

Voluntary Throughcare and Mentoring

Cascade Communication

July – September 2023



[CJS Commissioning homepage](#)

POINTS OF INTEREST

Primary research undertaken by Progressive Partnership Ltd has come to conclusion and the full report, summary report and families research have all been [published on CJS website](#).

CJS have submitted the Options Appraisal and recommendation to Scottish Government for onward consideration by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs for final decision.



GOVERNANCE

The Voluntary throughcare and Mentoring Project Management Committee (PMC) and the Project Steering Committee (PSC) continue to meet regularly to discuss the project.

A Project Risk and Scenario Planning Group (PRSPG) supports management and review of project risk..

Hannah Dickson, CJS Improvement lead and Chris McCully, CJS Policy development lead have been seconded to the commissioning project full-time until the end of this financial year.

THROUGH-CARE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

PMC and PSC members and third sector stakeholders were invited to contribute feedback on the options shortlist during August 2023.

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PLANNING

Joint [correspondence](#) was issued by Scottish Government and Community Justice Scotland on Tuesday 5th September 2023, updating on the new agreed project timeline and reviewed 'go-live' date of April 2025. Confirmation of the 1 year extension necessitates a detailed project replan which will produce indicative key dates of which will be shared in due course.

The Commissioning team are in the process of recruiting a Project Management Consultant to support with the project re-plan and resources plan. They have also secured internal CJS resource to support with the on-going overview of the project plan.



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RESEARCH

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First draft version of demographic analysis has now been completed and is with proof-reader for finalisation.

Service mapping is on-going. A narrative document is being drafted and will be published later in the year as part of the second phase of research products.

Horizon scan/scenario planning sessions continue with a planned session around warnings and indicators imminent.

The literature review has now been completed and is with proof-reader for finalisation.



NEXT STEPS

Immediate focus

- Develop grant process and documentation.
- Work to develop the outcome framework at a strategic level.
- Project replan and resources plan.
- Impact assessment finalisation.
- Continue research summary paper and all other outstanding pieces of research to be finalised.

Medium term focus

- Continue to work with SG on 24/25 arrangements.
- Groundwork for developing future thoughts on shape of CJS staff team and budget for when the project becomes business as usual.
- Work with 3rd sector colleagues on transition and handover.
- Start thinking about proposal review and scoring process.

IF YOU WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TEAM PLEASE [EMAIL US](#).

The next cascade brief will be published following the end of quarter 3 and will cover the period October to December 2023.

