



**Local Area Annual Report**  
April 2022 - March 2023  
Angus Community Justice Partnership

# Foreword from Angus Community Justice Partnership (ACJP) Chair

Having taken over as the Chair of the Angus Community Justice Partnership (ACJP) in early 2023, I would like to thank and commend the partners who have contributed to the production of this report. This year has been a year of transition, as we welcomed a refreshed National Strategy for Community Justice. Published in June 2022, it sets out four key aims which together will drive forward the Vision for Justice in Scotland to have a justice system that is person-centred, trauma-informed and takes account of the needs of victims.

This report highlights some of the achievements that have been achieved as a result of the collaboration forged under this Partnership. Together we have worked to deliver positive outcomes to individuals, families and communities living across Angus, addressing the complex challenges faced by all those impacted by the justice system.

As we reflect on our journey so far, we are preparing a new Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan, which will build on these achievements and address the ambitions outline in the Vision for Justice and National Strategy. We are committed to enhancing the connects between Community Justice with the Protecting People agenda. Next year will see wider work across these committees, recognising the broader needs and vulnerabilities of those who commit offences or are victims of offending.



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# Introduction

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, [Guidance for local partners in the new model for community justice](#), [Justice in Scotland: Vision & Priorities](#) and the [Framework for Outcomes, Performance and Improvement](#). The 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. The [Angus Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan \(ACJOIP\) 2020-23](#) expires this year and work is underway to develop the next plan ensuring that alignment is made with other Protecting People Partnerships and Committees within Angus.

Beyond this, Community Justice Scotland (CJS) partners are also tasked with reporting, on an annual basis, on the community justice outcomes and improvements in their area, again with reference to the associated strategy, guidance and framework documents and, when complete, submit those annual reports to CJS. The Angus report was approved and submitted in October 2023.

In addition to the Outcome Activity Local Area Return submitted to CJS, the Angus Community Justice Partnership (ACJP) also produces an Annual Report. This Annual Report for the period April 2022 to March 2023 includes a summary of the work of the ACJP, the outcomes from this work, strengths, area for improvement and priorities for the coming year. This is the first year that the ACJP has focused on a shorter more concise Annual Report which contains an appendix of the Outcome Activity Local Area Return. This is a move towards reducing the duplication of tasks, allowing time to be focused on meeting our key priority areas.

During this reporting period there has been a number of changes for the ACJP including appointment of new Chair, a new Co-ordinator, new board members and the new model of integrated support from the Protecting People Angus Business Support and Development Officer team.

All up to date information for Angus Community Justice Partnership can be found on our [webpage](#).

# Key Statistic Infographic 2022 - 2023

**400**

Average number of individuals open to Angus Justice services



**13%**

Percentage of females open to service



**85%**

Of individuals managed in the community



**1140**

Sceduled court appearances in 2022 - 2023



**67**

Average number of Angus residents sentenced to prison



**537**

Community Payback Orders in existence (270 new orders ) in 2022 - 2023



**15,593**

Hours of unpaid work or other activity were completed 2022 - 2023



**2,399**

Months of offender supervision imposed as part of a CPO



**60**

Voluntary Throughcare cases commenced for individuals following a period of custody of less than four years

# Key Strengths

- ACJP has recently benefited from a new Chair, Coordinator and Development Officer. There have also been new members join the ACJP from a variety of backgrounds both from statutory and third sector representation. Even though there has been a steep learning curve there are positive relationships being formed and work has continued to progress.
- The move of the ACJP into the Protecting People Angus strategic structure will support the ACJP to be involved in more cross cutting work but will also allow other partners to have a greater understanding of the work undertaken on a multi-agency basis in relation to Community Justice.
- There are strong networks of multi-agency relationships, offering coordinated, proactive interventions across services.
- A collaborative approach to Arrest Referral, ensuring individualised support is being offered.
- The Glens Project continue to offer women involved with justice, a holistic, trauma informed approach, with several proactive initiatives being implemented.
- The Care and Risk Management (CARM) process continues to be developed, supporting youth justice.
- A proactive process is in place that enhances individuals within the justice systems access to health support, including mental health and wellbeing and continuity of care.
- A Housing strategy is in place which ensures the needs of the people who use justice services are met.
- Trauma informed practice is promoted with staff offering proactive support to all individual who are involved with justice services.
- Careers advice and education is being offered, improving the life skills and readiness for employment.
- Proactive support is being offered at the remand stage ensuring the provision of person-centred care, building upon referral opportunities to support services including substance use and mental health services.
- Several successful group work programmes have been developed and facilitated across all justice services.

# Areas for Improvement and Moving Forward 2023/24

The following priority areas will be the focus for ACJP over the next reporting period. However, the ACJP remains flexible and responsive to local and national needs and as such the below priorities remain fluid and may change.

- Although the various changes of new Chair, Coordinator, support team and membership of the ACJP has been noted as a strength. It is recognised this has been a new knowledge area for some, therefore this is noted as a continued area which may require support over the coming year.
- For the next reporting period the refreshed membership and leadership of the ACJP will continue to strengthen working relationships and allow the justice agenda to move forward in a coordinated way. This will include a development day for all members.
- Continue the roll out of the Care and Risk Management (CARM) process, supporting Youth Justice.
- Development of the 2023-2026 CJOIP.
- Align strategic priorities and identify overarching themes with PPA partners.
- Create a shared data set between ACJP partners that will be used for future planning.
- Support links to the community via community engagement to inform and reduce stigma and increase confidence in, community justice.
- Strengthen the links between PPA strategic community agendas and ACJP.
- Ensure the voices of the people who use the services are effectively incorporated and embedded in service feedback and planning.
- Support and enhance collective working and relationships across all agencies, including third sector, Courts, Prisons and Procurator Fiscal, promoting and supporting the appropriate and safe provision of services. This will include shared learning of individual services within and between agencies.

# Appendix 1 – List on Acronyms

|          |  |
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| ACJP     | Angus Community Justice Partnership                                    |
| ACPP     | Angus Community Planning Partnership                                   |
| ADP      | Alcohol and Drug Partnership   |
| AHSCP    | Angus Health and Social Care Partnership                               |
| AIDARS   | Drug & Alcohol Recovery Service  |
| AJS      | Angus Justice Service  |
| AMH      | Angus Mental Health  |
| AMHAWN   | Well-being Network   |
| APC      | Adult Protection Committee   |
| AVAWP    | Angus Violence Against Women Partnership                               |
| CARM     | Care and Risk Management   |
| CARS     | Custody Arrest Referral Service  |
| CLOG     | Chair & Lead Officers Group  |
| CPC      | Child Protection Committee   |
| DfP      | Diversion from Prosecution   |
| DWP      | Department of Work and Pensions  |
| IJB      | Integrated Joint Board   |
| MAPPA    | Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements                            |
| PPA      | Protecting People Angus  |
| PPT      | Protecting People Team   |
| S&T      | Safe and Together  |
| SDS      | Skills Development Scotland  |
| SFRS     | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service                                       |
| SHORE    | Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone                            |
| START AV | Short Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability –<br>Adolescent Version |
| VAA      | Angus Voluntary Action   |

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