

DETAILS	
Local Authority area	Fife
Primary Courts of relevance	Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline & Dundee
All information provided by	Fife Community Justice Partnership

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OVERVIEW
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BAIL SUPERVISION

Interventions suitable for	Anyone appearing from custody resident in Fife.
Programme Title and Provider	Bail supervision
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	An Enhanced Bail Supervision Order can be imposed as an alternative to being placed on remand and requires an individual to attend twice weekly office and home visits. Failure to comply with the conditions of the Enhanced Bail Supervision Order will result in the police being automatically notified and appropriate action being taken.

Possible Outcomes	Bail supervision combines the provision of verified information to the Court with a package of supervision, and access appropriate support
	services, including accommodation, aimed at providing the opportunity for bail to an individual who would otherwise have been remanded in custody. Individuals will have the opportunity to engage in community-based welfare support services offering an earlier intervention to improve desistance from further offending.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	<p>The individual is assessed by a Justice Social Work Assistant on the morning when they are due to appear in Court from custody. The expectations of the order are fully explained during the assessment to ensure awareness of the Court's expectations.</p> <p>Progress will be reviewed on an on-going basis and a written update will be provided to Court for every appearance. A personal support plan is devised following completion of a risk/needs matrix to ensure all key areas underlying offending are identified and can be addressed.</p>

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: UNPAID WORK

Interventions suitable for	Anyone over the age of 16 years resident in Fife
Programme Title and Provider	Unpaid work
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>The Community Payback Unpaid Work Scheme operates Sunday through to Thursday and offers evening shifts four times per week. Sunday working is also available for those participants in employment or with particular care commitments.</p> <p>The scheme has three workshops located in Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes and also operates fourteen vehicles to transport service users to community-based projects.</p> <p>Visibility of the projects plays an important part in raising the awareness of the positive contribution Unpaid Work can play in the local community and, throughout the year, there have been a number of positive news articles in the local press. At the conclusion of each project, a plaque is left indicating the Unpaid Work Scheme has carried out the work. This can have a positive impact on those who have participated in the work as well as the recipients of the service.</p> <p>In addition, there were 40 individual personal placements in Fife pre-pandemic and it is anticipated that these will become available again. Projects that are included are, Barnardo's, Shelter, Salvation Army, Furniture Plus, Castle Furniture and the Cottage.</p>
Possible Outcomes	Provides environmental improvements within local communities and enables those with convictions to contribute to this in a practical sense and make reparation to their local community. It can offer those with limited work experience an opportunity to develop practical skills and an improved sense of self-worth; factors known to improve desistance to further offending.

Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	This is a statutory court order and assessment for suitability is completed by a qualified social worker and information provided to the Court within a criminal justice social work report. Immediately following the imposition of an order, a post sentence interview takes place in order to ensure as speedy an introduction onto the order as is possible.
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COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: SUPERVISION

Interventions suitable for	Anyone aged over 16 resident in Fife
Programme Title and Provider	Supervision
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	In Fife, supervision requirements of a Community Payback Order are overseen by a qualified social worker and managed by Fife Justice Social Work services. Interventions are guided by a case management plan developed using accredited risk assessment tools. Should a specialised service be required to address the needs identified, referrals to appropriate third sector services would be progressed.
Possible Outcomes	To work with the individual and relevant others to achieve change in the individual's behaviour, to encourage desistance from offending behaviour; and to work with the individual to achieve improved decision making and life chances. The supervising officer also reviews progress, reports to Court as required and helps the individual to address any obstacles to the successful completion of the Community Payback Order.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	At court report stage, recommendations for appropriate community-based disposals are made following the assessment.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: PROGRAMME

Interventions suitable for	Moving Forward: Making Changes is a groupwork programme for adult males convicted of sexual offences and is a programme requirement of a Community Payback Order.
Programme Title and Provider	Moving Forward: Making Changes Programme (MF:MC)
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	National programme available in all local authority areas. Currently under review.
Possible Outcomes	The aim of all programmes delivered are to reduce the likelihood of further offending, gain insight into offending behaviour and assist the individual to develop risk management strategies. A Keep Safe Plan is developed and learning gained during the programme continues to be revisited and maintenance sessions offered post completion of group by Supervising Officer.

Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Before a programme requirement can be imposed, the Court must be informed through the Criminal Justice Social Work Report of the individual's eligibility and suitability for the programme, the programme availability and confirmation that the programme provider has agreed to the individual's participation.
Interventions suitable for	Suitable for males aged 16 and upward convicted of domestic abuse related offences.
Programme Title and Provider	Caledonian System
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>A national accredited programme of intervention. The assessment of suitability is based on consideration of risk, needs and readiness with targeting of men who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a clear pattern of domestic abuse or coercively controlling behaviour • are assessed as presenting a moderate or high risk of serious physical harm or imminent further intimate partner violence (based on use of SARA risk assessment tool) • are deemed by the assessor to be at moderate or high risk of nonphysical but harmful coercively controlling behaviour • have assessed criminogenic needs on which to focus the intervention • are viewed as being potentially responsive to programmed intervention (which includes group work). • This will include some men who show a very low level of accountability but are able to identify some aspect of their behaviour in their relationship which they are unhappy with.
Possible Outcomes	The aim of the programme is to reduce the likelihood of further offending, gain insight into offending behaviour and develop risk management strategies. Learning gained during the programme continues to be revisited and maintenance sessions offered post completion of group by Supervising Officer.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	Before a programme requirement can be imposed, the court must be informed through the Criminal Justice Social Work Report of the individual's eligibility and suitability for the programme, the programme availability and confirmation that the programme provider has agreed to the individual's participation.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: TREATMENT: MENTAL HEALTH

Interventions suitable for	Anyone aged over 16 resident in Fife
Programme Title and Provider	Treatment: mental health

Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>The mental treatment requirement is rarely used in Fife, and indeed Scotland, due to the very specific wording of the legislation. Cases with mental health treatment requirements have been facilitated by the Community Forensic Mental Health Team.</p> <p>The Women's Justice Team has access to a Community Psychiatric Nurse, Clinical psychologist and psychology assistant and psychologist based within their team from a specific funding stream.</p>
Possible Outcomes	The individual would be able to access therapeutic mental health interventions to treat mental ill health or broader psychological issues.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	The individual would require a specific assessment by a specified mental health professional who would then over see that requirement of the Order.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: TREATMENT: DRUGS

Interventions suitable for	Anyone aged over 16 resident in Fife
Programme Title and Provider	Treatment: drugs
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	Although available to the Court it is rarely used due to the specific wording of the legislation.
Possible Outcomes	An opportunity to access to specific drug treatment including residential rehabilitation and broader therapeutic interventions
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	An identified specialist provider would provide a report to the Court regarding suitability for drug treatment. There would require to be a named individual who would be responsible for providing the treatment

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER: TREATMENT: ALCOHOL

Interventions suitable for	Anyone aged over 16 resident in Fife
Programme Title and Provider	Treatment: alcohol
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	Although available to the Court it is rarely used due to the specific wording of the legislation.
Possible Outcomes	An opportunity to access to specific alcohol treatment including community or residential detox, rehabilitation and broader therapeutic interventions.
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	An identified specialist provider would provide a report to the Court regarding suitability for alcohol treatment. There would require to be a named individual who would be responsible for providing the treatment.

DRUG TREATMENT AND TESTING ORDER (DTTO)

Interventions suitable for	Anyone aged over 18 resident in Fife
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Programme Title and Provider	Drug Treatment and Testing Order (DTTO)
Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available	<p>Fife Offers a Drug Treatment and Testing Order sentencing option. The purpose is to deliver an intensive justice social work order that specifically targets the reduction in illicit drug use by the person. The principles are that by reducing the use of illicit drugs there will be a significant reduction in offending behaviour.</p> <p>The nature of DTTO delivery is multi agency driven and involve the delivery of cognitive behavioural and holistic treatments for addiction. The intensive nature of these Orders has categorised them as high tariff and an alternative to custody.</p>
Possible Outcomes	<p>The Service provides regular updates to the Sheriff Courts on progress of the individuals that are supervised, these are generally set at monthly intervals. In Fife, JSW works closely with Addiction Services who prescribing and titrate patients onto a therapeutic dosage of methadone.</p> <p>As well as well-established and traditional social work roles around advocacy and support, the team delivers a number of interventions that are particular to drug misusing individuals. These include Overdose Intervention, Smart Recovery, Auricular Acupuncture, Oral Health, Blood Borne Virus Treatment and Healthy Eating classes combined with Adult Basic Education. Additional support/therapies such as Kinetic Shift can be offered too.</p>
Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention	<p>A four-week period of deferral is normally requested when assessing for suitability to undertake a Drug Treatment and Testing Order. During this stage of assessment, the individual will meet with both a social worker and a social work assistant to consider suitability for what is a highly intensive order combining regular drug treatment and testing as well as other pro social interventions such as SMART Recovery and other activities mentioned in the previous column in order to try and achieve desistance from offending.</p> <p>There will be appointments offered on at least three occasions in order to determine suitability, one of these appointments will be a home visit and other enquiries will be made with relevant professionals to build up an accurate picture as to the best intervention model that will support the individual and reduce risk of reoffending.</p>

STRUCTURED DEFERRED SENTENCE

Interventions suitable for	Anyone over the age of 16 resident in Fife
Programme Title and Provider	Structured Deferred Sentence

<p>Details of all Specific national or local scheme/intervention(s) available</p>	<p>These are available to Sheriffs where there are recognised areas for structured intervention that may lower the risk of reoffending or risk of harm.</p> <p>The risks will be identified at the point of assessment and level of contact and areas to be targeted will be detailed within the Criminal Justice Social Work Report.</p> <p>Structured Deferred Sentences can be used for those who present a minimal risk of re-offending or of harm, and who are identified as requiring support to address social and welfare needs that are linked to their offending. It can also be used for those who lead chaotic lifestyles due to complex issues, including substance misuse and mental health issues which impacts on their ability to desist from offending.</p> <p>Structured intervention which addresses key areas particular to the individual is a compulsory element of the Structured Deferred Sentence. In all cases structured intervention will include weekly contact, which can involve contact with third sector partner agencies as necessary and will be monitored by the Justice social work service.</p>
<p>Possible Outcomes</p>	<p>It is anticipated that intervention in some cases will be short term (generally three or six month deferments). A more detailed needs assessment will be undertaken in order to identify and prioritise any welfare needs.</p> <p>A support/action plan will be formulated which will be broken down into weekly tasks with aims and objectives. On conclusion, cases could be admonished if engagement has been good and all needs identified addressed. However, if compliance has been an issue or there remain outstanding issues the Sheriff can consider alternative disposals such as a Community Payback Order to promote desistance.</p>
<p>Process for Assessment and/or inclusion in scheme/intervention</p>	<p>An allocated Social Worker will assess and prepare the initial court report. This will include a Structured Deferred Sentence assessment. Where a structured deferred sentence is deemed appropriate, the court report will detail the areas for intervention, proposed level of contact and agencies to be involved.</p> <p>A 12-week deferment period would be suggested with a progress report to be made available at the completion of this period to enable the Sheriff to consider further disposal.</p>