

OUR PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

Beginnings, Belonging, Belief

A Community Justice Plan for Ayrshire, 2017-18



About this Participation Statement

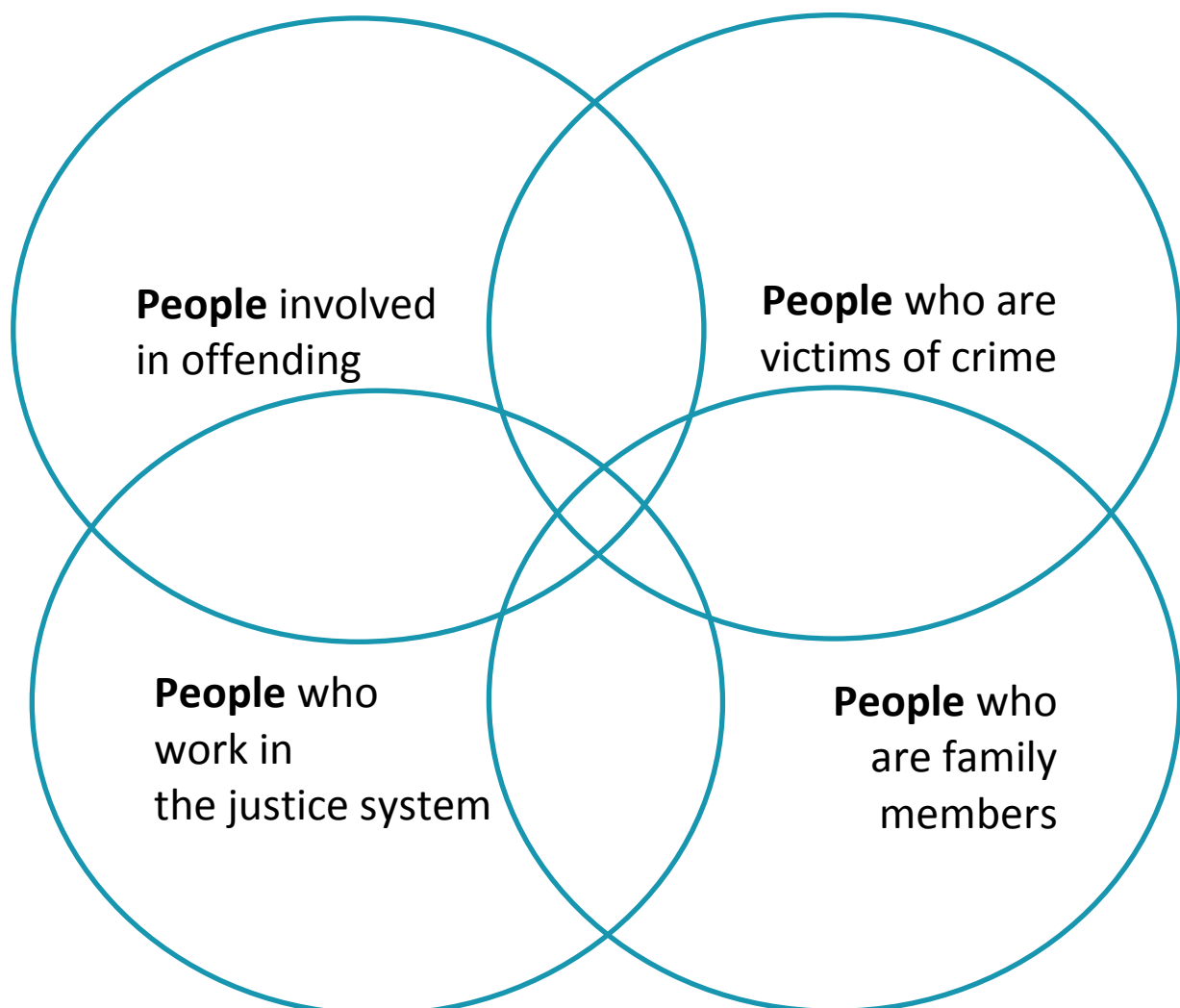
The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 states that we should also publish information on the consultation and engagement we carried out as part of developing our community justice plan. This is called a Participation Statement.

Who are we talking about?

Our Community Justice Plan – Beginnings, Belonging, Belief – is for all of those affected by crime. That includes people involved in offending, their families, victims, communities and those working in the justice system.

We understand that all of these people are part of our community, and that in reality a single person can have many different experiences. For example a person may be a victim of crime but also have committed a crime. Or a person may work in the justice system, but also be a family member of someone involved in offending.

We understand that all of these groups overlap – what everyone has in common is that they are all people and members of the community first and foremost.

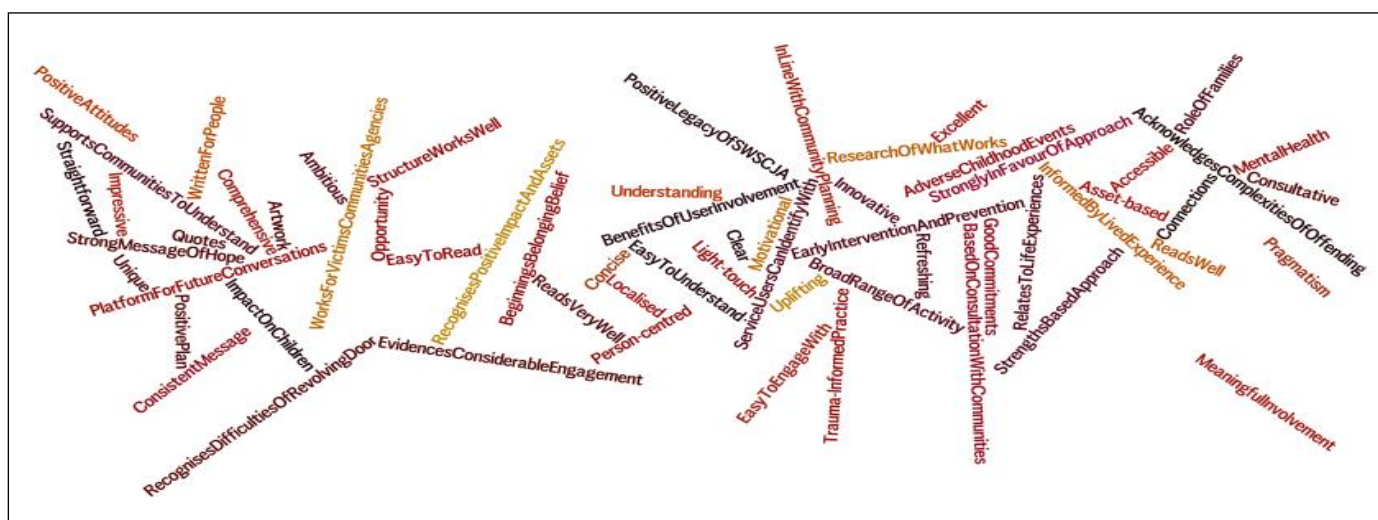


Who was involved in shaping our Plan?

We have had lots of conversations to shape our Plan. Thanks to everyone who took the time to share their views with us. On the following pages you can see our Consultation and Engagement Diary.¹ The diary mentions lots of different meetings, groups and partnerships. These include public, private and third sector partners, including groups representing victims and families involved in the justice system. You will also see some meetings and events involving prisoners, services users and local communities.

How did this influence the final version of the Plan?


We held a formal consultation period from 11 January to 24 February 2017. We have summarised the words and phrases used to describe the strengths of the draft Plan here. People said they liked the format, length and style of the draft Plan, and it was described as easy to read and understand, including by service users. The focus on assets, hope and change was welcomed and the Plan was described as empowering. It was felt to tie in well with both local community planning priorities and the national community justice approach. People said that that the inclusive and consultative approach taken in developing the Plan was clear to see, specifically the involvement of service users, families and people involved in the justice system. The benefits of some specific Commitments were highlighted, such as those around early intervention, prevention, families, mental health and trauma. The ways in which the Plan recognises the challenges of moving on from offending, and the need for a different approach, were also highlighted as a positive. To some extent, it was recognised that the Plan is relevant to all involved in the justice system, including victims and families.



People also suggested some changes we should make to the draft Plan, as shown here. We made these changes before we published the final version.

Add a section on local and national CONTEXT	Need more on measuring PROGRESS and SUCCESS	Clarify that the STRATEGY of 'Beginnings, Belonging, Belief' is LONGER TERM
Delete or postpone some COMMITMENTS – too many, too ambitious	WHO is the Plan for? The use of 'YOU' is inconsistent	Should include a definition of COMMUNITY JUSTICE
Add some new COMMITMENTS for areas which have been overlooked	Add more on COMMUNITY JUSTICE AYRSHIRE e.g. membership, governance	Need to see the detail of the COMMITMENTS PLAN too
Need to clarify how the Plan is also for VICTIMS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, ORGANISATIONS	TIMESCALES need to be realistic	

¹ This diary includes events and large scale meetings only; we also held a series of individual meetings with officers representing North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership, South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership, South Ayrshire Community Safety Strategic Delivery Group, Centrestage Communities, Scottish Fire and Rescue, HMP Kilmarnock, and Families Outside.

<p style="text-align: center;">Consultation and Engagement Diary – ‘Beginnings, Belonging, Belief’ <i>June 2016-March 2017</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Beginnings Belonging Belief</p> <p><small>A Community Justice Plan for Ayrshire 2017-19</small></p> </div>	<p>June 2016</p> <p>24th ‘Let’s Just Talk’ Community Conversation with North Ayrshire Youth Council, Ardeer Community Centre.</p> <p>24th ‘Let’s Just Talk’ Community Conversation with The Hive, Ayrshire College, Kilmarnock.</p> <p>24th 1st Joint South West Scotland Community Justice Authority/ Community Justice Ayrshire Shadow Board meeting, Dumfries. Included Scottish Government Development Session on the draft National Strategy for Community Justice.</p> <p><i>NB – no consultation/ engagement took place in July/ August 2016</i></p>	<p>September 2016</p> <p>1st Participation in ‘Joining the Dots’, North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Development Day, Irvine.</p> <p>6th Presentation to South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Joint Planning Event, Ayr.</p> <p>28th 2nd Joint South West Scotland Community Justice Authority/ Community Justice Ayrshire Shadow Board meeting, Ayr. Included Development Session on ‘The Story of This Area’ (to inform Strategic Assessment).</p> <p>27th Presentation to South Ayrshire Community Safety Strategic Delivery Group.</p>
<p>October 2016</p> <p>18th Presentation to South Ayrshire Integrated Children’s Services Strategic Delivery Group.</p> <p>19th ‘Creative Justice’ event in partnership with Centrestage Communities, HMP Kilmarnock – 32 partners and 10 prisoners participated.</p> <p>20th ‘Creative Justice’ event in partnership with Centrestage Communities, Ardeer Community Centre – 32 partners and 26 service users participated.</p> <p>27th Presentation to Safer North Ayrshire Partnership.</p>	<p>November 2016</p> <p>2nd Data Summit with South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Area Plan Implementation Group (to inform Strategic Assessment).</p> <p>16th Open Meeting for interested parties to discuss proposed third sector Community Justice Service Providers’ Forum.</p> <p>30th South Ayrshire community consultation event, Maybole – directly engaged with 5 local people.</p>	<p>December 2016</p> <p>1st South Ayrshire community consultation event, Troon – directly engaged with 12 local people.</p> <p>5th East Ayrshire Community Justice Action Planning Workshop, Kilmarnock – 20 partners participated.</p> <p>5th North Ayrshire Community Justice Action Planning Workshop, Irvine – 8 partners participated.</p> <p>6th Presentation to South Ayrshire Economy, Employability and Sustainability Strategic Delivery Gp.</p> <p>7th South Ayrshire comm. consultation, John Pollock Centre, Ayr – directly engaged with 4 local people.</p> <p>8th South Ayrshire community consultation event, Belmont Academy, Ayr – directly engaged with 4 local people.</p> <p>12th South Ayrshire Community Justice Action Planning Workshop, Ayr – 15 partners participated.</p> <p>14th Presentation to South Ayrshire Community Safety Strategic Delivery Group.</p> <p>14th 3rd Joint South West Scotland Community Justice Authority/ Community Justice Ayrshire Shadow Board meeting – discussed draft Plan and SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) model for Strategic Assessment.</p>

January 2017	February 2017	March 2017
<p>11th Launch of public consultation period – via email to all SWSCJA/ CJ Ayrshire partners, Community Planning Partnerships, Alcohol and Drug Partnerships, Violence Against Women Partnerships, Third Sector Interfaces (to all for onward distribution); SWSCJA website, e-bulletin (approx. 1000 recipients), Twitter (using hashtag #beginningsbelongingbelief), Knowledge Hub.</p> <p>11th Formal notification sent to Community Justice Scotland.</p> <p>16th Input to HMP Kilmarnock Strategic Reference Group.</p> <p>17th South Ayrshire community consultation event, Girvan – directly engaged with 8 local people.</p> <p>19th Input to North Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership.</p> <p>19th South Ayrshire community consultation event, Prestwick – directly engaged with 15 local people.</p> <p>20th User Engagement Project – Stakeholder Event, Irvine.</p> <p>24th Presentation to North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.</p>	<p>1st Met with 2 groups of prisoners at HMP Kilmarnock via Centrestage Communities/ Catalyst – approx 12 prisoners participated.</p> <p>2nd Presentation to Safer North Ayrshire Partnership.</p> <p>8th Input to SWSCJA Area Plan Implementation Group.</p> <p>15th Input to South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Executive Group.</p> <p>21st Input to East Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership.</p> <p>23rd Input to SWSCJA Whole System Approach for Women Implementation Group.</p> <p>24th Close of public consultation period – plan was directly downloaded over 500 times (excludes those who received it as an email attachment); 14 written responses received.</p> <p>27th Presentation to South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.</p>	<p>1st Strengthening Engagement Project (Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum) - Ayrshire Collaborative Community Justice Event, Alloway -33 partners participated.</p> <p>9th East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership meeting – approval of new Plan by Chair following meeting.</p> <p>15th 4th and final Joint South West Scotland Community Justice Authority/ Community Justice Ayrshire Shadow Board meeting – included feedback on consultation and approval of new Plan.</p> <p>22nd South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership meeting – approval of new Plan.</p> <p>23rd North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership meeting – approval of new Plan.</p> <p>23rd ‘Take a Walk in My Shoes’ Experiential Event, Ayr – 100 people participated in/ assisted with this event including people with lived experience who acted as ‘Navigators’. The event aimed to give participants a small insight into how it looks and feels to go through different stages of the justice process.</p>

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