

# Report

Report to:	<b>Social Work Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>6 December 2023</b>
Report by:	<b>Director, Health and Social Care</b>

Subject:	<b>South Lanarkshire Justice Social Work Community Payback Order Annual Report 2022/2023</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ highlight the main themes and trends from South Lanarkshire's Community Payback Order (CPO) Annual Report 2022/2023

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the content of the South Lanarkshire's Community Payback Order Annual Report 2022/2023 be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. The CPO annual reports for 2022/2023 had been requested from each local authority for submission to Community Justice Scotland (CJS) by 27 October 2023 (Appendix 1).

## 4. Preparation of Overall Summary Report by Community Justice Scotland

- 4.1. Once all the local authority CPO Annual Reports are received, CJS will prepare a summary report, to be published online. The service will be updated by CJS about when the Summary report will be laid and published, close to 31 March 2024, in accordance with the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.
- 4.2. After that date, South Lanarkshire Justice Social Work will make separate arrangements to publish their local annual CPO reports in full. There is no statutory requirement to do so however, publication, or sharing of the contents, should not take place before 31 March 2024.
- 4.3. This year statistical information relating to the number of Orders and requirements as well as Justice Social Work Reports are not required in the annual report. Local authorities are asked to continue to provide statistics on the operation of CPOs to Scottish Government Justice Analytical Services.
- 4.4. CJS have requested that no personal or sensitive data, or any information that could lead to the identification of a person (other than the author or counter-signatory), be included in the report.

## 5. Areas of Focus

### 5.1. Unpaid Work Services

- 5.1.1. The Annual Report highlights that positive work has been undertaken in relation to the educational gardening initiative which has seen the development of a vegetable garden within the UPW grounds. Food grown has contributed to meals made within the Kitchen Learning Hub and development of service users cooking and nutrition skills. The Whole Systems approach (16-21) service continues to support the skills and learning opportunities through construction, horticulture and catering work in the community. A particular project of note has been the work undertaken at Burnhill community space where young people have supported landscaping and a soft play area.
- 5.1.2. Justice Social Work commissioned the “Road to Change” programme delivered by The Creative Change Collective. Through creative practices associated with film, theatre, and performance, the 12-week Road to Change programme encourages participants to draw on their own lived experience, whilst being guided through a range of creative activities that help build self-esteem, confidence, and life skills. The programme is aimed at adults working towards positive outcomes and destinations and can be offered as part of a community sentence.

### 5.2. Feedback

- 5.2.1. The report includes some of the feedback provided by service users, which demonstrates the valued relationships they have with a range of Justice staff. An example of this is provided below.

- *“It’s been a lifeline that I never thought I needed. Before I was on the order, I felt very isolated, I didn’t know where to turn for help. Once I got my Social Worker and my Peer Mentor, you guys have been my saving grace. You pointed me in the right direction of services and I’m on the road to recovery now.”*

## 6. Next Steps

- 6.1. There is a commitment to take forward a public health approach to supporting those whose offending is directly linked to substance use.
- 6.2. Justice Social Work made an application to the Corra Improvement fund in November 2022. This is to support a dedicated 24 month test of change Alcohol and Drug Problem Solving Court.
- 6.2.1. The South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Problem Solving Court (SLADPSC) could have a potential to change the direction of national standards set for the delivery of CPO’s across Scotland. Through taking a public health approach, our long term aim is to exit people out of the justice system where offending relates to substance use.
- 6.2.2. Justice Social Work will provide a welfare approach which will include housing, health and offending behaviour supports. CARES nursing staff will participate in the delivery of on-going assessments, care planning and treatment. Integration into recovery communities will be facilitated by commissioned peer mentors who will provide assertive outreach work in collaboration with the recovery oriented services.

6.2.3. Whilst we are unable to retrospectively detail the funding award in the 2022/2023 Annual CPO report, this will follow in the CPO report for 2023/2024.

## **7. Employee Implications**

7.1. Additional staffing in all areas of Justice Social Work Services has been supported through the use of non-recurrent Scottish Government Recovery Covid-19 funding in 2020/2021. These posts were made substantive and funded from the Children and Justice Services core budget in February 2023.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1. Staffing within Justice Social Work Services will be funded from the Section 27 grant for Justice Services.

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of information contained in this report.

## **10. Other Implications**

10.1. The activity set out within the Community Payback Order Annual Report 2022/2023 contributes to the Connect: South Lanarkshire Council Plan 2022-2027 and specifically the priority outcomes for Communities and Environment, Health and Wellbeing and Children and Young People.

## **11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

11.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy, and therefore no impact assessment is required.

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6 November 2023

### **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ focused on people and their needs
- ◆ working with and respecting others
- ◆ accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ ambitious, self-aware and improving

### **Previous References**

- ◆ none

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Appendix 1 South Lanarkshire Community Payback Order Annual Report 2022-2023

### **Contact for Further Information**

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