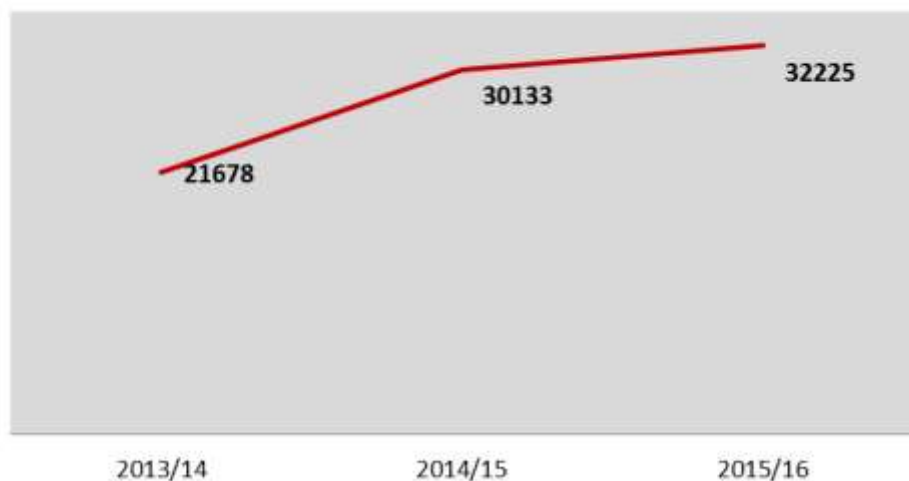
Legacy Orders continue to decline year on year, there are currently 5 Probation Orders in progress, 3 of which started in 2015/16.

% of Unpaid Work Level imposed in 2015/16



A total of 32225 hours of unpaid work or other activity hours were imposed, an increase of 2092 hours (6.49%)

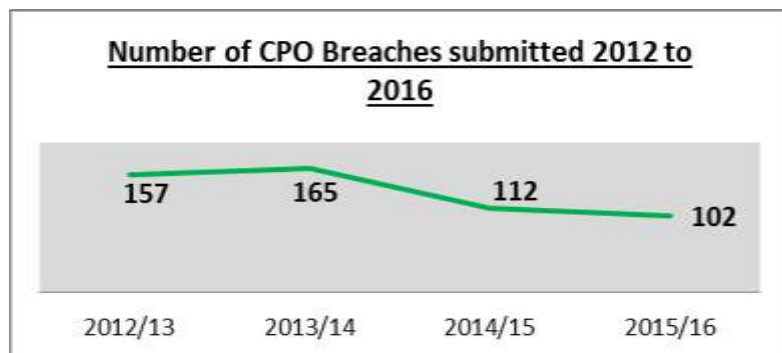
No. of CPO Unpaid Work hours imposed 2013 to 2016



50 to 100 hours most imposed number of hours for **Male** and **Female** Orders started in 2015/16.

A total of 21557 hours of unpaid work were completed in 2015/16 equating to 3079 working days.

8.9 % **decrease** in number of Breaches submitted in 2015/16



There has been approximately 1 breach for every 5.8 (6) open CPO's in 2015/16.

Despite having an increase in the number of open CPO's the number of breaches submitted continues to decrease. The majority of breaches submitted do not result in the order being revoked.

There has been a marginal increase in the number of CPO's successfully completed in 2015/16. 78.8 percent of CPOs having been completed successfully compared to 78.2 percent in 2014/15.

Types of Unpaid Work Undertaken

- Community garden
- Response to vandalism including graffiti removal, repairs and addressing fire hazards
- Forfar town improvements - improving derelict area, including landscaping of communal gardens
- Gardening schemes – individual homes
- Furniture collections and deliveries on behalf of the Forfar Resource Store
- Supporting charity shops move stock, collect and deliver large items
- Individual house moves for homeless and vulnerable people
- Footpath maintenance, Sidlaw Path network
- Individual placements with local charity groups

- Gardening works and maintenance for local schools
- Gardening works and maintenance for local churches
- Support to refugee project, including cleaning and preparation of property and support to relocate
- Individual placements with local charities

Quotes from people on CPOs and beneficiaries about the impact of the unpaid work on them and/or the community.

Feedback from people on CPO's

- 86 % of those who participated in a group as part of their CPO stated the group had helped reduce their offending.
- 78 % either Agreed or Strongly Agreed their order was worth while to them.
- 77 % either Agreed or Strongly Agreed their order was worthwhile to others.
- 88 % stated the support that was given to them during their order was either good or excellent.
- 96 % stated the encouragement they received during their order was either good or excellent.
- 92 % stated the supervision they received during their order was either good or excellent.
- 69.2 % stated that their experience with Angus Criminal Justice was 'Better than they expected'. There were no responders who stated their experience was 'Worse than they expected'.

Quotes

- *I now have permanent voluntary work thanks to my CPO and its giving me a great sense of meaning and structure to my day*
- *Good helpful advice from staff*
- *Workers were understanding about routine and sleep issues and helped to overcome this*
- *Thank you for the support and understanding during my order, found it very supportive to me during difficult personal times*
- *They're doing a great job with the resources available*
- *Meeting new people and doing good charity work*
- *I'm now staying on at the charity shop*

- *Given me a chance to repay for my misconduct for which I am sorry*
- *Thank you guys for helping me*
- *I found the support of my CJS workers very useful*
- *I felt good cutting grass for elderly people as they can't do it*
- *It was well run the staff were helpful and approachable*

Unpaid work feedback from recipients

- 100 percent of responders were either very satisfied (89.2%) or satisfied (10.8%) at the work carried out by the unpaid work team. There were no quite satisfied or not satisfied responses.
- 100 percent of responders said the work was carried out in a timely manner.

Quotes

- *Was very quick and efficient*
- *The men all worked well and were very polite*
- *...we really appreciate the efficient service provided by Criminal Justice Services*
- *What an amazing job was done, thank you to all involved*
- *All who took part worked extremely hard and without any moans or complaints – they provided a first class service that benefited a member of the public who very badly needed help*
- *This is such a worthwhile service, always undertake tasks to a high standard*
- *Family were very happy with service provided*
- *The service was second to none and on time. It was most beneficial for a young man who has learning disabilities...*
- *All services carried out in good time and to an appropriate standard*
- *A lifesaver for our client group who have low income*

Types of "other activity" carried out as part of the unpaid work or other activity requirement.
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As in previous years we have sought to develop 'other activities' to support a reduction in reoffending. These have typically been carried out through partnership arrangements with other local authority services and third party providers and include the following:

- The Angus Drug and Alcohol Learning Partnership is a joint arrangement between CJS, SW Drug and Alcohol Team, Tayside Substance Misuse Service, and the Arrest Referral Scheme (Action for Children). It provides a referral screening and sign posting service as well as providing training and learning development for staff delivering services to the overlapping CJS/drug and alcohol client group. The screening group has been influential in ensuring that offenders with substance issues are properly routed to the best type of service for them; a number of these are delivered under "other activity" to service users on CPO.
- Desistance work carried out under "other activity" is undertaken by our criminal justice assistants, overseen by the supervising case manager (social worker). Input is delivered on a one-to-one basis and through a range of Groupwork provision. At different times this year, Groupwork has included the general offending group, positive relationship group, moving on group and employability group. Groupwork projects vary in their thematic emphasis but will cover a range of desistance factors, such as employment, finances, relationships, housing, education, self care, health etc.

- We have strong links with local third party providers (APEX, Community Learning and Development and Eclipse) in the field of employment and reviewed our employment pathway so that literacy screening is available much more promptly to all service users on “other activity”.
- Angus is part of the Tayside PSP for mentoring, delivered by the Tayside Council on Alcohol (TCA). The development of mentoring in Angus has been important in supporting the attendance of service users at programmes of planned work.
- The continuing development of our women's service, the Glen Isla Project has resulted in the initiation of specific women's groups for self care including budgeting, food preparation etc and therapeutic groups.
- In the coming year we are looking at piloting a sleep clinic/group for to promote routine and healthy living and a walking group again with a view to promoting healthy activities.

Activities carried out to consult prescribed persons and organisations, pursuant to section 227ZL of the 1995 Act, and wider communities on the nature of unpaid work and other activities and how the consultation results helped determine which projects were undertaken.

We have established a short life working group to co-ordinate the development of what we are calling the Angus Community Justice Profile. Representatives from Police Scotland, the Angus Social Work Criminal Justice Service and the Scottish Prison Service sit on the working group. The Community Justice Profile will include data mapped on to the offender's journey through the criminal justice system and will include information on trends over time, to determine which areas are improving and which areas require attention. The other part of the Community Justice Profile will include qualitative data drawn from stakeholder engagement with offenders, the children and families of those who have offended, female offenders, and victims and witnesses. The first draft Community Justice Profile will be completed by the end of October 2016 and will be used to identify the key areas to be addresses in the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan.

In the last year we have established a method of recording the views of those who benefit from Unpaid Work activities and will use this to inform our actions over the coming years. We now also routinely gather the views of individuals who are subject to Community Payback Orders and will use this to inform our practice.

As a component of our planning we have provided a Community Justice Briefing to Third Sector Community Justice Stakeholders. A number of Voluntary organisations have contributed to the development of the Angus Community Justice Profile and attended a recent Community Justice Stakeholders Event. The Voluntary Sector

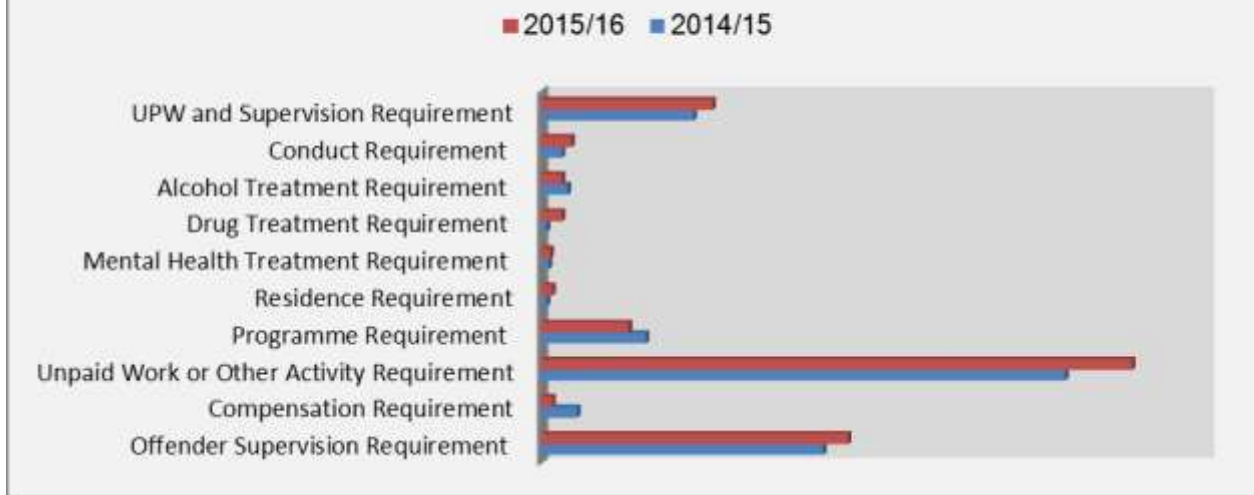
have been offered two places on the Angus Community Justice Partnership and the intention is to establish an Angus Voluntary Sector Community Justice Forum to facilitate the involvement of a wider range of Voluntary Sector organisations in the work of the Community Justice Partnership.

Use by the courts of CPO requirements other than unpaid work, for example what, and in what way, different requirements are being used for those whose offending is driven by drug, alcohol and mental health issues; or how requirements such as programme or conduct are being used to address offending behaviour.

The following table shows a break down of CPO requirements.

CPO requirement	2014/15	2015/16	On last year
Offender Supervision Requirement	148	161	8.0% increase
Compensation Requirement	19	6	68.4% decrease
Unpaid Work or Other Activity Requirement	275	310	11.2% increase
Programme Requirement	55	46	16.3% decrease
Residence Requirement	3	6	50.0% increase
Mental Health Treatment Requirement	4	5	20.0% increase
Drug Treatment Requirement	3	11	72.7% increase
Alcohol Treatment Requirement	14	11	21.4% decrease
Conduct Requirement	11	16	31.2% increase
UPW and Supervision Requirement	80	90	11.1% increase

Breakdown of CPO Requirements 2014 to 2016



310 of the 381 CPOs imposed had a requirement of Unpaid Work or Other requirement 81.3 % an increase of 2% on 2014/15

58.4 % of UPW were Level 1 / 41.6 % of UPW were Level 2

Any issues affecting access to services which are provided by other partners (e.g. drug and alcohol services) and, where such issues have been identified, what work is underway to resolve them.

As noted in previous years as a relatively small Local Authority area we are fortunate that close relationships with other services exist and generally issues can be addressed as they emerge. CJS continues to meet regularly with other partners and officers within the service sit on relevant strategy groups e.g. Angus Violence against Women Partnership, the Angus Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy group, Angus Child Protection Committee, MPPA Strategic Operations Group and the Community Safety Forum ensuring the visibility and connectedness of Community Justice issues to the wider strategic landscape.

In addition to this officers from our service play a part in operational multi agency groups such as the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), MAPPA and the Pre-Birth Risk Assessment Meeting (PRAM) which allows CJS to remain integrated with other services.

As we continue to prepare the Community Justice plan for the coming years it is evident that transition not only for CJS but other services is a significant issue. We are aware of proposed redesigns for Drug and Alcohol Services and Mental Health Services locally however given the strong relationships between services we are confident that this will result in improved services.

Any other relevant information. This might include details of work which is carried out with people on CPOs to address their offending behaviour but which does not fall into the category of a specific requirement.

Our multi agency Women Offenders Team continues to progress as can be seen below.

47 Women were referred between 1 April and 31 March 2016. 98% had medium to very risk score on LSCMI. 98% were on current statutory orders.

Presenting issues/support needs (for women who entered from 1 April 2015)	42	
Emotional/mental health	38	90%
Work, education and training	35	84%
Substance misuse	35	84%
Problem solving	32	77%
Family/ social relationships	27	65%
Leisure activities	31	74%
Housing	16	39%
Financial	20	48%
Engagement with services	19	45%
Readiness to work on problems	21	48%
Physical health	18	42%
Desistance/stopping offending	21	48%
Views on offending	16	39%
Sexual health	18	42%
Other	0	0%

Service Achievements

- We received a Tayside Community Justice Authority Award along with Forfar Sheriff court for 'Working in Partnership'
- Our Support worker received a Community Justice Authority Award for Local champion
- Our social worker was awarded SASW Social Worker of the Year for her contribution to the Glen Isla Project
- The Team Manager was asked to present at the Judicial Institute for Scotland regarding the Glen Isla Project – all Sheriffs in the Sheriffdom were present, evidencing the good working partnerships Angus has with its courts. Three of our women presented at and gave a talk at the Social Work Scotland Criminal Justice Conference at Crieff Hydro. They discussed their heroin addictions and how they are now living free from drug use and with significantly improved family relationships and enhanced lifestyles.

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