

DETAILS	
Local Authority area	Aberdeen City
Primary Courts of relevance	Aberdeen Sheriff & High Court
All information provided by	Aberdeen Community Justice Partnership

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OVERVIEW
<p>The information contained within this document is provided to assist in judicial awareness of local area disposal options.</p> <p>Please note: All information contained within this document has been provided to Community Justice Scotland (CJS) by the relevant Community Justice Partnership, or similar; this information has not been generated by CJS. However, any feedback or queries should be directed to CJS using the following email address: info@communityjustice.scot where all enquiries will be dealt with in collaboration with the relevant Community Justice Partnership, or similar.</p>

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BAIL SUPERVISION

Interventions suitable for	Available to all
Programme Title and Provider	Bail supervision
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	Bail Supervision is available for those where bail is opposed and they are assessed as suitable. Bail supervision will be delivered by Justice Social Work and/ or Support workers and will be aimed at addressing individual needs, promoting stability and linking in to services etc. Those subject to Bail Supervision are seen at a minimum in line with National Guidance on Bail Supervision but people with more complex needs will be offered additional support from a Criminal Justice Support Worker in relation to housing, health, drugs/alcohol, benefits etc. They will be referred on or signposted to any other relevant services or supports.
Possible Outcomes	Reduce the number of people remanded in custody, provide appropriate support to individuals in the community, minimising disruption to families, employment and housing, encourage stabilisation in the community so that individuals are more likely to be assessed as suitable for community disposals, support compliance with bail conditions.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	An assessment of suitability will be carried out for those for whom bail is opposed. The request comes from the solicitor or the Court and is occasionally generated by social work if we have been able to obtain information on bail opposed. (The information is not routinely available to Social Work).

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER

Community Payback Orders replaced Probation, Community Service Orders for offences committed after 1 February 2011. The main Requirements routinely imposed are either Supervision or Unpaid Work (or a combination of both), with Programme Requirements mainly restricted to approved Programmes such as Moving Forward: Making Changes (Sex Offenders) or Caledonian (Domestic Abuse). Mental Health/ Drug or Alcohol Treatment Requirements are seldom used, and support can usually be offered in relation to these through Supervision.

Overall, the possible/expected outcomes will be similar to the national picture.

Other than Level 1 Unpaid Work Requirements, Community Payback Orders require the preparation of a Criminal Justice Social Work Report. Assessments undertaken within the CJSWR Process can include Level of Service Inventory (Revised): Screening Version; STABLE 2007 (Sexual Offenders); Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (Domestic Abuse).

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: UNPAID WORK

Interventions suitable for	All ages (over 16).
Programme Title and Provider	Unpaid work
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	Range of work parties (outdoor and indoor); craft workshops for those requiring lighter, seated, indoor duties (typically those with drug, alcohol, mental health, physical health, mobility issues); men-only work parties or workshops for sex offenders; range of individual placements in charity shops, churches, community centres etc.; opportunity for women with complex needs to undertake Unpaid Work in women-only groups, 1-1 settings within a protected environment or and the Connections Women's Centre. Links made to wider services for other activity: in-house service from Lifelong Learning tutors; referral to Aberdeen Foyer for a range of employability and support services (see below); Health Point; Confidence to Cook; Walking Group.
Possible Outcomes	Successful outcomes: hours 'paid back' to the community; individual learned new skills; gained qualifications; learned to work as a team; work routine; confidence and self-esteem improved. More tailored placements result in orders completing within required time frames and reduces the chance of returns to court due to breach proceedings.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Level 1 Unpaid Work Orders do not require the prior preparation of a Criminal Justice Social Work Report, so there is often little or no assessment of suitability. This can sometimes result in individuals being made subject to these orders when they are clearly going to struggle with engagement.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: SUPERVISION

Interventions suitable for	All ages (over 16)
Programme Title and Provider	Supervision
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	Supervision sensitive to clients' assessed risk/ needs/ learning style etc. and expectation that Supervising Social Worker will work with client to promote desistance from offending. This may include contact with, referral to, and/or support to engage with any other services or agencies which will support supervision outcomes. These areas will be routinely addressed as part of the supervision process if relevant. Women will have access to additional support from the Connections Women's Centre. Overall emphasis on the importance of relationship in engaging clients in the supervision process and sticking with them.
Possible Outcomes	Reduced offending; improved access to services (health, housing, Benefits etc.)

Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Level of Service/ Case Management Inventory in order to help identify needs and risks to be managed, along with ‘responsivity Issues’ that may require additional support to assist engagement. Broadly speaking, these are then incorporated into a Case Management Plan.
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COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: PROGRAMME

Interventions suitable for	Men who commit sexual offences or offences with a sexual element
Programme Title and Provider	Moving Forward, Making Changes
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>Moving Forward Making Changes is a behavioural programme in three parts (pre-group, groupwork, and maintenance) designed to provide treatment for men who commit sexual offences or offences with a sexual element. It can only be delivered by social workers and/or psychologists fully trained in its use. Treatment via MFMC aims to address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping the individual and those assisting and/or managing them, to understand the factors that are of relevance to their risk and how these factors interact. • Provide a formulation of the case using the integrated theory of sexual offending, taking into account all factors relevant to risk. • Providing the individual with an opportunity to address the factors most relevant to their offending. • Assist an individual to develop skills to make changes in their thinking and behaviour. • Help the individual and develop future plans so that they can lead their lives and meet their needs in pro-social ways and reduce the risk of them causing sexual harm to others. • Work in partnership with the person’s support network and assist them to support the individual with their future plans. • Work in partnership with other agencies in the management and assessment of risk.
Possible Outcomes	Alongside reduced assessed risk levels, other perceived benefits identified by staff and men interviewed for this evaluation included improved ability to sustain healthy social relationships, regulate their emotions, cooperate with supervision, and understand and change problematic attitudes. 85% of men who completed an exit survey on leaving Moving Forward Making Changes said they thought it would stop them reoffending in a similar manner.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	All sex offenders will be assessed by the Justice Social Work Service, the Joint Sex Offender Project (hosted by Aberdeenshire Council) and Police Scotland Offender Management Unit using risk management tools, including Stable and Acute 07. Individuals will be assessed for suitability to undertake the Moving Forward Making Changes programme. If suitable, MFMC will be delivered via a Community Payback Order with a 3-year programme requirement.

Interventions suitable for	Men convicted of domestic abuse offences
Programme Title and Provider	The Caledonian Programme
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	The Caledonian Programme aims to target men convicted of domestic abuse offences. It consists of 14 individual sessions and 22 group work sessions followed by a period of maintenance. The recommended period is 2 years. Partners, ex-partners and children are offered voluntary contact while the man is on the programme. For men who are convicted but are unable to undertake the group work part of the programme due to such things as employment patterns or English not being their first language there is a one-to-one version of the Caledonian Programme that can be delivered. Partners, ex-partners and children will also be offered voluntary support.
Possible Outcomes	The programme aims to target attitudes and beliefs that support domestic abuse. The programme helps men to recognise their abusive behaviour, take responsibility and reduce their offending. Safety planning and support is offered to women and children in an attempt to keep them safer.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Suitability for the programme is carried out at the Criminal Justice Social Work Report stage. This consists of 2 interviews with the man and a joint interview from the social worker and the women's worker with the partner. In addition to this, information is received from Police Scotland in relation to previous domestic offences and police callouts. During the assessment stage the social worker will complete an initial Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA) and LS(R):SV.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: TREATMENT: MENTAL HEALTH

Interventions suitable for	Seldom used
Programme Title and Provider	Treatment: mental health
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	No specific scheme. There were no Mental Health Treatment, Drug Treatment, Alcohol or Residence Requirements imposed in 2018-19. This suggests that those with a diagnosed mental illness are already in treatment. Similarly, those with potentially 'treatable' drug problems are already able to access services. A project to support access to mental health services in custody is being explored, this is currently in a development stage.
Possible Outcomes	N/A – no specific scheme

Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Can be assessed in conjunction with Mental Health Services at Criminal Justice Social Work Report Stage.
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COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: TREATMENT: DRUGS

Interventions suitable for	Seldom used
Programme Title and Provider	Treatment: drugs
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	No specific scheme. There were no Mental Health Treatment, Drug Treatment, Alcohol or Residence Requirements imposed in 2018-19. This suggests that those with a diagnosed mental illness are already in treatment. Similarly, those with potentially 'treatable' drug problems are already able to access services. Where appropriate, and where a person is assessed as suitable, a Drug Treatment and Testing order may be given as an appropriate disposal.
Possible Outcomes	N/A – no specific scheme
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Can be assessed in conjunction with relevant agency at Criminal Justice Social Work Report Stage.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: TREATMENT: ALCOHOL

Interventions suitable for	Seldom used
Programme Title and Provider	Treatment: alcohol
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	No specific scheme. There were no Mental Health Treatment, Drug Treatment, Alcohol or Residence Requirements imposed in 2018-19. This suggests that those with a diagnosed mental illness are already in treatment. Similarly, those with potentially 'treatable' drug problems are already able to access services.
Possible Outcomes	N/A – no specific scheme
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Can be assessed in conjunction with relevant agency at Criminal Justice Social Work Report Stage.

DRUG TREATMENT AND TESTING ORDER (DTTO)

Interventions suitable for	All age groups with the criteria being that the offences were committed in order to fund drug use and that they are dependent.
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Programme Title and Provider	Drug Testing and Treatment Order (DTTO)
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>Is available to both Solemn and Summary Courts. A Drug Treatment and Testing Order (DTTO) is a high tariff disposal for individuals with drug problems who might otherwise receive a custodial sentence.</p> <p>The purpose of a DTTO is to focus on individuals for whom offending is a consequence of substance misuse (for example, acquisitive offending to support dependence), and who are at direct risk of receiving a custodial sentence. It is different from a drug treatment requirement, which is focused on individuals whose offending is not as prolific.</p>
Possible Outcomes	Reduction in drug-related crime and allows people to access support for drug use therefore improving lives of the person and their families and reducing the impact on communities.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Suitability for Assessment is carried out at the Criminal Justice Social Work Report stage and then a four week period of deferment in the community to allow a fuller assessment and testing of drug use and suitability for DTTO. Court Reviews are monthly.

STRUCTURED DEFERRED SENTENCE

Interventions suitable for	All ages (over 16)
Programme Title and Provider	Structured Deferred Sentence
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>Structured Deferred Sentences may be used post conviction but prior to sentencing. These can be offered creatively as an alternative to a Community Payback Order, or a custodial sentence. A non-Problem Solving Structured Deferred Sentence is likely, but not always, to be less intensive than the Problem Solving SDS but will still be a planned intervention aimed at reducing reoffending. This would be a reasonably high intensity intervention involving a social worker and support worker, aimed at further assessment of risk/needs/ responsivity, stabilisation, addressing basic needs, linking with wider support services, or to undertake specified pieces of work.</p>
Possible Outcomes	Reduced offending, improved access to services, increased stability.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Criminal Justice Social Work Report.

PROBLEM SOLVING STRUCTURED DEFERRED SENTENCE

Interventions suitable for	Priority is young people and women with a range of complex needs
Programme Title and Provider	Problem Solving Structured Deferred Sentence
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>Available to Summary Courts within Aberdeen Sheriff Court. Aims to reduce the use of short custodial sentences and reduce reoffending by combining the authority of the court with support and rehabilitative opportunities to address the underlying causes of offending. Those admitted into the Problem Solving Approach have their sentence deferred while they engage with service providers for a specified period of time, during which they must return to court for regular judicial reviews with a dedicated sheriff.</p> <p>The use of the Problem Solving Structured Deferred Sentence allows a degree of flexibility in working with individuals with complex needs, behavioural problems and chaotic lives. The emphasis is on earlier and more intensive intervention when a pattern of offending is becoming evident in order to ‘disrupt’ the pattern, ‘down-tariff’ and prevent custody at a later stage. A Problem Solving SDS is neither low tariff nor low intensity. It is a high intensity intervention from a criminal justice social work perspective, reflective of the complex needs of participants. Typically, it is “front loaded” with input from Social Worker, Support Worker and other agencies (including Venture Trust); up to 5 days per week; assertive outreach; includes monthly Progress Reports and Social Work attendance at Progress Reviews in Court.</p>
Possible Outcomes	Holistic approach to addressing offending aiming to prevent an escalation in offending with the focus on young people and women with a range of complex needs. To provide support and assistance in an effort to prevent further offending. This process also allows for other matters to be included in the Court Reviews.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Initial interview at court to determine whether the person meets the criteria in relation to complex needs. If there is a plea or finding of guilt a Rapid Criminal Justice Social Work Reports is requested to be prepared within a week. A Structured Deferred Sentence is imposed and regular monthly reviews with an Admonition at the end if the approach has been successful.

THIRD SECTOR PROGRAMMES

General

Interventions suitable for	Living Wild – Chance for Change is a national programme for men and women aged 16-30 subject to Community Payback and other community justice orders.
Programme Title and Provider	Venture Trust
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	As per offer countrywide. Living Wild provides 12-15 months of intensive personal development support, including a 10 day wilderness journey providing experiential learning opportunities through a range of challenges and activities.
Possible Outcomes	Each activity is designed to help participants work toward key outcomes relating to reducing offending behaviour; increasing their confidence, stability and employability; improving their bonds with their community and making increased use of local services, and working towards positive destinations.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Referral from Criminal Justice Social Work Reports.

Employability

Interventions suitable for	Individuals aged 16 and over who are resident in Aberdeen and who are currently receiving a service from Criminal Justice Social Work.
Programme Title and Provider	Aberdeen Foyer Employability Service [This service commenced its three year contract on 01/10/19]
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	The service will be on the basis of a skills-based approach. This will be primarily, but not exclusively those who are subject to Community Payback Orders (CPOs) with Unpaid Work and Other Activity Requirements. Much of the service provided will relate to the delivery of the 'Other Activity' element of such orders. A wider employability component will be available to wider Criminal Justice Social Work service. Individuals may have complex needs and vulnerabilities and priority will be given to women and young people.
Possible Outcomes	The aims of the service are to contribute to the reduction of the risk of re-offending by offering opportunities to: enhance employability skills, develop practical skills, improve community engagement, and improve physical and emotional wellbeing. The objectives of the service are: to provide an opportunity for people in the criminal justice system to learn new skills, increase employability and find routes out of offending, to deliver qualification-based training, to provide opportunities for people in the criminal justice system to improve their ability to engage with their own communities, to provide an opportunity for people in the criminal justice system to improve their health and emotional wellbeing.

<p>Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention</p>	<p>The service will be considered for all people subject to a Community Payback Order with a condition of Unpaid Work and all others who are currently receiving an Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership, Criminal Justice Social Work service. The Order Supervisor or other criminal justice workers, as appropriate, will make a referral to the Service Provider in respect of possible service provision. These referrals will be informed by the needs of the individuals. ACHSCP Criminal Justice Social Work will ensure that appropriate information in respect of the referred individual is shared with the Service Provider. Once the Service Provider has met with the referred individuals and undertaken their own initial assessment, contact is to be made with the Order Supervisor(s) and other criminal justice workers as appropriate to agree the planned programme of activity and expected attendance.</p>
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Re-settling into the community

<p>Interventions suitable for</p>	<p>Individuals who need assistance with re-settling into the community</p>
<p>Programme Title and Provider</p>	<p>Aberdeen Cyrenians Criminal Justice Outreach Support Service</p>
<p>Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available</p>	<p>The service shall provide Criminal Justice Outreach Support for individuals who need assistance with re-settling into the community. Levels of support will vary depending on individual needs and risk levels but will initially be a minimum of one weekly session once in the community. Support is designed to enable supported persons to develop skills for independent living. The service is aimed at those aged 16 or older who have a live connection with Aberdeen city. Priority will be given to supported persons who have served a custodial sentence and are subject to Release license or court mandated supervision or eligible for voluntary aftercare following release from prison within the last 12 months. Those subject to Community Payback Orders and who are assessed as having higher risks/needs may also be referred.</p>
<p>Possible Outcomes</p>	<p>The service has the following aims: to contribute to community safety by providing a Community Justice outreach service that will reduce reoffending, to assist supported persons towards positive and 'offence-free' independent living in the community. The service will contribute to the management of offenders and the promotion of community safety and public protection through: delivering services to supported persons as identified through risk/needs assessment and management process, supporting individuals to prepare for, access and maintain mainstream accommodation, supporting individuals with resettlement and promoting community integration as appropriate, supporting individuals to comply with statutory orders.</p>
<p>Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention</p>	<p>Referrals to the service will come from the Senior Social Worker (Throughcare) or other Criminal Justice Social Work manager. Once the referral to the service has been accepted by the Service Provider the Senior Social Worker (Throughcare) will assess the Supported Person's priority. Individuals will be referred to the service who are: subject to supervision from, and approved for referral by, the Criminal Justice Social</p>

	Work Service; subject to statutory supervision from the court e.g. Community Payback Order, Supervised Release Order; released from prison on statutory license, e.g. Parole/Non-parole license, Life License, Supervised Release Order, Extended Sentence, Short Sex Offender License; released from prison without statutory supervision but have a statutory entitlement to Voluntary Aftercare for 12 months post release.
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Supports for drug and alcohol issues

Interventions suitable for	Individuals with drug and alcohol issues
Programme Title and Provider	Integrated Alcohol Service (IAS) Integrated Drug Service (IDS) Alcohol and Drugs Action
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	The Integrated Alcohol Service (IAS) is a specialist alcohol service, staffed by doctors, nurses, social and support workers. The Integrated Drug Service (IDS) provides ongoing treatment, care-planning and support for drug-dependent individuals. Patients who engage with Fulton are either seen at their GP practice or Fulton Clinic Alcohol and Drugs Action provides advice to prevent harmful use of alcohol and drugs as well as person-centred support to help those with problems recover and live happy lives.
Possible Outcomes	
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	IAS: Referrals to this service can be made through GPs, and via Alcohol and Drugs Action. IDS: referral via GP, community substance misuse services, Social Work, Criminal Justice Social Work, Scottish Prison Service, Sexual Health Service.

Accommodation/Homelessness Supports

Interventions suitable for	All ages (over 16) – experiencing homelessness
Programme Title and Provider	Housing Access and Support
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	The Housing Access and Support service within Aberdeen City Council takes presentations from people experiencing homelessness. This includes referral from Justice Social Work and other partners. The service sits on the Civil Monitoring Board of HMP Grampian to help plan for the release of anyone in custody and information is shared from Scottish Prison Service to help plan for and evaluate the outcomes of releases. When an approach is made, or a referral from Prison a Case Officer is appointed who refers for temporary accommodation and support as necessary, and will work with the customers until a suitable housing outcome is achieved.

	<p>The majority of temporary accommodation is self-contained fully furnished accommodation from the local authority stock (409 units). There is one 20 space Accommodation Unit which provides en-suite bedsit accommodation in a staffed building.</p> <p>Support is provided both by the Council and contracted services, all of whom work with the customer and other services with the aim of making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.</p> <p><u>The following services provide housing/homeless support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Aberdeen City Council Housing Support</u> (short-term support to anyone who is homeless/threatened with homelessness or who needs housing support, to enable a person to manage their accommodation) • <u>Aberdeen Foyer Housing Support</u> (for individuals aged 16-25 in a Supported Accommodation Setting. The service is provided for around six months, with a focus on learning tenancy sustainment skills to progress towards a mainstream tenancy) • <u>Assertive Housing Support Service (AHSS)</u> (a partnership of Aberdeen Cyrenians, Penumbra and Aberdeen CAB) (provides Housing Support for individuals in a Supported Accommodation Setting. The service is provided for between six and twenty-four months, with a focus on learning tenancy sustainment skills to progress towards a mainstream tenancy) • <u>Turning Point Scotland - Aberdeen Outreach Housing Support Service</u> (Medium / High need housing support, which is tenure neutral and delivered in localities, linking in with other agencies to ensure a joined up approach is taken to avoid repeat homelessness, ensure tenancy sustainment and reduce associated harms. Assertive outreach utilised to engage rough sleepers into services, and in addition provided when individuals fall out of contact with services. Peer Workers will be employed to establish Assertive outreach approaches, mentoring and run small group work sessions.) • <u>Housing First Aberdeen</u> is one of the pathfinder areas for Housing First, this service is due to end during 2021/22 with a new service commissioned by Aberdeen City Council. Housing First ensures that those suffering from cyclical homelessness and multiple complex needs receive the housing and support required to live and integrate successfully within our and their local communities. Referrals to Housing First can be made through triage panel
Possible Outcomes	Tenancy sustainment and reduction in repeat homelessness.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Presentation to Housing Access and accepted as homeless.

Interventions suitable for	Skills Development Scotland offer an all age Careers Information, advice and guidance Service.
Programme Title and Provider	Careers Guidance and employability support - public centre open to the public 9-5 Monday -Friday. Contact Skills Development Scotland 01224-285200
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	Skills Development Scotland can help with Lifelong career planning. Developing career management skills to help you take control of your career. And, whatever stage of the journey you're on, we can support you to make decisions that are right for you. The world of work is changing quickly. How do you keep up-to-date? We understand the labour market and the skills employers are looking for. So, we can show you where the opportunities are, and how to get there. Whether you're in school or other learning, looking for work, returning to work, or thinking of changing career, we can support you.
Possible Outcomes	The aim of our service is to provide information and advice to people who are at various stages of their career journey. We work with you to help develop your career management skills and explore options including learning at college or university, volunteering or apprenticeships. We can offer support with identifying your skills & strengths, look at routes into jobs. Careers that suit you, developing a CV and preparing for interview.