



Shetland Community Justice Partnership

Prevent, Reduce, Reintegrate

The data to inform this self-evaluation comes from a range of sources and is referenced throughout the SHETLAND COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP (SCJP) – OUTCOMES & ACTIVITY ANNUAL RETURN 2024-25 and demonstrates how we are meeting National Outcomes* for Community Justice to 2028.



More people successfully complete diversion from prosecution

- Number of assessments required decreased overall
- 100% of requested assessments for diversion completed
- 100% diversion cases commenced were successfully completed

SCJP Score: 5/6



More people in police custody receive support to address their needs

- New processes in place locally between NHS and Police Scotland which supports health needs identified in local holding cells
- Improvements required on custody (mainland prison to Shetland community) pathways

SCJP Score: 4/6



More people are assessed for and successfully complete bail supervision

- All individuals are assessed for bail supervision where appropriate
- Bail Supervision process reviewed during 2024-25
- Working to increase confidence in use of Bail Supervision with partners

SCJP Score: 5/6



More people access services to support desistence and successfully complete community sentences

- 73% of CPOs completed successfully which is a slight decrease
- Working on introduction of programme for perpetrators of domestic abuse

SCJP Score: 4/6



People have access to restorative practices should they wish to use it

- Shetland is fortunate to have a well established restorative justice practice (Space2Face) which partners use and promote
- Core funding is still required to sustain this long-term

SCJP Score: 5/6



Justice System



Impacts & Experiences



Improvement & Partnerships



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More people have access to, and continuity of, health and social care following release from prison sentence

- Information Sharing Protocol to be developed to allow for more structured pathways and communication
- Some positive work happening here but not yet consistent

SCJP Score: 3/6



More people have access to suitable accommodation following release from prison sentence

- Every individual released from prison is provided with accommodation upon their return to Shetland
- Consideration of suitability and sustainability of assigned properties is a work in progress

SCJP Score: 5/6



Services and practices are trauma-informed

- Partnership Officer is now trained and part of delivery group rolling out Trauma Skilled Level 4 training to the workforce (NES Trauma Transformation Programme)
- Partnership Officer part of small working group designed to support service through Trauma Lens process

SCJP Score: 5/6



More people with convictions access support to enhance their readiness for employment

- Employability services report 42% of justice experienced individuals registered entered a positive destination which is a 64% relative improvement on previous reporting year
- Considering employer support

SCJP Score: 4/6



More people access voluntary through-care (VTC) and support following a short term prison sentence

- Review of VTC carried out locally to assess provision 2022-2025
- New National VTC service launched - being delivered by a third sector organisation with support from justice partners

SCJP Score: 4/6



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Improved understanding of the impact on children and families affected by the justice system

- Research carried out by Families Outside which included voices of Shetland families
- SCJP Participation in Compassionate Communities Project led by Shetland Partnership

SCJP Score: 4/6



Effective leadership, collaborative working and strategic planning of shared community justice outcomes

- Considering annual self-evaluation as part of review and planning cycle
- Establishing effective communication with other partnerships to avoid duplication

SCJP Score: 4/6



Improved engagement with other agencies & communities including those with lived experience of justice system

- Ensuring representation of justice experienced individuals within partnerships and associated project work
- Strengthened links to other partnerships and services

SCJP Score: 4/6



More people across the workforce and in the community understand and have confidence in community justice

- Continuing to raise the profile of Community Justice within other partnerships
- Considering how to raise public profile and confidence in Community Justice

SCJP Score: 4/6

This report satisfies **Section 26** of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, an output of the self-evaluation process will be a performance report on Safer Shetland's website following the end of each reporting period and as part of the review and planning cycle of the Shetland Community Justice Partnership.

*Also detailed are 5 locally determined outcomes identified by service needs and strengths assessment carried out as part of the initial planning process.

Review and Planning Meeting held February 2026 – Self Evaluation carried out February and March 2026.

Self Evaluation outcomes agreed by the Shetland Community Justice Partnership March 2026.

