

Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board (WCJB)

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Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board

- Partnership to coordinate criminal justice services
- PCC chair and OPCC coordinate across partnership
- MOJ reviewing role of CJBs to devolve more local accountability
- Balance between local and national delivery models



WCJB Strategy

Vision “Our communities have confidence in their local criminal justice system which delivers a fair, timely and high quality service for all”

The purpose of the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board is to deliver improvements in service to achieve our vision by working collaboratively, challenging each other, and co-ordinating a whole-system approach

Priorities 2021-2024

PRIORITY 1

Ensuring victims of crime are fully supported through the Criminal Justice System with quality services that effectively meet their needs

PRIORITY 2

Provide an effective, efficient and high quality Criminal Justice System in Wiltshire

PRIORITY 3

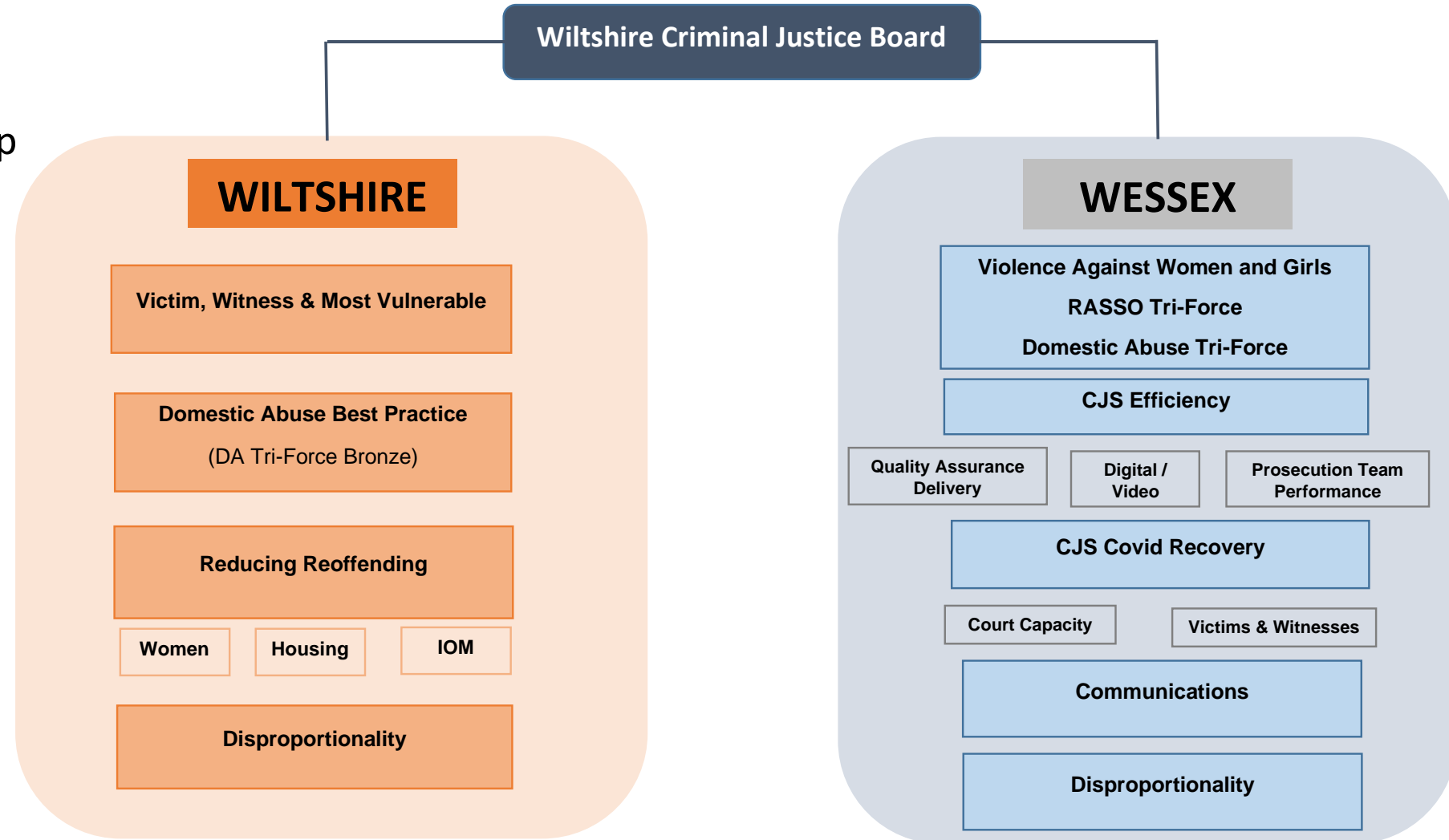
Ensuring services are available at the right time to support reductions in reoffending and keep our communities safe

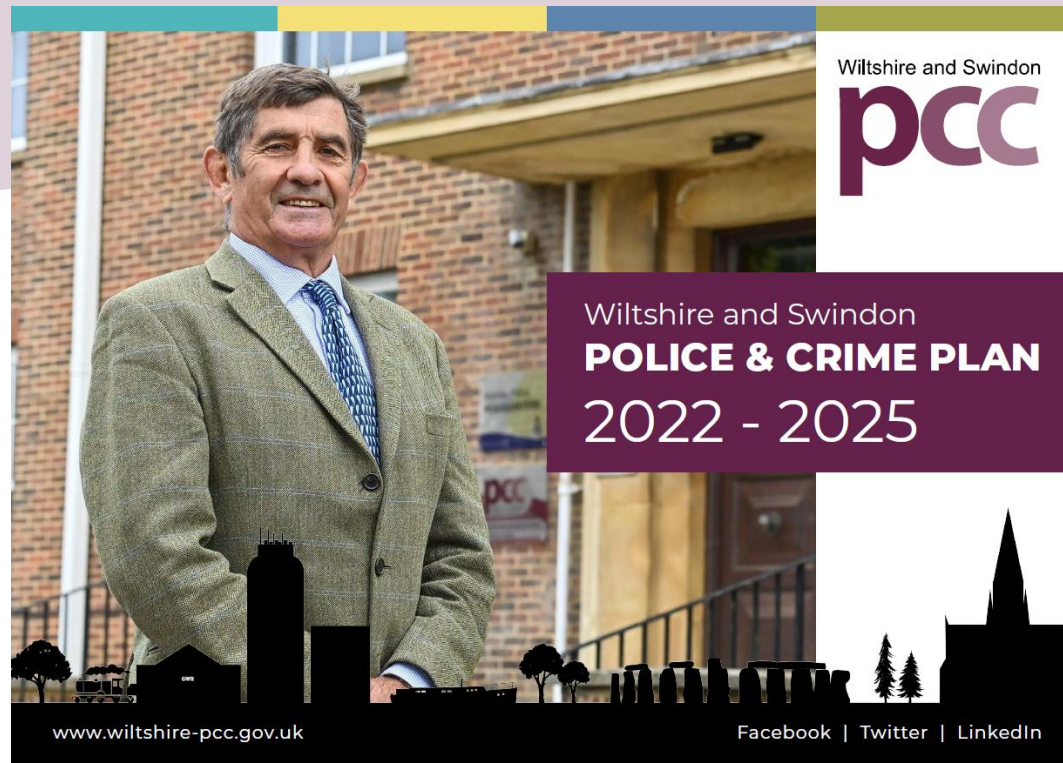
PRIORITY 4

Provide a fair and transparent Criminal Justice System that promotes confidence

WCJB Delivery

- PCCs provide local leadership & coordination role
- WCJB and national scorecards, risk register, priority highlight report
- Work at Wiltshire, Wessex and National level
- Currently limited levers
- PCC Victims responsibility
- Delivers P&C Plan





Reducing Reoffending

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Introduction

Why?

- Crime and offending behaviour across Wiltshire and Swindon will continue to be dealt with robustly. Protecting the public will not be compromised. Where people do offend, they will be held to account for their actions.
- However, whilst all offending needs to be reduced, the community has a right to expect public agencies to use their contacts with known offenders to reduce the risk that they will offend again.
- Reducing reoffending and criminality will lead to:
 - Fewer victims
 - Less harm and risk in the community
 - Will enable ex-offenders to contribute positively themselves, to their families and to their communities
 - Will reduce costs to the taxpayer (national estimated cost of reoffending is £9.5-13bn per year).

WCJB Reducing Reoffending (RRO) Board

- Reducing reoffending cannot be a task for the criminal justice system alone, organisations responsible for Housing, Health, Benefits, Education & Training and Employment in particular also have a central role to play in creating stronger, safer communities and need to recognise offenders and their families as groups who should have equal access to their services.
- Being responsible and accountable to the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board (WCJB), a Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board Reducing Reoffending Board (RRO Board) has been set up.
- The RRO Board is made up of members from the Probation Service, HMP Erlestoke, Wiltshire Public Health, Swindon Public Health, Wiltshire Police, Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, NHS England, Wiltshire Youth Offending Team, Swindon Youth Justice Service, Department of Work and Pensions.

Police and Crime Plan

Reducing Reoffending

The RRO Board takes responsibility to coordinate and drive the delivery of a joined up County wide reducing reoffending plan to improve outcomes for the offender, the community and the criminal justice system and to meet the ambitions as set out in the Police and Crime Plan, including specifically:

- Reducing Reoffending to prevent further victims of crime.
- Supporting offenders to rehabilitate back into society – particularly focussing on young people, female offenders and those causing most harm to communities.
- Working with the Police and Probation Service to deliver the Integrated Offender Management Service.
- Working with the NHS and Justice System to ensure offenders with mental ill health get the treatment they need.
- Improving support for veterans in the criminal justice system to keep meeting the Military Covenant.

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Objective 1 – Priority Groups

Delivery goals for 2022-23 include:

- Reduce levels of reoffending across young people and manage the transition of young offenders.
- Deliver the Female Offender Strategy for appropriate, joined up and co-commissioned female services.
- Develop a strategy for reducing harm caused by domestic abuse perpetrators.
- Continue to co-commission (with Probation) domestic abuse serial perpetrator behaviour change support.
- Review services for perpetrators of sexual related crime.
- Develop the joint Police / Probation Integrated Offender Management Model to ensure those who present a high risk of re-offending are appropriately managed and review MAPPA processes, management and outcomes.
- Develop pathways and services available to veterans in the criminal justice system.

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Objective 2 – Mental health and wellbeing

Delivery goals for 2022-23 include:

- Monitoring and continued co-commissioning (with NHS England) of Mental Health Treatment Requirements (a Court ordered requirement).
- Develop business cases for other psycho-social support for mental wellbeing, particularly following Police Custody.
- Review services and support for people with learning disabilities and autism in the criminal justice system.
- Review how offenders are able to access physical health services.

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Objective 3 – Rehabilitation and services

Delivery goals for 2022-23 include:

- Development of Out Of Court Disposal processes and rehabilitation opportunities.
- Continue to co-commission (with Probation and Wiltshire Council) the Criminal Justice Caseworker (Housing).
- Work with Wiltshire and Swindon Public Health to review provision of substance use services for offenders in line with the 10 Year Drug Strategy and support the co-commissioning of new substance use services from April 2023.
- Commission, manage and maximise the benefit of services provided to people whilst in Police Custody (healthcare, liaison and diversion, substance use and Appropriate Adult).
- Review the delivery of (1) debt, finance and benefit (2) gambling and (3) education, training and employment services and support for offenders.

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Objective 4 – Engagement and messaging

Delivery goals for 2022-23 include:

- Develop independent scrutiny of Police Use of Force, Stop / Search and Out Of Court Disposal decisions.
- Improve the fairness, inclusivity and diversity of the criminal justice system through:
 - Delivery of inclusion and diversity learning opportunities.
 - Co-ordinating and joining up inclusion and diversity work by agencies within the Criminal Justice System.
 - Delivery of awareness raising / recruitment event.
 - Increase transparency of criminal justice inclusion and diversity information and data.
- Develop a coordinated criminal justice approach to capturing offender feedback to learn from those who are in criminal justice services.
- Keep working on communication to improve public perceptions of the benefits from rehabilitation of offenders.