

Report **Health and Social Care Committee** **Date: 22 August 2019**

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Subject: **Criminal Justice Social Work Inspection**

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Social Care Committee of an inspection of Criminal Justice Social Work.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 We received notification from the Care Inspectorate on 1st May advising of a Criminal Justice Social Work inspection with a particular focus on Community Payback Orders.

2.2 The overall timetable for the inspection extends from 1st May when we received notification and concludes with the publication of the inspection report scheduled for approximately 28th October.

2.3 There are five distinct stages of the inspection including:

- Stage 1 – Notification, Preparation and Engagement
- Stage 2 – Self-Evaluation and Supporting Evidence
- Stage 3 – Case File Reading
- Stage 4 – Onsite Activity
- Stage 5 – Publication of Inspection Report

2.4 Inspection activities will consider:

- Outcomes for individuals subject to community payback orders, including performance measures against both local and national statistical data;
- Impact and experience for those subject to community payback orders;
- Key processes linked to community payback orders, including quality of risk / needs assessment, planning and intervention;
- Fulfilment of statutory duties, performance management and quality assurance;
- Leadership of criminal justice social work.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Health and Social Care Committee:

- a. Notes the content of the report.
- b. Requests a further report following the publication of the inspection report.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Care Inspectorate provides scrutiny and assurance of community justice and criminal justice social work and commenced a programme of criminal justice social work inspections in 2018. To date this has included an inspection of Borders and West Dunbartonshire, with Inverclyde being the third Local Authority criminal justice social work inspection area.
- 4.2 Inverclyde received formal notification of this inspection on 1st May 2019. There are five distinct stages to the inspection including:
- Stage 1 – Notification, Preparation and Engagement
 - Stage 2 – Self-Evaluation and Supporting Evidence
 - Stage 3 – Case File Reading
 - Stage 4 – Onsite Activity
 - Stage 5 – Publication of Inspection Report
- 4.3 The self-evaluation was submitted alongside the supporting evidence on 12th July and this was followed with the case file reading commencing on 22nd July.
- 4.4 The onsite activity comprises two separate parts:
- a. Firstly, Inspectors will meet with individuals who are, or who have recently been, subject to a Community Payback Order. This activity will commence on 5th August and will include focus groups and individual interviews.
 - b. Secondly, Inspectors will meet with a range of operational staff, managers, senior management as well as partners and other stakeholders. This will commence on 19th August.
- 4.5 The inspection will focus on the following quality indicators:
- Improving the life chances and outcomes of those with lived experience;
 - Impact on people who have committed offences;
 - Providing help and support when it is needed;
 - Assessing and responding to risk and need;
 - Planning and providing effective intervention;
 - Involving people who have committed offences and their families;
 - Policies, procedures and legal measures;
 - Performance management and quality assurance;
 - Leadership of improvement and change.
- 4.6 More broadly, the inspection team will give consideration to services' capacity for improvement and, in particular, the extent to which criminal justice social work services are prepared for the extension of the presumption against short sentences. They will also explore and comment on funding for Section 27 as part of the scope of the inspection.
- 4.7 It is anticipated that the Care Inspectorate will publish their findings in an inspection report by 28th October.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

5.1 There are no financial implications.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

5.2 There are no specific legal implications in respect of this report.

Human Resources

5.3 There are no implications.

Equalities

5.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
√	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Repopulation

5.5 There are no specific repopulation issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 This report has been prepared by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) after due consultation with statutory and third sector partners.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None