

What is it / background

The Vision for Justice in Scotland is a Scottish Government (SG) document published in 2022 which describes the national direction for Justice services. It builds on the 2017 'Justice Vision and Priorities – A just, fair, resilient Scotland'. It is the cornerstone strategic document for setting out the broad policy direction for Justice in Scotland.

It puts forward the evidence underpinning the approach to Community Justice (CJ). It sets out five aims which contribute to a vision of delivering a more community-centred, preventive, fair, trauma-informed, and modernised justice system.

Find out more

Read the Vision in full [here](#)
The Delivery Plan [here](#)
National Strategy for CJ delivery plan updates [here](#)
The Ayrshire improvement plan [here](#)
Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership [website](#)
Community Justice Scotland [website](#)

Key themes

The Vision covers five aims and sets national outcomes within each. The five aims span the full journey of criminal, civil and administrative justice, with a focus on creating safer communities and shifting societal attitudes and circumstances which perpetuate crime and harm.

The vision is also underpinned by four principles for how change is delivered. Founded in **equality and human rights, evidence-based, embedding person-centred and trauma informed practices** and through **collaboration and partnership**.

The priorities of The Vision are 'women and children in justice', 'hearing victims voices', and 'shifting the balance between the use of custody and justice in the community'.

The Aims

- We have a society in which people feel, and are, safer in their communities
- We work together to address the underlying causes of crime and support everyone to live full and healthy lives
- We have effective, modern person-centred and trauma-informed approaches to justice in which everyone can have trust, including as victims, those accused of crimes and as individuals in civil disputes
- We support rehabilitation, use custody only where there is no alternative and work to reduce reoffending and revictimisation
- We address the on-going impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to renew and transform justice

How will it be delivered

A 3 year [delivery plan](#) was published following an initial 1-year delivery plan.

The delivery plan is essentially a roadmap for turning the vision into action. It provides an overview of what will change and who is responsible via an action plan. One of the actions directs CJ Scotland, and local CJ Partnerships to take forward the priority actions in the National Strategy for CJ.

What it means for Community Justice Partnerships

A new National Strategy for Community Justice was published in 2022. This document sets out what needs to happen in communities to deliver on the ambitions of the vision. It sets out 4 national aims and 13 priority actions for Community Justice Partnerships to work towards to help achieve the vision.

Collaboration is a strong theme in the vision because these priorities cannot be achieved by one service on their own.

The work of the Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership is guided by an [improvement plan](#) which directly aligns local work to those national priorities.

What it means for you

Issues of justice affect all of us and the communities we live in. The Vision is about creating a fairer, more compassionate justice system that reduces crime, tackles societal issues, and increases people's confidence and trust in the system.

For services who work with people in the justice system, this strategy asks you to work together to build strong partnerships across, for example, justice, health, housing, social work, third sector services. The Vision for Justice encourages you to deliver services and work with people in a trauma informed, person-centred way rather than a one-size-fits-all response.

