

# MORAY Court Information Pack



**Community Justice Partnership**  
Protecting People in Moray

**October 2025**

The Moray Community Justice Partnership (CJP) was formed in 2017. It comprises a number of national and local organisations that work together to reduce offending in Moray and improve outcomes for people impacted by the justice system.

The Community Justice Act requires each local authority area to have a Community Justice Partnership consisting of statutory partners identified in the Act, in addition to a number of locally identified key partners. The Justice Services Manager is the current chair of the CJP and is supported by an officer attached to the partnership.

Detailed information available on our website [www.morayprotects.co.uk](http://www.morayprotects.co.uk)

**Justice Services in Moray** the justice social work team consists of a Service Manager, a Manager, two Seniors, and a group of Social Workers and Support Workers, alongside our Unpaid Work Team. We are a generic team and cover all aspects of justice from early intervention to statutory throughcare work. Each day there is a duty worker whose role includes support to the court alongside other duties.

## Community First Approach

Community sentences in Scotland are supported by robust evidence showing they are more effective than short prison sentences in reducing reoffending, as they address the underlying causes of the behaviour and support rehabilitation.

In Moray, these interventions are managed and delivered through Justice Services with strong collaboration with local agencies.

**“EVERYONE HERE GIVES YOU GOOD SUPPORT”**

**“I LOOK FORWARD TO A FRIDAY NOW” (GROUP DAY)**

**RISE GROUP ATTENDEES**

**Groupwork** – Currently we have two group opportunities for individuals within the service, our Women's (RISE) and Men's (SWITCH) groups. These are community justice-focused, trauma informed and person-centred to effectively address individual needs while promoting rehabilitation and enhancing community safety. This approach benefits participants by foster trust, reducing reoffending and supporting long-term positive change. Participation in our groups is on a voluntary basis and is available to individuals at any stage of their journey within the justice service. It also involves a range of community partners to enhance supports available out with the justice system.

We have created some short videos which showcase the work of our groups: [Polytunnel](#) , [RISE](#)-Women's Group, [SWITCH](#)- Men's Group

**Counselling** – Over the last 6 months we have been able to offer a small number of block funded counselling sessions to individuals whereby it was identified this was an unmet need and would enhance their ability to be able to engage with a community based order. This will be continued and evaluated over the next 6 months.

**Youth Justice** – The Youth Justice team will offer support to under 18's who are appearing in Court. For individuals aged 16-18 who are involved with justice services, youth justice may also work alongside them to provide a more robust and holistic community support package. Where a case is remitted to the Children's Hearing System the Youth Justice team will undertake any reports requested by SCRA in relation to this.

**Secure care** – The Children's (care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 ended the use of YOI's for children in August 2024. When consideration is being given to remanding a child to secure care the justice and youth justice team will work together to identify suitable available options, including secure transport. There are no secure care provisions locally, with the closest provider nearly 3 hours away by car and no local based transport provider.

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## Community Interventions and Support Directory



A new [online directory](#) by Community Justice Scotland, provides information on community justice support and court solutions to help reduce reoffending and offer alternatives to custodial sentence

| OPTIONS                              | DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Bail Supervision</b>              | <p>Available. On receipt of confirmation that bail is being opposed, the duty social worker will complete a suitability assessment. Additional support in the community can be provided by Justice support workers and links to other services where appropriate.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Caledonian System</b>             | <p>Available. Caledonian assessments require a period of 6 weeks for completion. Information from a variety of sources is used to inform a SARA (spousal assault risk assessment) which contributes to this. Programme work is currently available on an individual basis however the development of groups is underway and is anticipated to be available within the next 6 months.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Community Payback Order (CPO)</b> | <p>All requirements are available:</p> <p><b>Supervision</b> – Contact will be in line with assessed risk and need and meet the minimum National Outcomes and Standards. This will involve office appointments and home visits. Specific areas of intervention will be identified through a case management plan and onward referrals made where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Unpaid Work</b> – We have generic work squads, including a female only squad, which undertake a range of tasks that benefit the communities across Moray. In addition to a workshop we have a polytunnel which provides fresh produce to the local communities in conjunction with Moray Food Plus. Alongside the work squads we are able to offer a variety of individual placements at different organisations/locations across Moray.</p> <p><b>Compensation</b></p> <p><b>Programme</b> – Please see further information below. In addition to these we also offer non-accredited programmes where these have been assessed as suitable. M-SOP is a programme for individuals convicted of a sexual offence and Choose to Change is for domestic offending.</p> <p><b>Residence</b> – Home visits will be undertaken regularly to ensure continued suitability.</p> |

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|                                                | <p><b>Conduct</b> – This can be used when another requirement would not meet the objective to instruct an individual to do something or refrain them from doing something.</p> <p><b>Treatment</b> (all) – partnership working with specialist services is in place.</p> <p><b>Restricted Movement</b> – electronic monitoring as part of a CPO. Information will be shared by G4S to social work when this is in place.</p> |
| <b>Drug Treatment and Testing Order (DTTO)</b> | Available. A 6 week assessment period is required to determine the suitability of a DTTO. Appointments are scheduled twice weekly for supervision and testing and links are made at an early stage with the most appropriate addictions service to ensure the most robust supports are in place.                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Moving Forward 2 Change (MF:2C)</b>         | Available. MF:2C assessments require a period of 6 weeks for completion. Specific risk assessments are completed with police to inform these assessments and information is sought from a range of sources. This programme will be provided on 2:1 basis initially and progress to groupwork as appropriate.                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Structured Deferred Sentence (SDS)</b>      | Available. Short term, flexible intervention which allows intensive support for individuals to address their needs which have led to offending behaviour, reduce re-offending and allow the court to make a more informed final sentence. Referrals to partner agencies are undertaken with the aim of promoting longer term community support away from the justice system.                                                 |