



# THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

## Community Justice Annual Activity Return 2021/22

### 1. Executive Summary

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- 1.1 Edinburgh's Community Safety and Justice Partnership (CSJP) is responsible for developing and implementing Edinburgh's Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP) on behalf of the Edinburgh Partnership (community planning). The completed Local Area Annual Return Template at Appendix 1 details partner's individual and collective community justice activity in 2021/22, and a few examples of achievements and challenges are listed below.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 The Board is recommended to:
- i. Consider and approve Edinburgh's Community Justice Local Area Annual Return for 2021/22; a link to the document is provided at Appendix 1.

### 3. Main Report

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- 3.1 Community planning partnerships are required to report annually to Community Justice Scotland (CJS), the national agency responsible for promoting good practice in community justice across Scotland, on community justice activity carried out in their area. CJS provides a template for completion and guidance underpinned by the national [Community Justice Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework](#) (OPI Framework). A link to the completed template for the Edinburgh CSJP is at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 CJS considers each local authority's community justice activity and progress made locally against the national outcomes and indicators set out in the OPI Framework and provides feedback, including any recommendations for future activity returns. It also publishes an annual national community justice report based on the local area submissions.
- 3.3 Activity detailed in Edinburgh's Local Area Annual Return supports the Scottish Government's vision for community justice set out in the [National Strategy for Community Justice](#) which states that:

Scotland is a safer, fairer, and more inclusive nation where we:

- Prevent and reduce further offending by addressing its underlying causes; and
- Safely and effectively manage and support those who have committed offences to help them reintegrate into the community and realise their potential for the benefit of all citizens

#### 3.4 Key achievements in 2021/22 included:

- The [Willow](#) service pioneering the development of a new shared space Women's Centre to provide holistic support to women in the justice system. The new facility brings together a range of services under one roof ensuring that vulnerable women receive co-ordinated supports in a trauma informed environment.
- The further development of trauma informed, and trauma enhanced community justice services supported by the recruitment of a part time Clinical Psychologist to oversee progress of the Trauma Informed Care model. A Trauma Informed Services Advisory Panel (TISAP) has also been developed to provide support to Council teams/services committed to adopting trauma informed practice.

#### 3.5 Key challenges in 2021/22 included:

- Recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including adapting to new ways of working to ensure that services are delivered safely, prioritising those presenting higher risk and need who need face to face appointments, and managing the mental health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable, while ensuring that justice services staff and teams remained connected and supported.
- Planning and delivering sustainable services within the significant budgetary constraints placed on justice services, alongside allocating, managing, and procuring short term Third Sector provisions to align with the existing national funding formula. There have also been workforce planning issues and difficulty recruiting and retaining staff in some areas.

3.6 The CSJP agreed the Local Area Annual Return for 2021/22 on 2 September 2022. Once approved by the Edinburgh Partnership, it will be submitted to CJS.

## 4. Contact

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Appendices:

Appendix 1; [Community Justice Local Area Annual Return 2021/22](#)



