Community Justice Partnership Chairs and Coordinators
Chief Executives of:
Community Justice Statutory Partners
Community Justice Non Statutory Partners (including Third, Independent and Private Sector)
Scottish Government

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Dear Colleagues

**Strategic Commissioning in Community Justice**

There is so much expected of community justice services. Reducing reoffending, improving reintegration and supporting some of our most vulnerable citizens is a mighty ask, especially when resources are constrained. Clear guidance, designed to support all Community Justice Partnerships, is necessary and so very important if we are to play our part in changing justice in Scotland for the better.

At the request of the Scottish Government, we have prepared a draft Framework for Strategic Commissioning in community justice with input from our partners. It outlines good practice to support partners to meet their duty to jointly plan, coordinate and deliver services for people in community justice. It also aims to provide all partners with a common vision for long term implementation and the tools to embed effective practice. We hope the final version will support all Partnerships to achieve the Scottish Government’s ambition of effective practice within three to five years.

Partners are at different stages of strategic commissioning across community justice in Scotland. I recognise that for some, the principles and practice in the Guidance will be familiar. For others, the task may seem significant. Through your input and other partners’ contributions, we will update and refine content.

We are consulting with statutory partners and a range of non-statutory partners, including the third sector. The final products will outline long term outcomes and improvement activities to achieve effective joint strategic commissioning, as well as accessible guidance to partners.

The Community Justice Partnerships are the main audience for the Framework and I am eager to see their contribution to the consultation. I also look forward to hearing from statutory and non-statutory partners individually.
The consultation is open from 1st July 2019 to 30th August 2019 and responses are invited using the form provided. Please send this consultation to colleagues as appropriate to support a response.

If you have any queries about the work, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us – we would be pleased to discuss further. The lead for the work is Sarah McCullough, contactable on sarah.mccullough@communityjustice.scot or by telephone on 0300 244 8420.

Yours faithfully

Karyn McCluskey
Chief Executive

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Accompanying papers:

1. Feedback form
2. Strategic Commissioning Framework Explanatory Note
3. Model for long term effectiveness
4. Strategic Commissioning Framework Guidance

All this information can also be found here on Community Justice Scotland’s website.
## Consultation partner circulation list

### Statutory partners
- Community Justice Partnerships (Chairs and Coordinators: for cascade)
- Each Health Board
- Local Authorities
- Chief Constable of Police Scotland
- Integration Joint Boards for Health and Social Care
- Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service
- Skills Development Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Scottish Ministers (Scottish Prison Service, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service)

### Wider partners
- Care Inspectorate
- COSLA
- Community Justice Voluntary Sector Forum
- Community Justice Strategic Partners Forum
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Improvement Service
- Risk Management Authority
- Scottish Government
- Social Work Scotland
- TSI Network Coordinator (for cascade)