

New Model for Community Justice
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Hello and welcome to the third newsletter for the New Model for Community Justice!

The newsletter is aimed at Community Justice partners and stakeholders to help keep them up-to-date with developments around the New Model for Community Justice, but you should feel free to distribute this e-Bulletin to others that you think may be interested!

The newsletter will help draw attention to important developments in the New Model for Community Justice project, but we'd also like to know what information you'd like to see in future newsletters. So feel free to send your ideas and suggestions for the content you'd like to:

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Community Justice Scotland - Chief Executive and Chair Announced

A leading crime prevention expert who has led a pioneering project to steer people away from violence will spearhead a new drive to reduce reoffending across Scotland.

Karyn McCluskey, currently Director of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, will take up the role of Chief Executive for Community Justice Scotland next month.

Cabinet Secretary for Justice Michael Matheson has announced the appointment, as well as that of Jean Couper, who took up the post of Chair of Community Justice Scotland at the start of September.

Mr Matheson said:

“Our approach to community justice in Scotland signals our strong belief in reviewing how things have been done in the past, and our determination to follow the evidence of what works in turning people away from crime.

“From next April Community Justice Scotland will be tasked with identifying and promoting best practice from the more effective approaches across the country, including to robust community sentences that make a real difference. Jean and Karyn will bring a wealth of experience to help deliver a world-leading approach to tackling crime and re-offending that builds safer, stronger, inclusive communities.”

Ms McCluskey said:

“It is a privilege to be asked to lead Community Justice Scotland, and to play a part in making Scotland a great place to live – one where everybody is able to make an active contribution to a successful society. I have great respect for the integrity, aspiration and professionalism of the staff, partners and communities across Scotland who I have worked with over the last 12 years in the prevention of offending. And I am excited about meeting the challenges ahead of us.”

The new organisation will formally launch in April 2017. It will develop expertise and provide advice to Ministers and local government leaders to strengthen how public services, third sector and other partners work together to prevent and reduce further offending.

National Event: Working in Partnership to Improve Community Justice Outcomes

Join us on 24th November for the launch of the National Strategy for Community Justice, the Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework and the Guidance to the New Model - tickets are available now! Taken together, these documents set out the vision for community justice and provide partners and stakeholders with the information they need to drive improvement.

The event will also recognise the great deal of work that partners and stakeholders are carrying out together to ensure a smooth and successful transition to the new model. As such, the theme of the event will be, Working in Partnership to Improve Community Justice Outcomes.

At the event there will be an opportunity to:-

- Learn more about these key community justice documents
- Discuss how to improve community justice outcomes
- Participate in workshops to spread best practice and share lessons learned
- Network and build relationships with other partners
- Raise awareness of your own role in the new model

The event will be held in Pollock Halls, Edinburgh on 24th November between 10am and 3.30pm.

Tickets are available to book now. If you wish to book a ticket, please register your details at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-event-working-in-partnership-to-improve-community-justice-outcomes-tickets-27625783462>.

Please note that we cannot guarantee any additional spaces if they have not been booked.

Community Justice FAQ and Overview have been refreshed!

The new Model for Community Justice Overview and Frequently Asked Questions documents have been refreshed. You can find both updated versions on [Scottish Governments Community Justice webpage](#).

Or alternatively you can access them directly by following the links below:-

- [The New Model for Community Justice: An Overview](#)
- [The New Model for Community Justice: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

These documents are useful reference guides for anyone looking to learn about the New Model for Community Justice and can be shared freely with stakeholders to inform them about the upcoming changes!

If you have any queries or comments about the documents please get in touch using our email address: redesignofcommunityjustice@gov.scot

Useful Links

[New Model for Community Justice - An Overview](#)

[New Model for Community Justice - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Community Justice Redesign: Scotland - Knowledge Hub](#)

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