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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Safe Glasgow Partnership

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COMMUNITY JUSTICE GLASGOW ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022 REFLECTING ON A YEAR IN COMMUNITY JUSTICE

Purpose of Report:

To present the Community Justice Glasgow Partnership's digital Annual Report for 2021-2022 http://2022.cjg-annualreport.co.uk/, providing an overview of the wide range of partners and initiatives that contribute to the reducing re-offending agenda and to tell the story of Community Justice in Glasgow.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Safe Glasgow Partnership:

i. Note the Annual Report 2021-2022 – http://2022.cjg-annualreport.co.uk/
ii. Note that some key performance data has to date not been available to show statistical progress towards agreed performance indicators. **Analysis will be available in due course.**

1 Introduction / Background

1.1 The Annual Report is required to fulfil one of Community Justice Glasgow's (CJG) statutory responsibilities under Section 23 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016. Community Justice Scotland (CJS) https://communityjustice.scot/ will draw information from this and the Annual Report of all other Community Justice Partnerships to compile its own Annual Report which will be laid before Scottish Parliament and make recommendations for improvement. The 2020-21 report is the most recent available: https://communityjustice.scot/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/community-justice-scotland-2020-21-outcome-activity-annual-report-published.pdf.

1.2 The Community Justice Glasgow 2021-2022 digital Annual Report, which covers the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 brings into sharp focus the collaboration, creativity and innovation that has been critical in re-building and shaping services for the newly emerging 'norm'. That re-building and re-shaping for the future has captured some of the positive changes that were accelerated during the most stringent Covid restrictions and are evident in the articles submitted by partners.

1.3 Those familiar with previous Annual Reporters, may notice a different layout. Community Justice partners wanted to take an opportunity to highlight the range and depth of services that sit across the various *'touch points'* of the Justice System –the more identifiable points at which people who commit or are suspected of committing offences come into contact with the justice system:

- **Prevention / Earlier Interventions** – generally coming to the attention of the Police and/or statutory services on the basis of offending, or in some instances wellbeing (Children's Reporter Administration, Social Work Services, Diversion or other alternatives to prosecution etc.)
- **Arrested** – charged with an offence or coming into contact formally with the Police.
- **Sentenced** or awaiting sentence (Remand / Bail / Carrying out a Community or Custodial Sentence).
- **Re-integration** – generally back into society following a custodial sentence but also in the context of Community Justice or following a period of other interventions (re-settling and re-connecting with community).

1.4 The Annual Report also provides an opportunity to formally check progress against the aims and objectives, as agreed as part of the outcome improvement performance reporting. Due to the impact of Covid 19 on provision of data and - what was for many - a necessary shift of resources to continue delivery of services - much of the necessary information has not yet been published – some of it locally agreed and some delayed national reporting. This has meant that from a data standpoint it is not possible yet show a complete picture that demonstrates progress towards local performance outcomes. This demonstrates the vulnerability of local performance reporting, often agreed through relationships between organisation and individuals. This had been a well-documented weakness in the National Performance Framework across all Community Justice Partnerships. Both the Strategy for Community Justice and National Performance Framework have been refreshed over 2021-22 with a revised Outcome Performance Improvement

Framework expected later this year. This will provide a platform to re-evaluate the data collected locally to supplement what will be published nationally and fits with the current focus on revising the Community Justice Glasgow Outcome Improvement Plan –current plan runs from 2018 - 2023.

2 Content & Concept

2.1. The digital Annual Report (in content and style) is designed to be and easy read, bitesized, searchable information and learning platform, which brings together content in many formats (film, audio, written, pictures etc) and includes almost 60 articles that tell the story of Community Justice in Glasgow - in a way that demonstrates the wider ecosystem that is Community Justice beyond Social Work, Police etc.

3 Going Forward / Next Steps

3.1 Plans are for a soft launch the Annual Report across all justice networks with a series of partnership inputs and events within partner organisations. Over the course of the remainder of 2022 and 2023 the Annual Report will be used as a key engagement / communication and discussion tool. There will also be a close examination what the data is revealing, as it becomes available and drive discussion and any necessary change through the appropriate strategic and working groups of the Community Justice Glasgow Partnership.

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