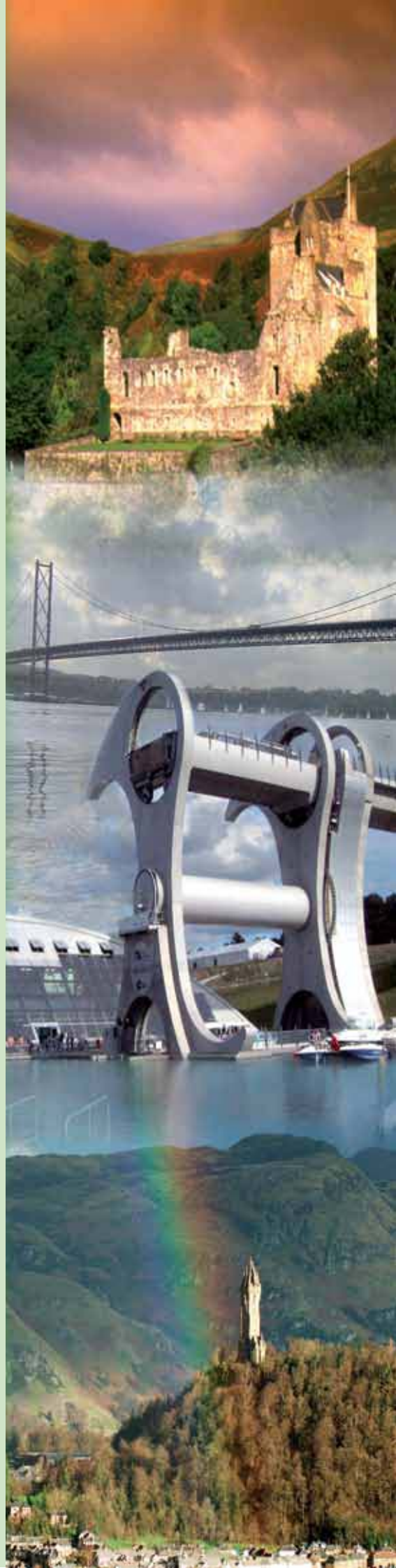


Fife & Forth Valley
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Annual Report 2009-10

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I am proud to present the third Annual Report of Fife & Forth Valley Community Justice Authority. I would like firstly to thank all our partners who have supported and engaged with Fife & Forth Valley CJA throughout this year. The achievements of our partnership working are evident within this report.

2009/10 has been a busy and productive year for CJAs. In May 2009 Fife & Forth Valley CJA were delighted that the Scottish Parliament Justice Committee met in Alloa to hear evidence on the Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill and that I and our Chief Officer were invited to give evidence. Throughout the year this Bill, which has recently completed its passage through Parliament and received Royal Assent, has been of particular interest to CJAs. This new legislation will introduce Community Payback Orders, which will replace existing Probation, Community Service and Supervised Attendance Orders. This is welcome as is the presumption against short-term prison sentences of up to 3 months. Fife & Forth Valley CJA fully supports the use of community disposals as an alternative to short term prison sentences: they are more effective in terms of re-conviction rates.

Fife & Forth Valley CJA has welcomed the additional investments provided by the Scottish Government to improve the credibility, visibility, speed and immediacy of community sentences. Our CJA Board has scrutinised the efforts of our Local Authorities to improve these services and we have been heartened by their commitment and the progress they have achieved. Outturns appear to indicate our local sentencers remain confident in the provision of Criminal Justice Social Work Services and have continued to make good use of Probation and Community Service Orders. Less use has been made of short term sentences too.

Both locally and nationally CJAs have strengthened relationships with our partners, especially COSLA and the Scottish Prison Service. All indications are that budgets across the public sector will continue to be stretched, if not reduced, over the coming years. As Convenor of Fife & Forth Valley CJA I am confident and committed that in this tight economic climate we will play to our strength in fostering greater levels of partnership working across both the public and voluntary sector to improve the delivery of credible, competent joined up services with a shared purpose to making our communities safer.

Margaret Kennedy
Convenor





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1.1 Who are we?

Community Justice Authorities (CJAs) are independent statutory bodies with planning, monitoring and reporting functions. The Fife & Forth Valley Community Justice Authority (FFV CJA) Board comprises ten Elected Members from the four constituent Local Authorities: Clackmannanshire Council, Falkirk Council, Fife Council and Stirling Council. A Chief Officer assists the Board in the delivery of our functions at a strategic and operational level.

1.2 Our purpose

Our purpose is to deliver the Government's aim of reducing re-offending. We do this by bringing together a range of agencies to achieve a more co-ordinated approach in offender management at the local level. It is a partnership arrangement in recognition that this is a complex landscape and that no single agency can manage a reduction in re-offending. Our functions are set out by the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005. These include receipt and allocation of Section 27 funding to Local Authority Criminal Justice Social Work (CJSW) Services, preparing an Area Plan and monitoring the work of Local Authorities and the Scottish Prison Service (SPS).

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1.3 Our partners

The Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005 created a special relationship between Community Justice Authorities, Local Authorities and the Scottish Prison Service, which are designated as 'duty to co-operate' partners. Overall, the CJA works with a range of agencies across the Criminal Justice system and beyond.

These include:

- * Scottish Prison Service;
- * Local Authority Criminal Justice Services;
- * Central Scotland Police;
- * Fife Constabulary;
- * Crown Office and Procurators Fiscal Service;
- * NHS Forth Valley;
- * NHS Fife;
- * Scottish Court Service;
- * Victim Support Scotland;
- * Voluntary organisations (such as SACRO and Apex Scotland).

We also engage with a number of other strategic partnerships, for example:

- * Alcohol & Drug Partnerships (ADPs);
- * Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs).

1.4 How we work

Bringing professionals together is at the heart of our business. Our Strategic Management Group has representation at senior manager level from all our statutory partners and co-ordinates the work of our business and thematic groups. Through these groups we provide a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of offender services.





2.1 CJAs and Government Policy

The direction of CJA work is ultimately influenced by Government policy and we have an important role in turning national strategies into local action. Since April 2008 the Scottish Government paper 'Protecting Scotland's Communities: Fair, Fast and Flexible Justice' has set the national direction for offender management policy. It outlines a commitment to Immediate, Visible, Effective, High Quality, Flexible and Relevant Justice. The Government set out to achieve this in two ways and the CJA continues to be involved in these developments:

- * legislative reform via the Criminal Justice and Licensing Act 2010;
- * systematic reform via the Reducing Re-offending Programme (RRP).

2.2 Promoting Partnership Working

Fife & Forth Valley CJA works with its partners to target services and ensure close co-operation to aid the rehabilitation of offenders. Our work with partners addresses crosscutting issues in a number of key policy areas, such as:

- * homelessness;
- * unemployment;
- * education;
- * poor health;
- * provision of services to young offenders;
- * the management of high-risk offenders through Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

Overview of Fife & Forth Valley in 2009/10

Fife & Forth Valley Community Justice Authority covers a large and diverse geographical area that encompasses four Local Authorities, two Police forces and two NHS areas, as well as three prisons. The population is increasing and at 655,220 accounts for 12.6% of the Scottish population.

Crime has been reducing across the area for several years, and this year there was a further reduction of 12.7%. A total of 37,522 crimes and 71,371 offences were recorded throughout the area. Detection rates for crimes were 54.6% in Fife and 59.6% in Central Scotland Police areas and in total the Police submitted 27,094 cases to Procurators Fiscal for prosecution.

A total of 16,279 people were convicted of a crime in our courts, most in Sheriff Summary courts. The vast majority of convictions resulted in fines (56%); 12% received a community sentence of Probation or Community Service; and 11.5% (1,880 persons) received custodial sentences.

At any given time there were, on average, 698 persons from Fife & Forth Valley in prison throughout Scotland of which 21% were on remand and 6% were serving sentences of less than 6 months. Overall, a total of 2,155 persons from Fife & Forth Valley were liberated from custody during the year, a reduction of 12% on the previous year.

Further statistical data is provided in Appendix 1.



Reducing Re-offending Programme Goals:

1. Prevent re-offending by young people through appropriate interventions.
2. Divert cases from the courts system where appropriate and to ensure the proportionate use of bail and remand.
3. Ensure the availability of effective community disposals across Scotland, to improve public confidence in these disposals, and reduce re-offending.
4. Ensure the effective management of offenders who get custody including rehabilitation and appropriate arrangements for risk management to reduce prisoner numbers and re-offending.
5. Ensure effective re-integration into the community by ensuring that the employment, health, accommodation and other needs of offenders are being met.
6. Secure equality by ensuring that systems and services are designed to meet the specific needs of all offenders.
7. Ensure systems and processes across the programme maximise the opportunities to engage appropriately with victims.

2.3 Engaging and Influencing

Our Convenor and Chief Officer sit on a number of influential national programmes and groups. Together with colleagues at Scotland's seven other CJAs we engage with national bodies in order to influence the development of policy and legislation that assists the reducing re-offending agenda. Such activities include:

- * Meeting with Scottish Ministers and Cabinet Secretaries;
- * Working closely with COSLA across a number of areas;
- * Providing evidence to Scottish Parliamentary committees;
- * Working closely with the national inspection bodies for social work, police and prisons.



In May 2009 the CJA gave evidence to the Scottish Government's Justice Committee which met in Alloa.

2.4 Information Sharing

A unique strength of Fife & Forth Valley CJA is its ability, via a Research & Information Officer, to provide analysis of data from a variety of Criminal Justice sources to shape and inform policies and priorities of the CJA and its partners. This year a comprehensive study of young offenders in the Criminal Justice system was commenced. On a regular basis the CJA also collates and monitors performance management information from our duty to co-operate partners to ensure that work is aligned to outcomes and objectives.



3.1 Action Plan 2009/10

The National Strategy for the Management of Offenders and the more recent 'Scotland Performs' set out a number of outcomes to be achieved in order to bring about a reduction in re-offending. In delivering these outcomes, the CJA is required by Government to produce a three-year Area Plan, setting out respective local priorities. Accompanying one-year action plans detail how these outcomes and priorities are to be achieved. Our progress against the 2009/10 Action Plan is provided in Appendix 3.

Area Plan 2008-11

Action Plan 2008-09

Action Plan 2009-10

Action Plan 2010-11

Annual Report 2008-09

Annual Report 2009-10

Annual Report 2010-11

3.2 Reduce remands and short-term prison sentences

A priority for CJAs is to reduce the number of short-term prison sentences. A person sentenced to up to 3-months in prison will spend, on average, only 15 days behind bars as a convicted prisoner, at a cost of £11,000. By comparison the cost of a Community Service Order (CSO) is approximately £2,180. The number of prisoners liberated from short-term sentences (of less than 6 months) has halved in Fife & Forth Valley since 2006/07 to 416 this year. This trend indicates that the CJA is well placed for the introduction of the Criminal Justice & Licensing Act 2010 with its presumption against sentences of less than 3 months. Prisoners on remand account for a significant proportion of Scotland's prison population but the trend is reducing. This year liberations from remand accounted for 45% of all liberations to Fife & Forth Valley, a reduction of

15 days

The average time spent in prison by a convicted offender sentenced to up to 3-months

5% compared to last year. The Fife & Forth Valley courts have a measured attitude to the use of remand. A previous audit of remands found that risk factors, such as seriousness of offence or a previous breach of bail, were more likely to result in a remand disposal than an administrative factor, such as a lack of a bail address.

3.3 Reduce reconvictions

CJAs must contribute to the delivery of the Scottish Government's performance targets on reconvictions; specifically a 2% reduction in national reconviction rates by 2011. The most recent reconviction data for Fife & Forth Valley shows that 45% of offenders are reconvicted within 2 years, a reduction of 4% on last year and similar to the Scottish average of 44%.

Offenders who are released from a custodial sentence, particularly short-term sentences, are more likely to be reconvicted than those who have served a community sentence-66% for custody compared to 58% for probation and 42% for a community service order. Overall, there are a wide range of factors influencing reconviction rates: males have a higher reconviction rate than females; young males under the age of 21 are more likely than older males to be reconvicted; offenders convicted of crimes of dishonesty such as theft and housebreaking are also more likely to be reconvicted than other types of offenders.

45%

Proportion of offenders in Fife & Forth Valley who will be reconvicted within 2 years.

3.4 Improve the credibility of community sentences

The success of community sentences is dependent upon sentencers and the wider community viewing them as a credible alternative to imprisonment. The number of Community Service Orders commencing in Fife & Forth Valley has been increasing year on year, a clear demonstration of the continued confidence of sentencers in this area. In 2009/10, 954 were imposed, an increase of 9% on the previous year. Conversion rates have also increased from 52% to 58%, indicating confidence in disposal recommendations made by CJSW services.

Improving the speed and immediacy of offenders starting and completing orders and improving successful completion rates has been a major focus of our work this year. Additional Government funding of £395,833 has been spent on creating additional work supervisor posts and purchasing tools and equipment for the community service teams. A Government audit undertaken in November 2009 showed improvements in immediacy of community sentences, with 66% of offenders seen within one working day of court disposal and 74% commencing work placements within 7 working days. In 2009/10, 1466 Probation Orders and Community Service Orders were successfully completed, a 21% increase on the previous year. The successful completion rate remained at 58%.



Offenders on community service clearing snow from pathways outside sheltered housing in Dunfermline in 2009.

3.5 Promote the use of community service

We have worked with our Criminal Justice partners to ensure that community service responds to the needs of local communities. Last year we undertook a high profile campaign in the local media to raise public awareness of community service. Building upon the success of this campaign we now provide the public with the opportunity to recommend projects via Local Authority websites and issue regular press releases about current and newly completed projects.

The average length of a Community Service Order commencing in our area in 2009/10 was 138 hours and in total 138,895 hours of community service was undertaken with a nominal value of £823,647*. Offenders have provided unpaid work on a variety of projects such as:

- * renovating public pathways;
- * clearing litter from beaches;
- * repairing a damaged sea-wall;
- * restoring disused community facilities, such as the Leven Community Cinema and Bo'ness tennis courts.

3.6 Community Facing Prisons

There are three prisons within the Fife & Forth Valley area. Two of these establishments are national facilities accommodating female offenders (HMP & YOI Corton Vale) and young offenders (HMYOI Polmont) from across Scotland. Traditionally, HMP Glenochil has been a national facility for the accommodation of long-term adult male prisoners, however in recent years the prison has been undergoing a transition to becoming a community facing facility accommodating more short-term prisoners (serving sentences of less

* Based on the national minimum wage.



than 4 years) from the Fife & Forth Valley area.

This year 25% of the population at HMP Glenochil was from the Fife & Forth Valley area, however record high prison numbers across Scotland has prevented this figure from increasing.

A vital factor in the successful rehabilitation of prisoners is the involvement and support of families. This has been recognised by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons who was critical of the visiting facilities at Cornton Vale in a recent inspection of that prison. The facilities at Glenochil and Polmont are much better, yet the frequency of visits could be improved. Fife & Forth Valley CJA has continued to engage with the prisons, voluntary organisations and faith communities to improve visits for families. Various initiatives, including a 2-month free travel pilot for families travelling to Glenochil from Fife, have been attempted with limited success. We will continue our attempts to engage with families in 2010/11, especially in relation to family involvement in induction and sentence planning.



HM Prison Glenochil (near Alloa)

3.7 Offender Learning & Skills Development

The CJA has been working with the Scottish Prison Service, Local Authorities, Skills Development Scotland and Job Centre Plus to improve the learning opportunities for offenders whilst they are in contact with the Criminal Justice system. The commitment to deliver integrated learning was recognised in the Scottish Government's national skills strategy (2007), and recommendations for actions have since been laid out in the subsequent national report 'Offender Learning-Options for Improvement'. Key areas for consideration by Community Justice Authorities involve issues of co-ordination of learning, access to learning and continuity of learning in the post release period.

Fife & Forth Valley CJA has been fully involved (including financial support) in developing such services and arrangements through supporting the 'Momentum in Lifelong Learning (MILL)' literacy project across the Forth Valley area. This initiative, in partnership with Stirling, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire literacy services, SPS and Learning and Teaching Scotland has provided a key link worker to help offenders and ex-offenders access literacy support and learning as part of wider throughcare interventions.

We continue to support SPS initiatives that promote the development of skills such as the Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) Mean Business Programme, which teaches small business skills developing literacy, numeracy and social skills. Moreover, we have been assisting local prisons to identify and progress community placements for prisoners approaching the end of their sentences. This enables individuals to gain experience in work related tasks and improve their employability prospects on release.

25%

Proportion of prisoners at HMP Glenochil who are from the Fife & Forth Valley area.



3.8 MAPPA

The Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Police, Local Authorities, Prison Service and Health (collectively referred to as the responsible authorities), to establish joint arrangements for the assessment and management of high risk offenders, particularly sexual and violent offenders. Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) were successfully introduced in the CJA area in April 2007- one structure in Fife (Fife Constabulary area) and a separate structure in Forth Valley (Central Scotland Police area). The CJA Chief Officer is a member of the strategic groups that oversee the MAPPA arrangements in both areas.

This year MAPPA has continued to develop and the responsible agencies in Fife & Forth Valley have placed particular focus on integrating specialist teams from different agencies. In both Fife and Forth Valley, Public Protection Units were created, bringing together specialist staff to work together in one location in order to target offenders and protect and support victims. This is recognised by ACPOS as good practice.

3.9 Supported Accommodation

Stable accommodation is a key factor that will reduce the likelihood of an individual re-offending and is required if the courts are to be able to use community sentences to their full extent. This year the CJA has prioritised the accommodation needs of prisoners and developed the joint Fife & Forth Valley Inter-agency Prison Discharge & Homelessness Prevention Protocol. This Protocol responds to the accommodation needs of prisoners and details the roles, responsibilities and processes to be followed by the SPS and Local Authorities in ensuring that these housing needs are met. The partners work to ensure that on admission, during sentence and on discharge prisoners are provided with as much information and assistance as possible in respect of the housing options available to them.

Fife & Forth Valley CJA investment in the creation of three Tenancy Support Worker posts across our four Local Authority areas has also paid dividends.

In 2009/10 the number of offenders receiving support to address their housing needs, access and sustain tenancies increased from 189 to 464 this year. This service will continue in 2010/11.

Blair Hall, HMYOI Polmont

Fife & Forth Valley CJA commends SPS for building a new hall exclusively for 16-17 year olds. Blair House, at HMYOI Polmont opened in November 2009 and complies with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child requiring separation from adult prisoners. The new hall allows for a more specific focus on addressing the learning needs of this age group as part of a wider rehabilitation agenda.





3.10 Women Offenders

In January 2009 the Scottish Government allocated £100,000 to each CJA to support women offenders. A profile of Fife & Forth Valley women offenders in prison in February 2009 revealed that:

- * 16 women were serving sentences ranging from 5 months to over 6 years;
- * 11 women were on remand;
- * 25 of the 27 women had recorded problems with alcohol and/ or drugs;
- * almost 50% were also subject to probation, CSO or a Drug Treatment & Testing Order (DTTO);
- * at least a third of the women were primary carers for their children.

Dedicated posts are to be created in 2010/11 within each of the four Fife & Forth Valley CJSW services to work exclusively with women offenders.

3.11 Staff Training

Fife & Forth Valley CJA provides funds for a Training & Development Officer to work across our four Local Authority Criminal Justice Social Work Services. The annual training plan provides evidence of a range of training being delivered, much of which has been dictated by Scottish Government's national training priorities. A significant proportion of the training has been delivered on a multi-agency basis involving Police and prison staff.

Examples of training provided this year:

- * 19 days of CSOGP training for case managers and facilitators. CSOGP is an accredited programme for convicted sex offenders;
- * 8 days of Constructs training for case managers and facilitators;
- * 6.5 days of Risk Matrix 2000 and Stable & Acute 2007 training for assessors;
- * a one day Throughcare seminar.

92%

Proportion of female prisoners from Fife & Forth Valley who have alcohol and/or drug problems

Inter-agency Prison Discharge & Homelessness Prevention Protocol Objectives

- * Engage with prisoners on admission to address their accommodation needs;
- * Reduce repeat homelessness and increase tenancy sustainability;
- * Prevent homelessness occurring when a prisoner is released;
- * Successfully re-integrate and resettle prisoners into the community to reduce re-offending and return to prison.





4.1 Section 27 Grant Allocation

Fife & Forth Valley CJA is responsible for the allocation of funds to the four constituent Local Authorities for the provision of Criminal Justice Social Work Services. This year we received a total of £11,948,814. The CJA Board receives quarterly financial monitoring reports for the Section 27 budget and the CJA administration budget.

4.2 Funding Review

A comprehensive review of the allocation of funding was completed in June 2009 and the CJA Board decided to allocate funding for core and support services on the basis of workload. Certain services were exempt, such as the Fife Drug Court. The outcome of the review saw funding for core and non-core services shift between Local Authorities:

Shift in distribution of core service funding between Local Authorities.

Area	2008-09	2009-10	Difference
Fife	51.66%	49.33	-2.33%
Falkirk	22.99%	24.15%	+1.16%
Stirling	14.74%	14.01%	-0.73%
Clacks	10.62%	12.50%	+1.88%
CJA Total	100%	100%	0%

These changes were implemented on a phased basis from October 2009 bringing challenges primarily for Fife CJSW and opportunities for Falkirk and Clackmannanshire CJSW. It is to the credit of Fife that they have still improved service provision and outturns with a reduction in resources.

4.3 Additional Investments

The CJA received additional resources from the Scottish Government to enhance services in respect of community service and women offenders, as detailed in Section 3.



Sheriff Mackie officially opening the new Clackmannanshire CJSW and CJA premises in December 2009.

4.4 Service Development

In 2008 the Scottish Government provided development money for 3 years to allow CJAs to invest in their Area Plan priorities. For Fife & Forth Valley this included strengthening:

- * MAPPAs arrangements;
- * Groupwork provision;
- * Support for prisoners families;
- * Tenancy support.

Progress has been achieved in all areas including the establishment of a lead officer role for MAPPAs in Fife.

4.5 New Premises

Clackmannanshire CJSW moved into new premises in December 2009-their existing premises were to be demolished. Clackmannanshire Council invested substantial sums of money to renovate town centre premises, close to the local court. The new building was equipped with purpose built interview and groupwork rooms. In an effort to reduce costs Fife & Forth Valley CJA agreed to share these premises. Funding from the Scottish Government enabled the shared meeting room to be appropriately furnished and equipped to allow the room to be used for a wide range of meetings and training purposes.



5.1 Partners

Good lines of communication exist between the CJA and partners. All CJA Board papers are shared with partners. The attendance and participation of partners at our CJA Board meetings is excellent and very much appreciated. Newsletters and any relevant papers are also shared with partners.

The Chief Officer responds positively to any request to attend meetings and provide information or presentations on the work of the CJA.

5.2 Communities

This year we have built upon the success of our visibility project by consolidating public knowledge of community service through our involvement with local media, in particular local newspapers.

Presentations have been made by our Local Authority CJSWs to a variety of community councils and other interest groups to improve the level of knowledge and understanding of Criminal Justice Social Work Services. Locally Community Councils have always been a good source for requests for unpaid work



Front page article in the Alloa & Hillfoots Weekender, August 2009 promoting the work of the CJA

5.3 Websites

The websites of all four Local Authorities in Fife & Forth Valley now have designated 'Community Payback' pages, which allow members of the public to nominate community service projects.

Work has started to further develop the CJA website to be a more accessible information hub for our partners and the public, providing current news on events, actions and developments taking place in the Fife & Forth Valley area.



The payback logo will appear at locations where Community Service has been used.

The CJA have also engaged with the Scottish Government to produce a national branding for the new Community Payback Order. A new logo has been designed and will be used by all agencies involved in Community Payback in the next year.

This report refers to the second year of the current Area Plan 2008-11. During this reporting year we have prepared our Action Plan for the third and final year of that plan (2010/11) and we have also prepared our new Area Plan for the period 2011-14.



Local Authority websites enable the public to recommend community service project



6.1 2010/11 Action Plan

CJAs were required to submit an Action Plan for 2010/11 to the Scottish Government by September 2009, and the grant allocation for that year was determined in January 2010. The format of the Action Plan has developed to more clearly illustrate lead responsibility, planning group responsibility, and link with National Outcomes as per the Single Outcome Agreements. The Fife & Forth Valley CJA Strategic Management Group and other business and thematic groups, as appropriate, will monitor the Action Plan on a regular basis.

There are three significant areas of new work:

- * the introduction of the new Community Payback Order, likely to occur in December 2010;
- * the transfer of prisoner health care from the SPS to the NHS;
- * the introduction of the Caledonian system in Forth Valley, for perpetrators of domestic abuse.

The Caledonian system is a Criminal Justice based domestic abuse intervention system, comprising an accredited programme of work with male offenders lasting at least two years and a support service for women partners, ex-partners and child victims. The CJA was partially successful in obtaining funding for the Caledonian system, which will be introduced in Forth Valley only- no funding was provided for Fife. The CJA is keen to ensure its successful introduction.

Local Strategic Priorities, 2011-14

- * Introduction of the Criminal Justice & Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010;
- * Young offenders;
- * Substance use, especially alcohol;
- * Transfer of health responsibility from SPS to local Health Boards;
- * Domestic abuse.

6.2 2011-2014 Area Plan

Our Area Plan 2011-14 focuses on those issues where there is demonstrable evidence of need and on the delivery of outcomes which make the most significant impact on our core task of reducing re-offending and supporting victims of crime and the families of offenders. The eight Community Justice Authorities have worked collaboratively with the Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW) and the Scottish Prison Service to identify shared national aims and objectives that will be delivered nationally through our 2011–2014 Area Plan.

In developing our plan locally we consulted widely with our partners and held consultation events that brought practitioners together from across the area to discuss our future direction. From this consultation process we developed our local strategic priorities.

20%

Proportion of the Scottish prisoner population that NHS Forth Valley will assume responsibility for in 2010



6.3 Efficiencies

Fife & Forth Valley CJA is committed to ensuring resources are used efficiently and effectively. Our comprehensive review of core and non-core service expenditure demonstrates this commitment. Mirroring a Best Value Review of Supported Accommodation Services conducted by Fife Council in 2008/09 the CJA has supported Falkirk Council in undertaking a similar review this year. The outcome, once known, will be shared with the CJA and the other Forth Valley Local Authorities.

We have this year commenced an analysis of our young offender population who are disproportionately represented in the Criminal Justice system in this area. We are committed to ensuring the money provided for young offenders is used as efficiently and effectively as possible. Our analysis will assist the CJA in determining how resources can be used most effectively.

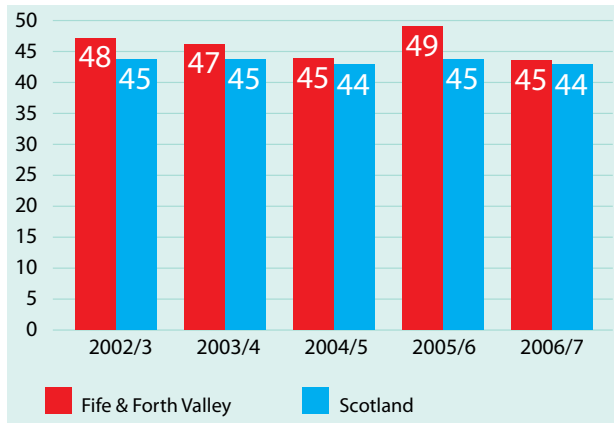
Fife & Forth Valley CJA are aware of the economic pressures facing all our partners both now and in the coming years. We are committed to further developing partnership working and sharing of resources across both the public and voluntary sector. Whilst no doubt challenging there will be opportunities to deliver and develop credible services that assist in making communities safer.



Appendix 1-Selected Performance Information

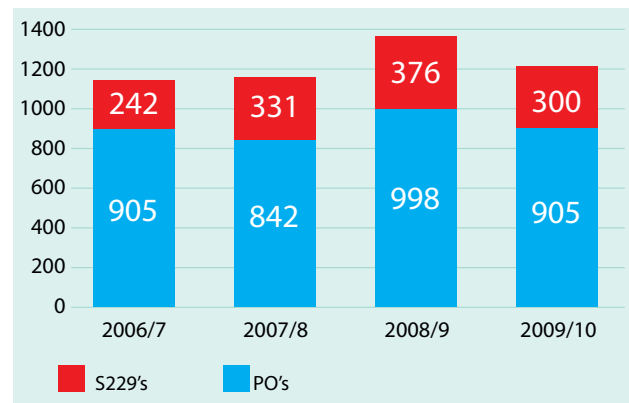
Reconviction Rates

Percentage of prisoners reconvicted within 2 years, 2002/03 to 2006/07



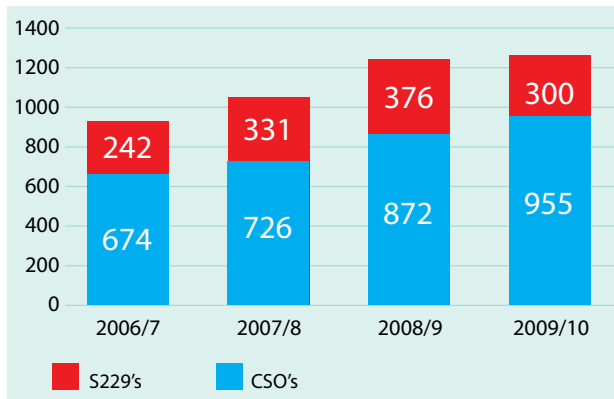
Probation Orders

Number of POs (inc. S229s) commencing in each year, 2006/07 to 2009/10



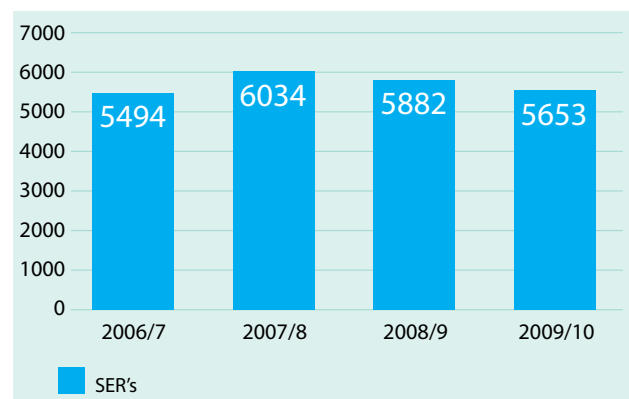
Community Service

Number of CSOs & S229s commencing in each year, 2006/07 to 2009/10



Social Enquiry Reports

Number of SERs submitted to court in each year, 2006/07 to 2009/10



Completion Rate for CSOs

Successful completions of orders terminating in 2009/10 (CSOs only)

Area	Completion Rate %		
	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10
Clacks	52.9	43.7	51.0
Falkirk	64.9	67.0	62.9
Stirling	45.5	58.9	56.5
Forth Valley	56.1	57.2	58.0
Fife	61.5	61.9	67.4
Fife & Forth Valley	59.0	59.4	62.1



Appendix 1-Selected Performance Information (continued)

Completion Rate for Probation Orders

Successful completions of orders (inc. S229s) terminating in 2009/10

Completion Rate %

Area	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10
Clacks	55.1	54.3	58.5
Falkirk	55.9	62.6	58.1
Stirling	43.2	57.9	52.8
Forth Valley	52.7	59.2	56.7
Fife	52.0	56.5	53.9
Fife & Forth Valley	52.4	57.6	55.1

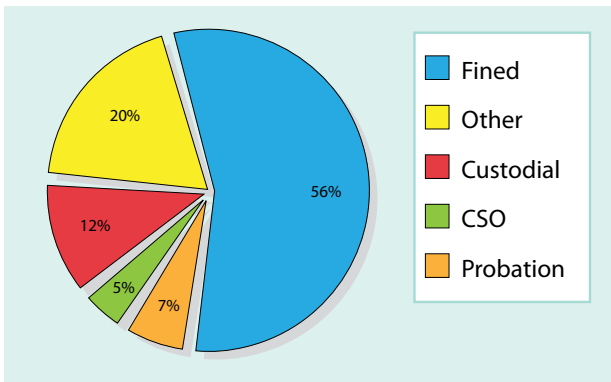
Liberations from Short-term Sentences

Number of liberations from sentences of less than 6 months



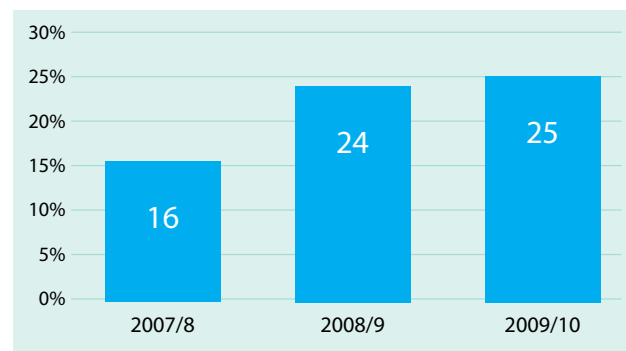
Sentencing in Fife & Forth Valley

Percentage breakdown of court disposals in 2009/10



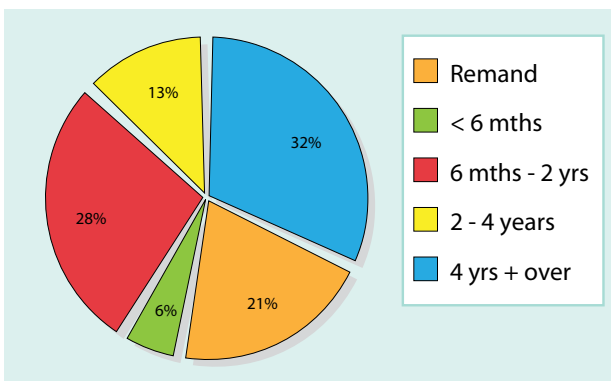
Community Facing Prisons

Percentage of HMP Glenochil's population from Fife & Forth Valley



Fife & Forth Valley Custodial Sentence Lengths

Average breakdown of sentences being served in 2009/10





Appendix 2 - Income and Expenditure Account for Year ending 31st March 2009

2007/08		2008/09
	Income	
(10,401,729)	Government Grant (Section 27)	(10,923,460)
(222,679)	Government Grant (Admin)	(203,729)
(10,624,408)		(11,127,189)
	Expenditure	
133,272	Staff Costs	117,276
7,921	Property Costs	8,492
390	Transport Costs	0
60,927	Supplies and Services	44,725
1,747	Computer Charges	0
10,401,729	Payments To Other Bodies	10,930,215
12,213	Support Services	26,485
10,618,199		11,127,193
(6,209)	Net (Surplus) / Deficit for Year	4



Appendix 3 - Progress against the 2009/10 Action Plan

Key: ● Action Completed ● Action has been partly achieved ● Action has not been achieved

Action Point	Action Description	Progress	Comments
A1	Collate and monitor performance management information from all partners	●	Complete
A2	All partner agencies to provide locally and nationally agreed performance management information on a quarterly basis	●	Complete
A3	Implementation of review of Local Authority Criminal Justice core and non-core service provision	●	Implementation to be phased in over 2009/10 & 2010/11
B1	Increase, strengthen and develop links with community partners and businesses	●	Complete
B2	Increase the number of Fife and Forth Valley prisoners located within HMP Glenochil	●	Complete
B3	Develop and improve access of offenders to the full range of health care services	●	Complete
B4	Develop substance use services	●	Complete
B5	Support the development of arrangements for transfer of Health Care services from SPS to NHS	●	Local Implementation Group established April 2010
B6	Provide and extend the range of accredited and approved intervention programmes that can be delivered in prison and in the community	●	Complete
B7	Improve prisoner access to housing and appointments	●	Complete
B8	Improve literacy levels during detention for all prisoners serving a minimum of 12 months in prison	●	Complete
B9	Review and monitor numbers of prisoners leaving prison with pre-arranged interviews with Job Centre Plus	●	Numbers monitored, review outstanding
B10	Review and monitor numbers of young offenders engaging with Careers Scotland	●	Outstanding
B11	Have 12 employers visit Forth Valley prisons each year	●	Partial achievement
B12	Review provision of support for prisoners families	●	Complete
B13	Develop and improve transport links to the Forth Valley prisons	●	Complete
B14	Monitor the transport plans of the three Forth Valley prisons	●	Complete
B15	Improve quality and attendance at Integrated Case Management (ICM) meetings	●	Complete
B16	Develop joint training for SPS and CJSW	●	Complete
B17	Develop links with faith communities to provide additional support services to prisoners and their families	●	Complete
B18	Establish Fife & Forth Valley Offender Employment Forum	●	Group to be established
B19	Develop and maintain links with Lifelong Learning & Literacies Partnerships	●	Links established in Forth Valley
B20	Monitor and analyse numbers of women remanded in its custody and receiving prison sentences	●	Complete
B22	Prepare for introduction of Constructs programmes in Fife	●	No funding available
B23	Establish group working team in Fife	●	Complete
B24	Monitor MAPPAs arrangements in Fife & Forth Valley	●	Complete
B26	Provide annual report of MAPPAs	●	Complete
B27	Monitor number of young people entering the adult Criminal Justice system	●	Complete
B28	Maintain links with Fife and Forth Valley young offender strategy groups and HMYOI Polmont	●	Outstanding
B29	Examine the interface between Criminal Justice and Youth Justice Social Work Services across the CJA area to identify areas for development in dealing with young offenders	●	Complete
B30	Undertake review of offenders access to housing, education, employment, training, leisure services and health provision	●	Complete
B31	Participate in the review of Drugs Courts	●	Complete



Appendix 3 - Progress against the 2009/10 Action Plan (continued)

Action Point	Action Description	Progress	Comments
B32	Review the provision of drug and alcohol treatment services	●	Outstanding due to delay in outcome of Drug Court review which was unknown until February 2010
B33	Consider and implement recommendations of national review of Supported Accommodation Services	●	Review not yet published
C2	Review outcomes of CJA service development projects to improve services for offenders	●	To be undertaken in 2010/11
C3	Examine opportunities for co-location of staff from different agencies	●	Complete
C4	Monitor the implementation of standardised service level agreements between SPS and the three Forth Valley Authorities for the provision of prison based Social Work Services	●	SLA still being developed by SPS
C5	Maintain the CJA presence and influence on the community planning and safety partnerships across the Local Authorities within Fife & Forth Valley	●	Complete
C6	Continue to improve and develop information sharing protocols and systems across CJA partners	●	Complete
C7	Expand provision of offender 'tracking' services	●	Outstanding
C8	Establish process between CJAs for sharing good practice areas	●	Complete
C9	Establish process between CJA and partner agencies for sharing good practice areas	●	Complete
C10	Support and monitor the implementation of the Court Unification process in Fife & Forth Valley courts	●	Complete
C11	Be prepared for implementation of any new requirements or changes to the delivery of community based disposals	●	Additional sums for CS allocated and performance monitored by regular reports to CJA board
C12	Monitor and report on the effectiveness of the Community Service Visibility project	●	Complete
C13	Take forward recommendations arising from the Scottish Prisons Commission Report	●	Complete
D1	Develop training strategy and implementation plan	●	Complete
D2	Arrange an annual seminar for all our partners	●	Complete
D3	Engage with other CJAs and national training colleges for the Police and SPS in the delivery of training for staff	●	Complete
D4	Provide annual report of training	●	Complete
E1	Update and enhance the Fife & Forth Valley CJA website	●	New website operational Autumn 2010
E2	Publish Fife & Forth Valley CJA newsletters three times per year	●	Two newsletters produced
E3	Publish an Annual Report and summary and ensure these are available to the community and victims to improve the level of understanding and knowledge about the work of the CJA and partners	●	Complete
E4	Promote the work undertaken by offenders on Community Service Orders	●	Complete
E5	Increase level of community engagement in determining community service projects	●	Complete
F1	Produce quarterly management reports to the CJA board	●	Complete
G1	Ensure where possible Service Level Agreements with partner agencies cover the CJA area	●	Complete
G2	Consider findings of financial review of Criminal Justice Social Work and grant allocation for 2009/10	●	Complete
G3	Produce quarterly financial management reports to the CJA Board and Scottish Government	●	Complete
G4	Monitor and report on the effectiveness of the SER pilot	●	Completed

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