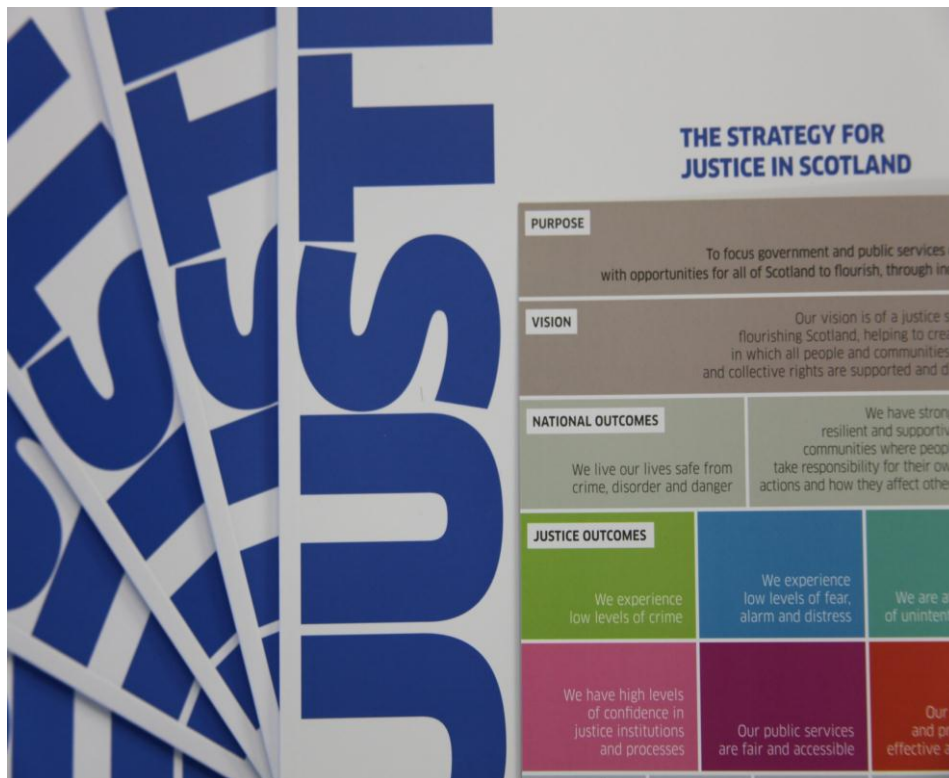


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Strategy for Justice in Scotland

The Strategy for Justice in Scotland was published in September and has now been widely circulated to key stakeholders across the justice sector, as well as to staff in other parts of the public sector such as education.

Justice organisations were involved in the development of the Strategy. This has ensured the document is relevant across organisations, setting out a shared vision and common priorities for justice in Scotland.

The Scottish Government's Director of Justice, Bridget Campbell, said: "The Strategy sets out our collaborative approach

across the justice sector and our track record so far.

"It sets out what we are seeking to achieve in the future, ensuring all of our actions are focused on outcomes and that they are rooted firmly in evidence."

The Strategy provides the strategic direction for the justice sector as a whole as it works towards delivering a justice system fit for a 21st century Scotland.

The emphasis moving forward is on communicating the vision and the 12 priorities as set out in the document, making them relevant for every member of staff and every individual who uses the justice system.

Ms Campbell continued:

"Each member of the Justice

Board has signed the Strategy, endorsing the contents and the strategic approach, and committing to delivering a better justice system for Scotland as a shared endeavour."

The delivery of the Strategy will be overseen by the Justice Board, which comprises Scottish Government Directors and the heads of partner organisations in the justice system. The Board aligns business planning, coordinates the management of risks and monitors the delivery of the Justice Change Programmes and ongoing core business.

For further information about the Strategy for Justice, visit: www.scotland.gov.uk/justicestrategy

Editorial

Welcome to the fourth edition of Justice Change News, our quarterly report providing an update on our collective work on change and reform in the justice system, with a particular focus on the Strategy for Justice and the five Justice Change Programmes.

This edition provides articles focusing on a range of different activities, events and appointments which have occurred in recent weeks. These have been coordinated and organised by different parts of the justice sector and together they demonstrate the strength of our collaborative working.

The recent publication of the Strategy for Justice in Scotland reinforces the importance of working together. The Strategy sets out our distinctive and effective approach to justice which has at its heart the aim of doing the right thing for the people of Scotland.

Our efforts must focus now on embracing the Strategy across our organisations, ensuring that our collective actions are always outcome-focused, evidence-based, innovative and with clear and ambitious priorities for the people of Scotland.

Director, Safer Communities

Director, Justice

FOCUS ON VIDEO CONFERENCING AT MAKING JUSTICE WORK EVENT



Making Justice Work

Reduced travel costs, fewer police officers giving evidence in court and fewer prisoners being transferred from prison to appear in court. These and other benefits were discussed at a Making Justice Work roadshow in Inverness on September 21.

The event was organised to increase understanding of the Strategy for Justice in Scotland and the Making Justice Work Programme. It also focused on the work taking place in the north of Scotland to deliver a more modern justice system by using IT innovation to overcome geographical challenges.

Sheriff Principal Pyle hosted the event, which was held at Northern Constabulary police headquarters, and the Scottish Government's

Director of Justice, Bridget Campbell, addressed around 30 local legal practitioners and staff from justice organisations.

A major focus of the event was the growing use of video conferencing (VC) technology in Scotland's justice system – and the Highlands and Islands has been leading the way in finding innovative ways to use the technology.

Participants from Stornoway, Kirkwall and Lerwick joined the event using Northern Constabulary's high definition video links, and there was also an opportunity to see the "virtual dock" in Inverness prison to experience first-hand how solicitors could use the system to talk to their clients in prison or for the accused to appear in court via video link.

Local Criminal Justice Board Coordinator Catriona Maclean outlined the use of VC to participants before giving legal professionals from other parts of the region the opportunity to offer their views and to share their experiences of using the technology.

After the event Ms Maclean said: "Anyone living in the north knows the commitment it takes for people to get there and there was genuine appreciation from participants that colleagues from Edinburgh should make the effort to engage with them.

It can be very difficult for busy defence agents to make time in their diaries to keep abreast of developments so they were particularly pleased to have this update delivered in their own area and they appreciated being asked

for their views and opinions."

Ms Campbell pledged to respond to the views and issues being addressed by participants. She said: "Events like this are vital for the development of Making Justice Work. It is incredibly helpful to hear the views of the people who are delivering for our justice system at the front line. We are always willing to listen so I would encourage anyone with a good idea to get in touch."

A second roadshow was held in Aberdeen on 9 November and further events are being planned in other parts of Scotland.

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CHAIRS AND CHIEFS APPOINTED FOR NEW SINGLE SERVICES

Police and Fire Reform

Significant progress is being made in delivering the new single police and fire and rescue services. The Chief Officers, Chairs and Board members are now in place, ahead of schedule.

Stephen House has been appointed the first Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland, with Vic Emery the Chair of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) which will hold Chief Constable House and the service to account.

Alasdair Hay has been appointed the first Chief Officer of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and will work closely with Pat Watters, the Chair. Members of the SPA and SFRS were announced in October.

The Government and the services are continuing to work together with other partners to ensure a smooth transition to the new services, which will go live on April 1 2013. In policing, it will be important to ensure warrants, penalty and enforcement notices and orders issued or served by existing police forces are transferred smoothly to the new single service. Work is ongoing to ensure all necessary documents are captured in the provisions, and the transitional provisions currently being developed will

ensure they are valid up to April 2013.

Christie Smith, Deputy Director of Police and Fire Reform Division in the Scottish Government, said: "While this has been the biggest and most important change programme Scotland has seen since the creation of the Scottish Parliament in 1999, remarkable progress has been made in a short period of time – thanks to a huge collaborative effort.

"Both services have already undertaken significant detailed

preparatory work, and this will provide a strong foundation for the leaders of the new services to move forward. Work is now underway on the setting of strategic priorities. The single services will ensure the continued delivery of vital services against a challenging financial backdrop. But reform is also a unique opportunity to do more. So connections with communities will be strengthened, and specialist expertise and equipment will be available whenever and wherever it is needed."

Further information is available from

www.scotland.gov.uk/police reform

or

www.scotland.gov.uk/fire reform



SURVEY SHEDS LIGHT ON UNDERLYING DRIVERS AFFECTING FEAR OF CRIME

Reassuring the Public

Who has the greatest fear of crime? Is it:

- an old person locked indoors, afraid to walk to the shops?
- a women who is afraid to go out at night alone because of what she read in the papers?
- people who are financially better off, worried about rowdy youths, litter and dog mess?

The Reassuring the Public programme has been taking

forward work to better understand fear of crime to inform approaches that it can implement to reduce it.

The initial focus is the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) which is conducted regularly and is based on 13,000 face-to-face interviews with adults (aged 16 or over) living in private households in Scotland. It is an invaluable resource, asking questions about perceptions and fear of crime.

Programme Manager Ian Turner said: "We wanted to dig a little

deeper into it see if there was anything to help us. The analysis work we have already conducted (as far as we can tell) has never been done before.

Highlights from the analysis include:

- Victims of crime were more likely to think that crime was increasing, feeling unsafe and worrying about different types of crime;
- Women were more likely than men to think that crime was

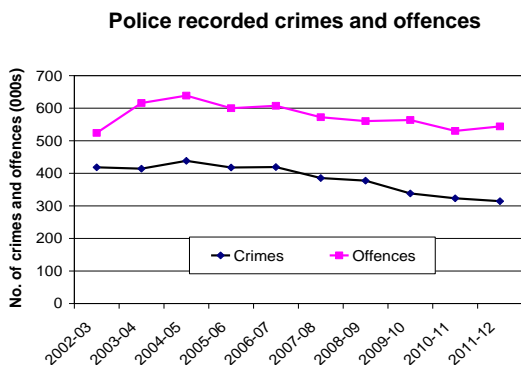
increasing. For example women are over three and a half times more likely to feel unsafe walking alone after dark than men;

The analysis is nearing completion and interesting insights are emerging which will assist in developing the programme into the future. The immediate next step is to analyse in more detail the reasons behind the data.

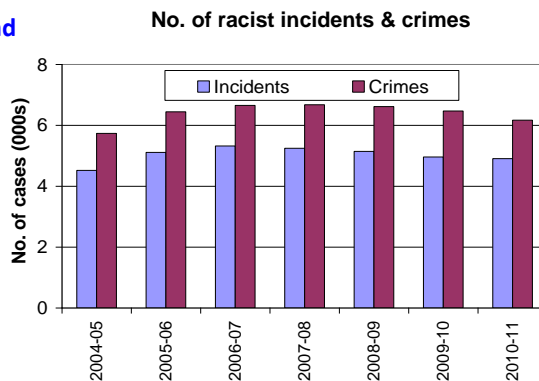
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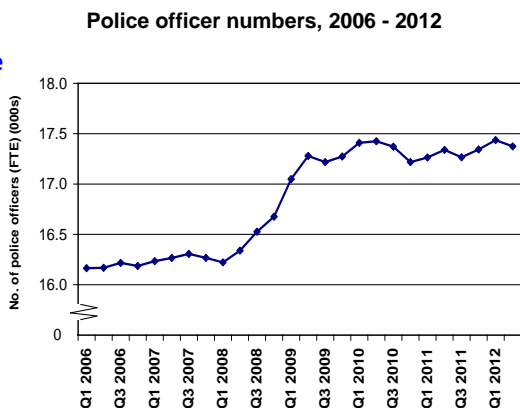
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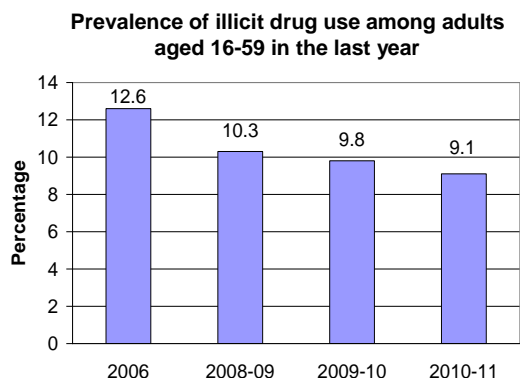
Racist incidents and crimes continue to fall



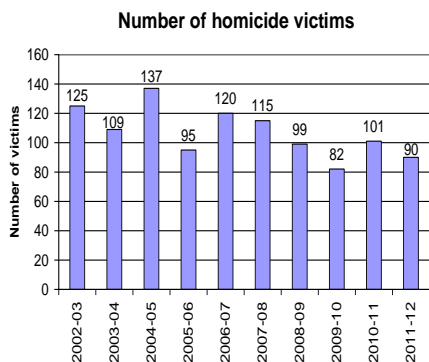
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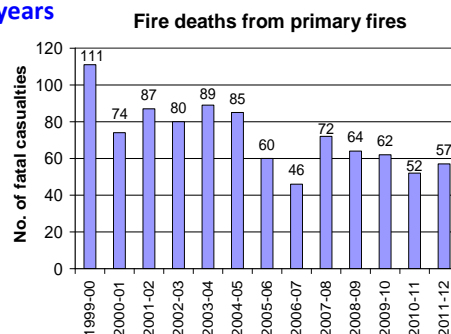
Steady decline in adult illicit drug use



Homicides second lowest in a decade



Over 48% fewer deaths in 12 years



For the most up to date Justice and Safer Communities statistics please visit www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Justicebrief

LEADERS SHARE EXPERIENCES ON IMPLEMENTING JUSTICE STRATEGY

Justice Leaders Network and Reducing Reoffending

The fourth Justice Leaders Network event was held in August and focused on the Strategy for Justice in Scotland and Phase 2 of the Reducing Reoffending Programme (RRP2)

Chaired by Scottish Prison Service Chief Executive Colin McConnell, and with Director General Learning and Justice, Leslie Evans, setting the scene, participants heard from Bridget Campbell, the Scottish Government's Director of Justice, and Kenneth Hogg, Director of Safer Communities, about the now published Strategy.



Joe Griffin addresses participants.

This was followed by presentations from Crown Agent Catherine Dyer and Strathclyde Police Chief Superintendent Bob Hamilton who both provided an insight into how their

organisations are working to deliver the Strategy.

The second part of the event saw the Scottish Government's Deputy Director of Community Justice Joe Griffin giving an update on the second phase of the Reducing Reoffending programme. Participants then split into workshop groups to explore in more detail the different aspects of the Reducing Reoffending Programme, for example the Community Payback Order, performance management and funding.

A series of stalls staffed by academics, ex-offenders, and others with an interest or involvement in Reducing Reoffending were set up around the event venue and messages commenting on the event were posted live on Twitter so people unable to attend could see and feed into the discussions.

RRP2 Programme Manager Ben Haynes said: "The Justice Leaders Network provided a good opportunity not only to provide people with an update about the second phase of the programme but also an opportunity to gather views and opinions about the different projects. The different backgrounds and experience of those who attended meant the views were wide-ranging and informative."

SCOTLAND HOSTS FIRST REDUCING REOFFENDING TRADE FAIR

Reducing Reoffending

Late September saw Scotland's first ever Reducing Reoffending Trade Fair, held in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

Around 300 participants from more than 90 organisations gathered for the event, some travelling from as far afield as the USA to attend. The day-long format provided an interactive forum for practitioners, commissioners and policy makers to share and learn from best practice.

The trade fair also provided an opportunity for people to discuss in more detail topics including problem-solving courts, women who offend and the role of philanthropy in community justice in Scotland.

One workshop on problem-solving courts brought together a judge from New York specialising in domestic violence and mental health with a judge from Washington DC whose work focuses on criminal cases, as well as supervising and training judges.

Another workshop focusing on philanthropy and justice reform heard from people working in

organisations where innovation



Prof Cyrus Tata from Strathclyde University speaks on reoffending.

was being used as a way of reducing reoffending and giving fewer people prison terms and more people community sentences.

Women offenders were the subject of a workshop which focused on the work being taken forward since the publication of the Angiolini Report. Participants received updates on progress since the report was published in July.

A large selection of stalls were set up at the event by organisations from different parts of the justice system, giving participants an opportunity to gather information and to meet people working in a variety of different justice-related roles.

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